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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute's (UWPHI) new quarterly newsletter.

We work toward a world in which we value each other, honor our connectedness, and build communities where everyone can thrive. Follow us for updates on the latest population health research, reports and insights on community engaged programs and training here at UWPHI.

Sincerely,

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Voting And Civic Engagement Rights Are Eroding: What Does It Mean For Health And Equity?

At a time when voting and civic rights are being threatened, and in some cases dismantled, it is worth looking at what brought us here. Read this *Health Affairs* article on the history and erosion of these rights. UWPHI researchers Drs. Elizabeth Pollock, Marjory Givens and Sheri Johnson briefly explore civil rights' connection to health and equity. [Read the article here.](#)



The Importance of Supporting Community Health Workers

Envision Equity Community Health Worker (CHW) Training and Technical Assistance is a collaboration of CHWs and organizations working together to elevate the role of CHWs. Our Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) team partners in this work.

Envision director Sherri Ohly spoke about the importance of CHWs in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's* special feature on the toll of uncontrolled asthma. "Community health workers are integral for addressing health literacy in their communities, and they tend to provide more sustainable support to families than an emergency room doctor can." [Read the full article here.](#)

Apply Now: Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship

UWPHI fellows are placed in practice-based settings in community, non-profit, governmental and/or health service organizations around Wisconsin. Fellows gain a health equity lens and skills in public health programming and management. [Find more information for prospective fellows and placement sites and apply here.](#)

Population Health Pioneer Dr. David Kindig Releases Nine Podcasts

A founding member of the UW Population Health Institute, Kindig shares his 50 year academic and policy journey in this nine-episode podcast series. [Listen to episodes here.](#)

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Building a Culture of Health, County by County

Offerings and Updates from County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

Our [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#) (CHR&R) program provides data, evidence, guidance, and examples to build awareness of the multiple factors that influence health and support communities as they improve health equity. Support provided by the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#).

November Webinar: Creating Prosperous Rural Communities

Learn about the Thrive Rural Health Framework, a tool that helps leaders identify assets, implement strategies, and measure progress to advance rural prosperity, health and well-being in this two-part webinar series. [Visit CHR&R monthly webinars here.](#)

CHR&R's In Solidarity Podcast: New Series on the Gender Pay Gap

What is the gender pay gap, and why does it matter to our health? CHR&R's podcast *In Solidarity* explores how we got here and solutions to close the gap. Hosts Ericka Burroughs-Girardi and Beth Silver interview data, narrative and economic experts for

this new three-episode series. [Listen and subscribe.](#)



CHR&R Awarded by the American Public Health Association

CHR&R received the Public Health Practice Award in the epidemiology section at this year's American Public Health Association conference. This national award recognizes the impact of the initiative on population health across the country. [Stay up to date with news from CHR&R.](#)

UWPHI Recognized by the Wisconsin Public Health Association

The Wisconsin Public Health Association recognized the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute for advancing health equity at local, state and national levels, and for excellence in coalition building, communications, programs and research. [Learn more here.](#)

How Rural is Defined and Why it Matters

Researchers often choose between very different definitions of “rural.” Hear from Greg Nycz, the executive director of the Family Health Center of Marshfield, Wisconsin, on how these definitions can yield very different results both in health equity research and grant funding. [Learn why it matters here.](#)

Explore Resources Focused on Wisconsin Community Health & Equity

Do you know what hospitals and health departments are doing in your county? Search our [Improving Wisconsin's Health](#) resource for equity-focused projects and strategies to improve health outcomes mapped out by county in Wisconsin.



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