Annual Report

2019
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Dear Stakeholders-

The School of Medicine and Public Health is proud to contribute to local, state and national efforts to respond to overlapping public health crises. Before the emergence of COVID-19, the nation was already grappling with significant health and economic disparities, rooted in long-standing differences in opportunities.

The Population Health Institute provides thoughtful and effective leadership in these unprecedented times. The growth of innovative approaches to advancing health and equity described in this report is encouraging. Much more work remains to be done.

We are committed to accelerating the creation of equitable conditions that promote health for everyone by advancing knowledge, practice, policy and system change. Our values will drive what we do, and how we do it.

On Wisconsin!

Sincerely,

Robert N. Golden, M.D.
Dean, School of Medicine and Public Health
Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs
University of Wisconsin-Madison

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Dear Stakeholders,

Our determination to work together in the extraordinary fight against the COVID19 pandemic, and the underlying public health crisis of racism builds on many years of leadership to advance population health and equity. We are grateful for the opportunity to leverage our resources in support of communities across our state and nation. And, we are strengthened by the diversity of voices who are sharing their expertise through our Community Advisory Board. We were excited to welcome the following new members in 2019: Dr. Laila Azam, Dr. Michael DeGere, Mr. Nate Gilliam, State Senator LaTonya Johnson, State Representative Debra Kolste, Dr. Jeanette Kowalik, Mr. Walter Orzechowski, Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary Designee Andrea Palm, Mr. Mark Redsten, State Representative Jessie Rodriguez, and State Senator Patrick Testin. Thank you to departing Advisory Board members Ms. Cheryl DeMars, Mr. Curt Gielow, and Mr. Greg Simmons whose expert contributions to the Population Health Institute were invaluable.

In 2019, key Institute leaders transitioned to exciting new roles. We are grateful to Donna Friedsam, Health Policy Program Director and Julie Willems Van Dijk, Program Director for County Health Rankings & Roadmaps for their service. We welcomed two new senior leaders as well. Dr. Lawrence Brown brings expertise in historical trauma and racial equity as the new Director for County Health Rankings and Roadmaps and Dr. Marjory Givens is the first Associate Director of the Population Health Institute, bringing broad scientific expertise and leadership to advance health equity.

We look forward with hope and resolve. We are confident that we can contribute to the urgent need for transformative and restorative change. Forward we go.

Dr. Robert N. Golden, MD
Dean
School of Medicine & Public Health

Dr. Sheri Johnson
Director
UW Population Health Institute

July 2, 2020

July 1, 2020
Our Mission:
Translating Research for Policy and Practice

The UW Population Health Institute advances health and well-being for all by developing and evaluating interventions and promoting evidence-based approaches to policy and practice at the local, state, and national levels. The Institute works across the full spectrum of factors that contribute to health.

A focal point for health and health care dialogue within the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a convener of stakeholders, the Institute promotes an exchange of expertise between and among those within the university and those in the policy and practice arena.

Our Goals:

- Address a broad range of real-world, health-related problems of topical interest and stakeholder relevance;
- Promote partnerships between researchers and users of research, encouraging collaboration between the academic community and those engaged in practice and policy within both the public and private sectors;
- Evaluate programs and policies to support quality improvement, promote accountability, and seek evidence-based solutions;
- Build the knowledge base of effective programs and policies;
- Provide learning opportunities for practitioners and students; and
- Contribute to policy decisions and program implementations that improve health and well-being for all.

Our Values:

Collaboration – Act with integrity, accountability, and respect to build and sustain diverse partnerships that prioritize mutual benefit and meaningful engagement.

Excellence – Aim high, seek feedback, and continually improve.

Innovation – Create, test, refine, and promote new ideas and approaches at the leading edge.

Reach – Ensure work is meaningful and accessible.
Community Advisory Board

The Institute is guided by a Community Advisory Board with members from the health care, public health, business, and education sectors, as well as leaders from Wisconsin's legislature.

The Board meets three times per year to guide the work of the Institute and provide feedback on its programs and publications.

Advisory Board Members in 2019

Laila Azam  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Public Health Studies  
Carroll University

LaTonya Johnson  
Senator  
Wisconsin State Senate

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Representative  
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President and CEO  
Clean Wisconsin

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Executive Director  
Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative

Patrick Testin  
Senator  
Wisconsin State Senate

Curt Gielow  
Campus Chief Executive  
Concordia University-Ann Arbor

Nate Gilliam  
Organizer  
Wisconsin Federation of Nurses & Health Professionals
Executive Committee

The Population Health Institute supports the mission of our integrated School of Medicine and Public Health to translate public health and health policy research for practice. We consider our work an embodiment of the Wisconsin Idea, working with the public and private sectors — government, business, advocates, and community members — at the state and local level — toward a healthier Wisconsin.

The Executive Committee provides guidance to the Director on the performance of the Institute, reviewing goals and objectives and evaluating accomplishments through this annual report.

Executive Committee Members in 2019

Maureen Durkin, PhD, DrPH
Chair, Population Health Sciences
Professor of Population Health Sciences and Pediatrics
UW School of Medicine and Public Health

Jonathan Jaffery, MD
Chief Population Health Officer
President, UW Health Accountable Care Organization

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Director, UW-Madison Preventive Medicine Residency Program
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Director, Health Innovation Program
Director, Community-Academic Partnerships Core, UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research
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Vilas Distinguished Achievement Professor
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Affiliated Faculty Investigators

These faculty members are affiliated with the UW Population Health Institute through a joint appointment with their home departments. Faculty are designated as "affiliated" when their work extends the teaching and research of our Institute.

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UW College of Letters & Science  
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Katarina Grande
Mimi Johnson
Julie Katrichis
Sara Koliner
Danielle Luther
Carol Meagher
Colleen Moran
Sherri Ohly
Mary Pesik
Katie Pritchard
Kristie Rauter Egge
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Justin Svingen
Nick Tomaro
Fiona Weeks
Angie Weideman
Institute Programs and Cross-Cutting Themes

The Institute has existed in various organizational forms since 1984, adopting its current name and structure as the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute in 2005. The Institute's work is led by a team of experts well-recognized in their fields and is guided by an active Advisory Board of state-level policy and practice leaders and an Executive Committee of faculty.

The Programs of the Institute

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps and the RWJF Culture of Health Prize (a collaboration with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation): Analyzes and disseminates trends in population health; supports communities across the nation that are engaged in health improvement with data, evidence, tools, and guidance; identifies communities that are working at the forefront of advancing health, opportunity, and equity for all; and networks communities and organizations leading population health efforts.

Evaluation Research: Conducts evaluation of a diverse range of public health and human service programming, including substance abuse prevention and treatment, maternal and child health, school health promotion, behavioral health in criminal justice populations, treatment courts, mental health, and chronic disease.

Evidence-Based Health Policy Project: Bolsters the use of best evidence in the health policy and decision-making process by: (1) Providing policymakers, in both the public and private sectors, with timely, non-partisan, high-quality information for evidence-based decision-making, and (2) Increasing the involvement of UW faculty research and teaching activities in topical issues of state public policy.

Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH): Collaborates with partners to evolve practice, focus priorities, and shift power to support collective action on root causes of health and equity. MATCH does this through three Health Equity Hubs: (1) Training, which provides capacity building and technical assistance; (2) Engaged Research & Development, which supports data-to-action and develops scholarship, frameworks and tools for change; and (3) Alignment, which convenes and grows alliances for shared action.

Cross-Cutting Themes

Education: Serves as a population health “laboratory” for professional development, where graduate students and fellows apply their skills to real-world issues and settings.

Community Engagement: Fosters strong partnerships between the University of Wisconsin and population health practitioners and policymakers.

Creating New Knowledge: Produces, evaluates, and disseminates research to support ‘what works’ in policy and practice.
County Health Rankings & Roadmaps and RWJF Culture of Health Prize

Sheri Johnson  
Acting Program Director

Description: By ranking the health of nearly every county in the nation, County Health Rankings & Roadmaps helps communities understand what influences the health of residents and identify challenges and opportunities for creating healthier places to live, learn, work, and play. County Health Rankings & Roadmaps provides actionable data about the factors that influence health, evidence-informed strategies that can make a difference, guidance for driving change, and stories of communities in action to support nationwide efforts at improving health and advancing health equity for all.

Primary Partners
Our work involves diverse organizations and individuals at the national, state, regional, and local levels from nonprofit, academic, governmental, business, community development, philanthropic, health care, and public health sectors working to improve the health of local communities across the nation.

Major Program Components
- County Health Rankings & Roadmaps
- What Works for Health
- Community Learning & Guidance
- National Partnerships & Networking
- RWJF Culture of Health Prize

Highlights in 2019
- Released the 2019 County Health Rankings, along with a national Key Findings Report and 50 State Health Reports that highlight the link between housing and health and the differences in opportunities for health by place and race.
- Developed and launched new online Action Learning Guides that provide guidance to communities on pursuing policy change, understanding equity, and engaging residents.
- Published a report highlighting the partnerships and strategies used by RWJF Culture of Health Prize winners to address the social and economic conditions that influence health and equity.
- Presented County Health Rankings data and resources at nearly 50 state, regional, and local meetings and produced 12 national webinars to support community action.
- Produced a report outlining key steps toward building healthier and more equitable communities, featuring specific policies and programs that can improve social and economic opportunities and health for all.
- Co-sponsored a national symposium attended by more than 350 community development and health practitioners focused on the connection between housing, community development, and health.
- Submitted the CHR&R-led research paper “Deaths of Despair(ity) in Early 21st Century America: The Rise of Mortality and Racial/Ethnic Disparities”, which was published by the American Journal of Preventive Medicine and selected as a noteworthy contribution. (See p. 21)
Evaluation Research

Sara Lindberg
Program Director & Assistant Professor (CHS)

Description: The Evaluation Research Group at the UW Population Health Institute is a team of 20+ professional evaluators and 10+ student trainees.

We partner with community, tribal, county, and state governmental agencies to develop, implement, and evaluate local and state programs in public health and human services. We also collaborate with national researchers, local practitioners, and University of Wisconsin faculty and staff on evaluation research projects.

Our evaluators can advise on and implement a broad range of applied research methods, from qualitative and descriptive techniques to complex experimental and quasi-experimental trials. We also engage in rigorous intervention research design and evaluation. Our portfolio of evaluation projects reflects the full range of systems and health factors that contribute to population health and well-being.

Examples of the Services Provided
- Designing and implementing comprehensive program evaluations
- Developing a wide range of evaluation designs and needs assessments
- Developing data collection methods, such as survey instruments and interview protocols
- Measuring progress toward program objectives and national performance standards
- Conducting qualitative research, including content analysis, intensive interviews, focus groups, and site visits
- Statistical analysis of data from surveys, administrative data, and program-specific data sets

Evaluation Research Group Honorary Associates
- Amy Bittrich
- Jody Brassfield
- Sheila Guilfoyle
- Vicki Huntington
- Aurielle Smith
- Laurie Taylor
- Jennifer Ullsvik
- Shelby Vadjunec
Evidence-Based Health Policy Project

Sam Austin
Program Director

The Evidence-Based Health Policy Project (EBHPP) works to bolster the use of best evidence in the health policy decision-making processes.

This partnership between the UW Population Health Institute and the La Follette School of Public Affairs connects researchers and others in the public and private sectors to exchange knowledge and expertise.

Two program objectives support the overall program goal – advance the health and well-being of Wisconsin residents:

- Provide policymakers, in both the public and private sectors, with timely, non-partisan, high-quality information for evidence-based decision-making.
- Increase the involvement of UW faculty research and teaching activities in topical issues of state public policy.

Capitol Briefings in 2019

Communities as Caregivers: Policies and Strategies for a Dementia-Friendly State
February 20, 2019
Legislative Moderator: Rep. Mike Rohrkaste
- Carrie Molke, Director, Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- Lisa Bratzke, Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing
- Andrea Gilmore-Bykovsky, Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing
- Joy Schmidt, Dementia Care Specialist, Dane County Aging and Disability Resource Center
- Gina Green-Harris, Director, Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Institute Regional Milwaukee Office, UW School of Medicine and Public Health
- Debbie Miller, Tribal Dementia Care Specialist, Oneida Nation Comprehensive Health Division

Just the Facts: What the Evidence Does and Doesn’t Say About Medical Marijuana
March 19, 2019
- Robert Wallace, MD, MSc, Professor and Irene Ensminger Stecher Professorship in Cancer Research, University of Iowa College of Public Health
- Karmen Hanson, MA, Program Director, Behavioral Health, National Conference of State Legislature
- Mike Queensland, JD, Senior Staff Attorney, Wisconsin Legislative Council

The Other Half of Health: How Where We Live, Work and Play Affects our Well-Being (Part III: Education)
October 3, 2019
- Craig Albers, Co-Director, Rural Education Research and Implementation Center; Associate Professor, UW-Madison School of Education
- Nicole Bowman, President, Bowman Performance Consulting; Culturally-Responsive Evaluation Specialist, WCER, UW-Madison School of Education
- Carolee Dodge Francis, Director, American Indian Research and Education Center; Associate Professor, University of Nevada-Las Vegas School of Community Health Sciences
- Annalee Good, Co-Director, Wisconsin Evaluation Collaborative; Director, WCER Evaluation Clinic, UW-Madison School of Education
- Armando Hernández, Assistant Director of Integrated Health, Madison Metropolitan School District
- Karen Odegaard, Action Learning Coach, County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, UW Population Health Institute
- Aronn Peterson, Community Schools Manager, Family, Youth and Community Engagement Department, Madison Metropolitan School District
- Marlo Reeves, PhD Candidate, Education Policy Studies, UW-Madison School of Education
- Teal VanLanen, Director of Improvement & Community Engagement, Algoma School District
Evidence-Based Health Policy Project (cont’d)

**Capitol Briefings in 2019 (cont’d)**

Current Crisis, Big Questions: An Update on the Vaping-Related Injury Outbreak and Research on E-Cigarette Use  
November 19, 2019
- **Michael Gutzeit**, Chief Medical Officer, Chief Safety Officer, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin
- **Amy Johnson**, Policy Coordinator, Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Control Program
- **Jonathan Meiman**, Chief Medical Officer, Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health, Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- **Megan Piper**, Associate Director of Research, UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention; Associate Professor, UW School of Medicine and Public Health, Department of Medicine
- **Flo Hilliard**, MSH, Director, Wisconsin Voices for Recovery and ED2 Recovery, UW Madison School of Medicine and Public Health: Department of Family Medicine and Community Health
- **Bri Deyo**, MPH, Research Program Manager, UW Madison School of Medicine and Public Health: Department of Family Medicine and Community Health
- **Liz Feder**, PhD, Researcher, UW Madison Population Health Institute
- **Paul Moberg**, PhD, Senior Scientist, UW Madison Population Health Institute

**Legislative Staff Training Sessions in 2019**

“Get Facts” and the “Wisconsin Food Security Project”: Tools to Build Local Data into Legislative Work  
July 24, 2019
- **Dan Veroff**, MCRP, Demographic Specialist, UW–Madison Applied Population Laboratory/UW–Madison Division of Extension

**Open Houses in 2019**

EBHPP Capitol Conversation: Opioid and Other Substance Abuse  
May 22, 2019
- **Gina Bryan**, DNP, PMHCNS-BC, APNP, Clinical Professor, Post Graduate Psychiatry Program Director, UW Madison School of Nursing
- **David Mott**, PhD, FAPhA, RPh, Professor and Associate Dean for Advancement, UW Madison School of Pharmacy
- **Kevin Look**, PharmD, PhD, Assistant Professor, UW Madison School of Pharmacy
- **Sue Allen**, MA, Associate Professor and Marquette County Family Living Educator, UW Madison Division of Extension
- **Jennifer Park-Mroch**, PhD, Project and Evaluation Specialist, UW Madison Division of Extension

**Local Learning Briefings in 2019**

Health Policy District Discussion: Respite Care  
July 30, 2019
- **Kim Whitmore**, Assistant Professor, UW-Madison School of Nursing
- **Carissa Peterson**, Vice President, Camp and Respite Services, Easter Seals Wisconsin
- **Katie Dowdy**, Undergraduate Student, UW-Madison School of Nursing
- **Janine Elfers**, Parent
- **Erica Andres**, Camper
- **Lisa Schneider**, Executive Director, Respite Care Association of Wisconsin

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Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH)

Paula Tran Inzeo  
MATCH Group Director &  
Associate Researcher

Description: Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) develops and deploys programs and resources and engages in collaborative partnerships that support strategic community-driven efforts to ensure that all people have a fair chance to be healthy in their homes, schools, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

Primary Partners
MATCH supports strategic partnerships and alliances to take shared action on root causes of health inequities. Partnerships—often comprised of public health, planning, community organizing, academia, philanthropy, and other fields—are taking shared action in areas such as criminal justice, community development, and housing. MATCH works at multiple levels and also helps bridge efforts in Wisconsin to regional and national partners working to advance health equity.

MATCH Health Equity Hubs
Through the following three Health Equity Hubs, MATCH works to change practice, focus priorities, and shift power to support shared action on root causes of health and equity.

Health Equity Hubs:
- Training — builds capacity on critical practices—including health equity, systems and collaborative leadership lenses—through delivering training, providing technical assistance, and leading learning and action networks
- Engaged Research and Development — develops and promotes data-to-action, scholarship, frameworks, and tools for change to advance the field of health equity
- Alignment — convenes and grows alliances and facilitates agendas for shared action

MATCH Training Hub Major Projects
The MATCH Training Hub accelerates statewide capacity to create equitable conditions for everyone to be healthy by providing high quality health equity leadership programming, training, and technical assistance.

Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute
The Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute (HWLI) provides systematic and accessible health leadership training, coaching, and technical assistance to support local agendas for community health improvement. HWLI strengthens community capacity to advance health and health equity through the Community Teams and COACH (Collaborating, Organizing and Advocating for Community Health) programs. HWLI has been successful in supporting communities as they bring together policy makers, business leaders, school officials, advocates, scientists, health care providers, local public health practitioners, and residents to leverage local resources for improving health and health equity through policy, system and environmental change strategies.

The regional Community Teams Program is a year long program that facilitates sustainable community partnerships through the development of collaborative leadership and public health skills among teams working on health improvement. Learning content includes: health equity, partnership and power building, cultural humility, storytelling, framing messages, community organizing, collective impact, and action and sustainability planning.

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Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) (cont’d)

MATCH Training Hub Major Projects (cont’d)
The COACH (Collaborating, Organizing and Advocating for Community Health) Program offers three years of continued coaching and technical assistance for 11 coalitions across Wisconsin who have already completed HWLI’s Community Teams Program. In the program, participating coalitions build a strong framework for long-term sustainability, including the creation of a coalition theory of change. The coalitions develop and receive coaching on work plans to implement policy, systems, and environmental changes that will improve health in Wisconsin communities.

Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship Program
The Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship Program is a two-year program designed for masters or doctoral prepared individuals in public health and allied sciences. Fellows complete placements with community based, non-profit, governmental, and health service organizations. The program combines service—by placing emerging professionals in organizations across the state to tackle some of the most pressing public health challenges—with workforce development—by building professional skills and experience in future public health leaders.

With 14 fellows (eight second year and six first year), the Fellowship Program continues to provide service to partners throughout Wisconsin. Through a two year curriculum focused on health equity and in partnership with the HWLI’s Community Teams Program, the Fellows continue to grow as public health practitioners and expand their reach throughout Wisconsin. Health equity is consciously integrated into all aspects of programming including recruitment, training, and placement. The collaboration with the UW Preventive Medicine Residency program allows for interdisciplinary learning and network development among the program participants and staff.

Health Equity Technical Assistance
MATCH training and technical assistance work seeks to ensure the presence of a diverse base of people and organizations with capacity for health equity practice (knowledge, skills, principles/values, beliefs and motivations) exists and that they are aligned with and enacting field priorities for advancing health equity practice in the State of Wisconsin. Technical assistance aims to deepen understanding of the key concepts of health equity, build confidence in the ability to apply essential health equity competencies, and coach on the operationalization of health equity principles in personal and organizational work. This work prioritizes shifting how coalitions and organizations recognize and engage in power building activities to ensure those most impacted by health inequities are not only engaged in but leading health equity practice and power building work. In 2019, MATCH technical assistance reached approximately 520 individuals. This includes completing 20 scopes of work for technical assistance to 18 organizations outside of HWLI programming. MATCH also supported 44 UW Extension staff members in Community Coaching.

### Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellows and Placement Sites (2018-2020)
- Gerardo Mares, Data You Can Use
- Julius Lee, UW Extension
- Kara Mathewson, Department of Health Services
- Lexi Handrick Davis, Department of Health Services
- Madeline Johnson, City of Milwaukee Health Department
- Masami Glines, Public Health Madison & Dane County and Centro Hispano
- McKenzie Liegel, Eau Claire City-County Health Department and Chippewa County Health Department
- Rachel Kulikoff, Public Health Madison & Dane County

### Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellows and Placement Sites (2019-2021)
- Amelia Harju, Wood County Health Department
- Elizabeth Dorsey, UW Extension
- Matthew Scanlin, Department of Health Services
- Melissa Siedl, City of Milwaukee Health Department
- Mireille Perzan, Department of Health Services
- Tseten Yangdron, Department of Health Services
Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) (cont’d)

MATCH Engaged Research & Development Hub Major Projects
The MATCH Engaged Research and Development Hub develops and promotes data-to-action, scholarship, frameworks, and tools for change to build the health equity field. Through engaged research and development, MATCH supports research translation and evaluative thinking across health equity efforts to advance an evidence-informed approach to embedding health equity into policy and practice.

Engaged Research and Evaluation of Health Equity Capacity Building
Coordinating evaluation across MATCH leadership programming, training, and technical assistance over the past year has created an opportunity to build tools for capturing individual, organizational, and systems level impacts of health equity capacity building efforts. In 2019, MATCH adapted existing tools to more systematically assess and measure organizational capacity for health equity work for a network of local health departments receiving technical assistance, as well as for PHI itself.

Engaged Research with Community- and Institutional-Led Innovations
The project From Punishment to Restoration: Reimagining Criminal Justice to Improve the Health of Wisconsin’s Families and Communities aims to set the stage for sustainable positive policy, systems, and environmental change related to community reentry and to build sustainable civic leadership of previously incarcerated individuals. MATCH’s engaged research with this project focuses on building evidence for the impact of civic leadership on the health and well-being of individuals who have been incarcerated, examining how incarceration is understood and acted on as a social determinant of health in the public health community, and understanding the utility of Health Impact Assessments in promoting healthy policy that addresses the root of health inequities. This project is funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Program at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health.

MATCH led engaged research for the Legacy Community Alliance for Health project, which focuses on documenting the local Health in All Policies efforts within a cohort of Wisconsin communities. The results will be used to improve training and technical assistance for Health in All Policies, to identify promising practices for implementation, and to disseminate models for implementation for application and further refinement in other communities. Additional engaged research for this project includes coaching municipalities and counties to apply health equity frameworks and data-to-action tools in local policy making.

In addition, MATCH leads engaged research for, Race to Equity Wisconsin, a project of Kids Forward. The focus of engaged research is to expand understanding of the facilitators and barriers of the Race to Equity model—a community-based process for developing a data-driven systems change agenda—for pursuing long-term systems-level change grounded in racial equity as a path to health equity. This project is funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Program at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health.

Data-to-Action Resource and Tool Development
The Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State project works to measure, assess, and report on Wisconsin’s health and health disparities. The project also supports local community health improvement and health equity practice via tools such as the Wisconsin version of What Works for Health and the Assessing and Improving Community Health in Wisconsin website, which houses information on shared priorities from community health assessments and improvement plans from local health departments and hospitals. The Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State project is funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Program at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health.

MATCH also now leads the Action Core of the emergent Neighborhood Health Partnerships Program, managed by the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. The Action Core is responsible for the compilation and development of data-to-action tools, as well as training to support the access, interpretation, and use of healthcare quality data at the neighborhood level. Tools developed through the Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State project, as well as others, will be included. This project is funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Program at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health.
Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) (cont’d)

MATCH Engaged Research & Development Hub Major Projects (cont’d)
Data-to-Action and Quality Improvement Efforts with Organizations
Over the course of 2019, MATCH supported a variety of data-to-action and quality improvement projects focused on embedding health equity into policy and practice. Through the project Investing to Build Healthy, Equitable Communities led by Forward Community Investments and funded by the Pew Charitable Trust, MATCH identified and adapted data-driven decision-making tools that apply a health and racial equity lens to the investment process of community development financial institutions. In addition, MATCH supported the capacity of The Gathering Source, a rural food pantry in Dodge County, to gather data from those most impacted by rural inequity to inform service expansion efforts.

MATCH Alignment Hub Major Projects
The MATCH Alignment Hub seeks to cultivate shared identity, narrative, and action driven by an understanding of health that centers power as a root cause of health inequities. Alignment efforts work to ensure partners, coalitions, and networks are aligning common practices, strategies, and targets for change to maximize resources and lessons learned to promote health and equity in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Healthiest State Initiative
The Wisconsin Healthiest State Initiative represents a collective effort to advance health equity in Wisconsin. Spearheaded by MATCH, the initiative consists of convening statewide partners, setting shared priorities around health equity, leading workgroups to make progress on shared priorities, and hosting statewide Summits. During odd years, an Agenda Setting Convening is held to identify shared priorities. In even years, a statewide Summit is held to provide training and capacity building and to support coalition building and further alignment around priorities.

In fall 2019, MATCH convened leaders from around the state at the second Healthiest State Agenda Setting Convening, which kicked off the current two-year cycle of the Wisconsin Healthiest State Initiative. Three health equity priorities emerged for further refinement and implementation over the next two year cycle. Workgroups were re-formed in late 2019 to advance progress and develop and disseminate products. (See Community Engagement Cross-cutting theme page for a detailed description of the 2019 Healthiest State Agenda Setting Convening including the shared health equity priorities)

Guided by the health equity priorities, the Healthiest State Network convenes bi-monthly virtual connections to discuss and align health equity work and emergent issues across the state. The goal of this network is to expand and align the people and organizations committed to and actively working on advancing health equity across the state and to cultivate leadership—in particular of those most impacted by inequities—in this work.
Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) (cont’d)

MATCH Alignment Hub Major Projects (cont’d)

Healthy Communities Designation
The Wisconsin Healthy Communities Designation aims to recognize local communities’ work as well as provide a guide for health improvement efforts. The program has a focus on multi-sector partners, sustainable solutions, and health equity. The second application cycle was launched in fall of 2019 and new designees will be announced and recognized at the 2020 Healthiest State Summit. The program—part of the Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State project—is funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Program at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health.

Health Equity Collaborative Staffing
MATCH houses staff that work within MATCH as well as collaboratively within another organization, such as the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. These collaborative staff are uniquely positioned to provide intensive technical assistance on health equity within their collaborating agency. These staff have been leveraging the resources and networks established within MATCH as well as in their collaborative agency to build the network and capacity of health equity work statewide.

Learning and Action Networks
The Wisconsin Community Health Worker Network is a collaboration between the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Chronic Disease Prevention Program, the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, Great Rivers HUB, and UniteMKE, working alongside agencies that have been historically involved in the Community Health Worker movement in Wisconsin. This partnership strives to support the growth of a statewide network, sustainability, and workforce development for all Community Health Workers in Wisconsin. The network is guided by health equity and centering voices principles that encourage and support Community Health Worker leadership at the core. The goals of the network are to strengthen connections between Community Health Workers and the public health workforce in Wisconsin; to continue building relationships with Community Health Workers and agencies in Wisconsin; and to support the sustainability of the workforce as it relates to reimbursement, certification, and training.

The Health and Equity in All Policies Alliance is a community of practice that supports learning, information sharing, and strategic connections for action. The Health Impact Assessment and Health in All Policies Section, originally part of the Wisconsin Public Health Association, evolved into a Health in All Policies network housed in MATCH. The Alliance now unites this network with the Health in All Policies dissemination efforts of the Legacy Community Alliance for Health project. This effort is a collaboration between MATCH, 1000 Friends of Wisconsin, Center On Wisconsin Strategy, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

The Thrive Wisconsin Statewide Health Equity Alliance, established in 2012 and staffed by MATCH, serves as a hub for multiple efforts aimed at improving social determinants of health and also provides a forum for connecting various socioeconomic factor advocates to their public health colleagues. The alignment efforts of the project From Punishment to Restoration: Re-imagining Criminal Justice to Improve the Health of Wisconsin’s Families and Communities is one example of multi-level shared action associated with Thrive. MATCH staff provide ongoing support to connect the public health community with advocates seeking to address the criminal justice system as an upstream driver of health and bring together leaders to examine connections between the public health and criminal justice systems and address incarceration as a social determinant of health.
Cross Cutting Theme: Education

Institute Teaching

In 2019, UW-Madison’s Master of Public Health (MPH) Program rolled out a new, innovative curriculum to better prepare graduates for the challenges they will face as they enter the public health workforce. Institute faculty and staff led development of three of the new core courses in the curriculum.

Planning & Management to Promote Health is a new course developed and taught by Sara Lindberg, UW Population Health Institute Program Director for Evaluation Research. It first was taught in 2019 and will be offered annually each Spring semester. Students gain knowledge about theory, concepts, and methods of program planning and evaluation in the context of health care and community health organizations. An overarching goal is to help students develop skills in evaluative thinking. Students practice evaluative thinking and methods while developing a ‘toolbox’ of skills and resources that will equip them to become effective practitioners in a variety of public health and health services careers. The three-credit course blends in-person class time emphasizing face-to-face instruction and active learning activities with online learning modules, readings and resources. Over the course of the semester, students build knowledge and skills in: stakeholder engagement, needs assessment, program planning, evaluation planning, quality improvement processes, budget development, resource management, project management, team formation and role negotiation, common evaluation methodologies, and grant writing.

Student Testimonial:
“Dr. Lindberg’s course, Planning & Management to Promote Health, has been one of my favorite courses in the MPH program. It was a privilege to learn from an expert who is conducting planning, research, and evaluation work day in and day out. To hear about her past experiences, challenges, and successes made the content that much easier to understand and apply. It’s not every day that students are able to spend a whole semester working through the program planning, grant writing, and evaluation process and then have it critiqued by such a prominent figure in the field. After taking this course, I now feel more than prepared to tackle program planning and evaluation in my future career.”
-Mallory Swenson, UW-Madison MPH student
Cross Cutting Theme: Community Engagement

2019 Healthiest State Agenda Setting Convening

Part of the Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH)-led Wisconsin Healthiest State Initiative, a strategic group of individuals came together in Madison on September 23 - 24 for the 2019 Healthiest State Agenda Setting meeting.

Goal
Convene and support diverse leaders in setting and taking action on a common set of priorities to align and catalyze efforts to advance health equity

Objectives
- Build and strengthen relationships to support future action
- Reinforce our shared understanding of the role of power in shaping conditions of health
- Review and refine existing health equity priorities and identify the actions we can take within our own sphere of influence to advance those priorities
- Identify new health equity priorities and explore options for collective action
- Build relationships with policy makers and Wisconsin legislators as a step toward collective action

Building on the past two years’ progress on the six health equity priorities identified in 2017, participants reaffirmed several existing priorities and discussed how to move forward.

Taking into account ideas generated during the meeting, the following three areas emerged as priorities for further refinement and implementation over the next two years:
- Centering the voices of those most impacted
- Advancing a health equity narrative
- Coordinating around a health equity policy agenda

Advancing the work to support declaring and taking action on racism as a public health crisis, and the cross-cutting values of alliance building and cultivating champions, will be embedded within these areas as appropriate.

2019 Agenda Setting participants were comprised of leaders from across the state who are committed to advancing health equity. This included representatives from the Wisconsin Public Health Association, the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards, local health departments, state government, health care systems, coalitions, community organizing groups, academic institutions, non-profit organizations and others. Colleagues from Human Impact Partners joined the meeting to support facilitation and to lead the training portion of the agenda.
Cross Cutting Theme: Creating New Knowledge

Highlighting publications that advanced our understanding

New Study Explores Trends in Racial/Ethnic Mortality Disparities

Published in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine’s November 2019 issue, a new study from researchers on the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps team found that over the past ten years, the United States has either ceased or reversed years of progress in reducing racial/ethnic disparities in mortality across most age groups.

The study confirms the previously established and alarming trend that mortality rates for middle-aged White Americans are increasing, and recommends addressing its causes, such as the opioid epidemic. But, it also notes that the rate among Black Americans and American Indians remains substantially higher, not only for the middle-aged group but for all age groups. In addition, the size of the racial/ethnic disparity is much larger in other age groups, especially in the very young.

“Alarming, we found that the mortality rate of infants and children was twice as high for African Americans than Whites and is now on the rise again.”

-Keith P. Gennuso, lead scientist for the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps program

This pattern exists across several age groups, with mortality rate disparities widening rather than shrinking, especially among the very young and middle-aged. “It’s particularly worrisome that the trend in infants and children was largely being driven by increasing mortality rates in those with historically poorer health,” Gennuso said. “These populations have, and continue to face, societal barriers to good health.” Overall, the study examined racial/ethnic mortality disparities from people less than one year old to 74 years old over the past decade. By taking a deeper look throughout these cross-sections of ages, as well as at differences among racial/ethnic groups, the study helps paint a more complete picture of the scale and scope of the challenges facing the country.

Advancing Coalition Health Equity Capacity Using a Three-Dimensional Framework

Purpose: We examined coalition health equity capacity using a three-dimensional conceptual framework in a 3-year study (2011-2014) of 28 local coalitions engaged in health promotion.

Methods: Coalition health equity capacity was defined according to (1) conceptual foundations, (2) collective action and impact, and (3) civic orientation. This framework was used to qualitatively assess progress in capacity building efforts at two time points. Coalition materials and archival documents were analyzed qualitatively for indications of each dimension of coalition health equity capacity. Results: The overall cohort of coalitions was initially determined to be near mid-range in conceptual foundations, above mid-range on collective impact, and below mid-range on civic orientation. As part of ongoing training and technical assistance, coalitions were offered examples of high coalition health equity capacity in each dimension. At time point two, growth in health equity capacity was observed in a majority of coalitions.

Conclusions: These findings indicate that a multi-dimensional approach to coalition health equity capacity can be useful for both analysis and practical purposes of community capacity building, which may, in turn, produce long-term gains in health equity.

From Roots to Results: A Qualitative Case Study of the Evolution of a Public Health Leadership Institute

The Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute has been coaching community-based coalitions towards achieving policy, systems and environmental changes across Wisconsin for 12 years via the Community Teams Program (CTP). Using Wolff et al.’s (2017) principles for collaborating for equity and justice as a framework for analysis, this paper describes how the CTP has evolved over time to more effectively prepare teams to address the root causes of inequity.
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Partner Agencies

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NeighborWorks America
Pew Trusts Health Impact Project
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Prevention Institute
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Community Advocates Public Policy Institute
Dane County District Attorney’s Office
Dane County Health Council
Eau Claire City-County Health Department
Foundation for Black Women’s Wellness

**Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council**
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**State of Wisconsin WIC**
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**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)**
**United States Department of Agriculture**
**United Way Dane County**
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**Veteran’s Administration Hospital-Radiology Dept.**
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**Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals**
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Center on Wisconsin Strategies (COWS)
Centro Hispano
Chippewa County Health Department
Chrysalis
City of Greenfield Health Department
City of Milwaukee Health Department
Dane County Office of Energy and Climate Change
Data You Can Use
Division of Public Health (State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services)
Division of Public Health Violence and Injury Prevention
Division of Public Health Community Conversations
Division of Public Health Maternal and Child Health Program
Eau Claire City-County Health Department
End Child Poverty Campaign
Forward Community Investments
Government Alliance for Racial Equity (GARE)
Government of Dane County
Great River HUB
Greenfield Fire Department
Greenfield Public Library
Green Tier Legacy Communities
Kids Forward
LEAP Forward Internship Program - Madison Metropolitan School District
Legacy Community Alliance for Health
Milwaukee AHEC
Milwaukee Area Technical College
Milwaukee County, Office of the County Executive
Milwaukee Muslim Women’s Coalition
Milwaukee VA Hospital
Movement Voter Project
Muslim Community and Health Center
Public Health Madison & Dane County
Rock County Public Health Department
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Budget

The Institute’s total budget for 2019 was approximately $12.3 million. This funding comes from a diverse mix of sources, including the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Wisconsin Partnership Program, Wisconsin state agencies, local and tribal agencies, federal agencies, UW School of Medicine and Public Health, and several foundation and other non-profit sources. Federal funds flow to the Institute via several of these resources. The following graph summarizes each funding source as a percent of the Institute’s total budget. Representative projects in each category are listed, following the graph:

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- County Health Rankings & Roadmaps
- Population Health Mean and Disparity Index

State Agencies
WI Department of Public Instruction
- Team Nutrition USDA
- Project AWARE

WI Department of Health Services
- BadgerCare Waiver Evaluation
- Fit Families – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education

- Chronic Disease Integration and Coordinated Prevention and Health Promotion
- Mental Health Program Evaluation
- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Project Youth Extension Service
- Partnership for Success
- Tobacco Prevention and Control Program
- Adolescent Health Evaluation
- Medication Assisted Treatment Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction
- Prescription Drug Overdose Program
- Building Resilience Against Climate Effects
- Injury and Violence Prevention
- Office of Health Informatics Opioid Program
- Oral Health Program
- Strategic Prevention Framework for Prescription Drugs
- Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose-Related Deaths Prevention Project

UW Affiliated – Foundations & Programs
Wisconsin Partnership Program
- Evidence-based Health Policy Project
- Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute
- Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State
- Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship
- Southeastern Wisconsin Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment

UW Institute for Clinical Translational Research
- Institute for Clinical Translational Research Program Evaluation

UW Extension
- Wisconsin Healthiest State Summit

Nonprofits (National, State, Tribal & Community Organizations)
Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.
- Family Foundations Home Visiting Program
- Healthy Start
- Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program

Lac Du Flambeau Tribe
- Zaaqiiibagaa Project
- Native Connections
Budget (cont’d)

Nonprofits (National, State, Tribal & Community Organizations) (cont’d)
Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program
• Improving Behavioral Health Evaluation

Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation
• National Children’s Center Evaluation

Wisconsin Council on Medical Education and Workforce
• Medical Education and Workforce Facilitation

UW School of Medicine & Public Health
• UWPHI Core Funding

Local Agencies
Adams-Friendship School District
• Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education
• Breaking Down Student Barriers

Ashland County Health & Human Services
• Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education
• Ashland County Drug Treatment Court

Dane County
• Treatment and Diversion Program

School District of Beloit
• Safe Schools/Healthy Students

Federal Agencies
National Institutes of Health
• Medicaid Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment

Higher Education
University of Michigan
• Community-based training

*Revenues are adjusted for inflation