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Message from Director Sheri Johnson, PhD



Dear colleagues and partners,

University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute faculty and staff continue to be honored by, and grateful for, the opportunity to serve the people of Wisconsin, sovereign Native nations, and communities across the country. We strive to be useful partners in numerous efforts to advance health and equity.

This year, the annual report adds a new feature to highlight the alignment of the institute's strategic action areas with the pillars and goals of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. Across both entities, the commitment to advancing health and equity through research, education, and practice shines through. And we know that recruiting and supporting a diverse workforce is key to accelerating innovation.

We recommit to uncovering the root causes of health inequities. And we seek to strengthen our efforts to support community organizers, policymakers, public health and health care practitioners, and community residents as they work to assure that people, places, and the planet can thrive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SJ' with a stylized flourish.

Sheri Johnson, PhD

Director, UW Population Health Institute

Professor (CHS), Department of Population Health Sciences

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

About Us



Translating Research for Policy and Practice

Since 2005, the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute has collaborated with partners at the local, state, and national level to help communities identify, evaluate, track, and shape the many factors that influence people's health and well-being.

Originally housed within the Department of Population Health Sciences, we continue to leverage the expertise of faculty and students.

By providing evidence-informed strategies, actionable data, and narrative resources tailored to myriad sectors, we support the field with the tools and resources needed to create equitable systems, structures, and policies.

Through valued partnerships and facilitated exchange of expertise, we expand our understanding of what drives health equity.

And by fostering dialogue and sharing stories that name what works—and what is needed—to ensure everyone's well-being, we support nationwide efforts that aim to improve health and achieve health equity.

We believe that only by working together toward a world in which we value one another and honor our connectedness will we achieve the healthiest possible conditions for all of us.



Vision

We work toward a world in which we value each other, honor our connectedness, and build communities where everyone can thrive.



Mission

We accelerate the capacity to create equitable conditions for everyone to be healthy by advancing knowledge, practice, policy, and systems change across sectors.



Values

- **Collaboration:** Build and sustain diverse partnerships that prioritize respect, mutual benefit, and meaningful engagement
- **Integrity:** Ensure that we are honest, accountable, and responsible with the power we have
- **Excellence:** Aim high, seek feedback, and continually improve
- **Innovation:** Create, test, refine, and promote new ideas and approaches at the leading edge
- **Inclusion:** Ensure work has a wide reach, is meaningful, accessible, and impactful
- **Courage:** Seek diverse perspectives and experiences that challenge our assumptions and worldviews, recognize systemic harms, and commit to making positive change, even when it is uncomfortable



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Programs

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps (CHR&R) draws attention to why there are differences in health within and across communities. The program highlights policies and practices that can help everyone be as healthy as possible. CHR&R aims to grow a shared understanding of health, equity, and the power of communities to improve health for all. This work is rooted in a long-term vision where all people and places have what they need to thrive. The program offers tools and resources to translate and communicate complex data and evidence-informed strategies into accessible models, reports, and tools that help community leaders identify factors that influence health and equity. This includes the Annual Data Release and publication of a National Findings Report, the What Works for Health searchable database, Narratives for Health, the *In Solidarity* podcast, and a national webinar series. CHR&R is supported by funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Evaluation and Engaged Research

Evaluation and Engaged Research partners with community, tribal, county, and state governmental agencies to develop, implement, and evaluate local and state programs in public health and human services. It also collaborates with national researchers, practitioners, and faculty and staff within the University of Wisconsin on evaluation research projects. The team's evaluators advise on and implement a broad range of applied research methods, from qualitative and descriptive techniques to complex experimental and quasi-experimental trials. The team also engages in rigorous intervention research design and evaluation. Their portfolio of evaluation projects reflects the full range of systems and health factors that contribute to population health and well-being.



Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health

Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) has a long, successful history of partnering with organizations and community partners to identify the root causes of inequity and support capacity-building through training and technical assistance, workforce development, and collaborative partnerships. Key initiatives have included the Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship, Just Recovery for Racial Equity, Wisconsin's COVID-19 Response Corp, and the Envision Community Health Worker Training and Technical Assistance Center. Funding for several MATCH initiatives ended in 2023 and 2024, and remaining programs transitioned to the institute's newly formed Workforce Development Pathways team.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services Staffing Program

The University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute has long partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (WI DHS). This includes collaborating to hire institute staff who are based at WI DHS to support a diverse portfolio of statewide public health efforts. The institute's investment in this staffing program has led to improvements and growth in this partnership, which supports the service mission of the growing Academic Health Department partnership between WI DHS and the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. Through this program, the institute supports essential staffing for the following programs, units, and grants:

- Adolescent Health Grants (Personal Responsibility Education Program, Sexual Risk Avoidance Education)
- Behavioral Health Evaluation
- Core State Injury Prevention Program
- HIV Care Services Coordination
- Injury and Violence Prevention Program
- Maternal Mortality Review Program
- Maternal Health Innovation Program
- Public Health Surveillance Systems Unit
- Oral Health Program
- Overdose Data to Action in States

Strategic Action Areas 2021-2024



I. Population Health and Equity Research

We advance the field with a population health and equity research agenda that brings science, evidence, and conceptual frameworks into a new era by bringing community priorities to the forefront and by addressing the complexity of historical context, power dynamics, and identities in shaping health and equity.



II. Motivate Investors to Advance the Equitable Stewardship of Resources

We motivate a broad range of investors to advance the equitable stewardship of their resources by committing to challenging the status quo of grantmaking and investment while broadening our resource streams to accommodate the risks.



III. Partnerships for Action

We build, strengthen, and align our partnerships to advance strategies that shape new narratives and action, and increase collective accountability.



IV. Health and Racial Equity Narrative

We cultivate strong narratives and strategic communications to name what it takes to achieve health and racial equity.



V. Organizational Capacity Building

We commit to becoming a racially equitable and inclusive organization, joining and supporting other organizations on their journey.



The UW Population Health Institute's strategic action areas align with the six pillars that comprise the [UW School of Medicine and Public Health's strategic framework](#), positioning us to pursue our shared vision of healthy people and healthy communities.

- Promoting Health and Health Equity | Aligns with all the institute's Strategic Action Areas
- Pursuing Excellence in Teaching and Learning | Aligns with Strategic Action Areas I, III, IV, and V
- Advancing Innovative, Impactful Research and Discovery | Aligns with Strategic Action Area I
- Becoming an Anti-racist, Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive School Community | Aligns with Strategic Action Areas IV and V
- Creating the Future Together | Aligns with all Strategic Action Areas
- Committing to the Success and Well-being of Each Other | Aligns with Strategic Action Area V



Strategic Action Area I: Population Health and Equity Research

Allies Among Us: Leveraging Communities' Under-Utilized Human Assets

From 2023 to 2024, staff from the institute's Evaluation and Engaged Research team partnered with [Public Allies](#) (PA), a national leadership training program, to better understand how equity-centered community engagement is layered into the design and implementation of their flagship apprenticeship program.

In Public Allies' AmeriCorps apprenticeship program, PA sites across the country place young professionals, or Allies, in local nonprofit and governmental organizations for a 10-month term of AmeriCorps service to expand organizations' capacity to address pressing needs. As a result, Public Allies has built a pipeline for emerging leaders proximate to issues and communities where they live and work.

Public Allies is intentional about recruiting young leaders whose promise and potential are too frequently overlooked.

More than 80 percent of Allies are from the communities in which they serve. Over its 30-year history, PA has built a network of more than 10,000 Allies, of whom 80 percent are people of color, two-thirds are women, and one-quarter identify as LGBTQ+. Public Allies' apprenticeship program has a dual focus on building and enacting the leadership capacity of Allies and, through Allies, building organizations' capacity to deliver direct services by leveraging communities' under-utilized human assets—young adults from the very communities these organizations serve. Allies bring lived experience, contextual expertise, and training to the issues being addressed.



Drawing from public health research on community engagement, institute staff collaborated with PA staff, a PA Evaluation Advisory Group, and a former Ally to evaluate how PA sites build Ally capacity for community engagement, how Allies' backgrounds and community knowledge inform their approach to community work, and how Allies' community knowledge and training contribute to the organizations where they serve.

The mixed methods evaluation generated wide and rich findings with programmatic and practice implications. One key takeaway is that Allies' lived experiences, community knowledge, and leadership training position Allies to build trust with community members, better understand the needs and barriers to navigating systems, and identify community assets. Allies help organizations build capacity in areas such as outreach and programming, community engagement, and supervisor or organizational understanding of equity.

Public Allies and the UW Population Health Institute continue this partnership, now building on findings from the evaluation.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVALUATION



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In collaboration with Public
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Evaluation Advisory Team.
Diali Avila, a Public Allies alum,
provided essential
inter-viewing support for the
project.

Report design by Justice Valadez



Strategic Action Area II: Motivate Investors

Organizing for Health: A Transformative Investment

Since 2023, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation has supported the UW Population Health Institute's efforts to organize for health justice with the [Health & Power Organizing Project](#) (HPOP). Administered by the Population Health Institute, HPOP is a group of racial and health equity scholars and leaders in public health, population health, and related fields finding ways to forge relationships between academia and communities that build on our understandings of power.

Public health teachers and researchers, along with academic institutes and centers, can serve as organizing hubs within academic settings, aligning institutional resources to advance larger public health goals.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the UW Population Health Institute share a commitment to advancing racial equity and racial healing, developing leaders, and supporting communities in solving the problems they face. Our ongoing partnership continues to foster change efforts in academic public health and practice settings.





Strategic Action Area III: Partnerships for Action

Strong and Center Stage: Envision's Summit Engages Community Health Workforce

The [Envision Community Health Worker \(CHW\) Training and Technical Assistance Center](#) is a collaboration of expert community health workers and CHW allies. The center's mission is to support CHW programs and networks in expanding and maximizing CHW leadership and the potential of the CHW workforce. Envision hosted the CHW Sustainability Summit for CHWs and their allies on April 16–18, 2024, in Spokane, Washington. This landmark event brought together 538 in-person and virtual participants, 55 percent of whom identified as CHWs.

The summit provided a powerful platform for community health workers to lead discussions, share expertise, and collaborate on strategies for workforce sustainability and equitable funding. CHWs took center stage, leading most of the 27 workshops, presenting at poster sessions, and shaping conversations on sustainability and advocacy. Participants emphasized that CHWs “need to be at the table for decision-making” and “leading the discussion” to achieve sustainability.

The information was RICH, and the total experience has sincerely changed me.

–Summit participant

Workshops covered critical topics such as policy engagement, digital storytelling, power mapping, and financial sustainability planning. CHWs and allies participated in team-based sessions using Envision's CHW Financial Sustainability Toolkit to develop sustainability plans, ensuring their voices remain central in shaping the workforce's future. Poster sessions highlighted the impact of CHW programs funded by Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CCR).

Be strong and always find ways to get to the goal even when told “no.”

–Summit participant

Participants overwhelmingly agreed that they gained valuable insights into CHW sustainability. The event provided a unique opportunity to learn from CHWs across diverse communities, exchanging experiences, challenges, and successes. Through this summit, Envision reaffirmed a commitment to ensuring communities have the tools, networks, and national support necessary to sustain and expand CHW impact. The connections, strategies, and momentum built during the event will continue shaping the CHW workforce's future, strengthening sustainability, and advancing equity nationwide.

The Envision CHW Training and Technical Assistance Center is part of the institute's Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) group, in collaboration with other national partners.



The 2024 Community Health Workers Sustainability Summit

Envision hosted the CHW Sustainability Summit in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the CDC's Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities' (CCR) two evaluation partners, the Washington State Evaluation Project and Arizona State University.

The summit was attended by nearly all of the 69 organizations that receive CCR-2109 funding, which includes states, localities, territories, tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian health organizations, and health service providers to tribes. Envision has played a vital role in helping recipients plan for long-term sustainability.



Strategic Action Area IV: Health and Racial Equity Narrative

Narrative Summer Series Provides a Tailored, Collaborative Learning Environment

Wisconsin's 2023–2027 State Health Improvement Plan articulates a transformative narrative as its guiding vision:

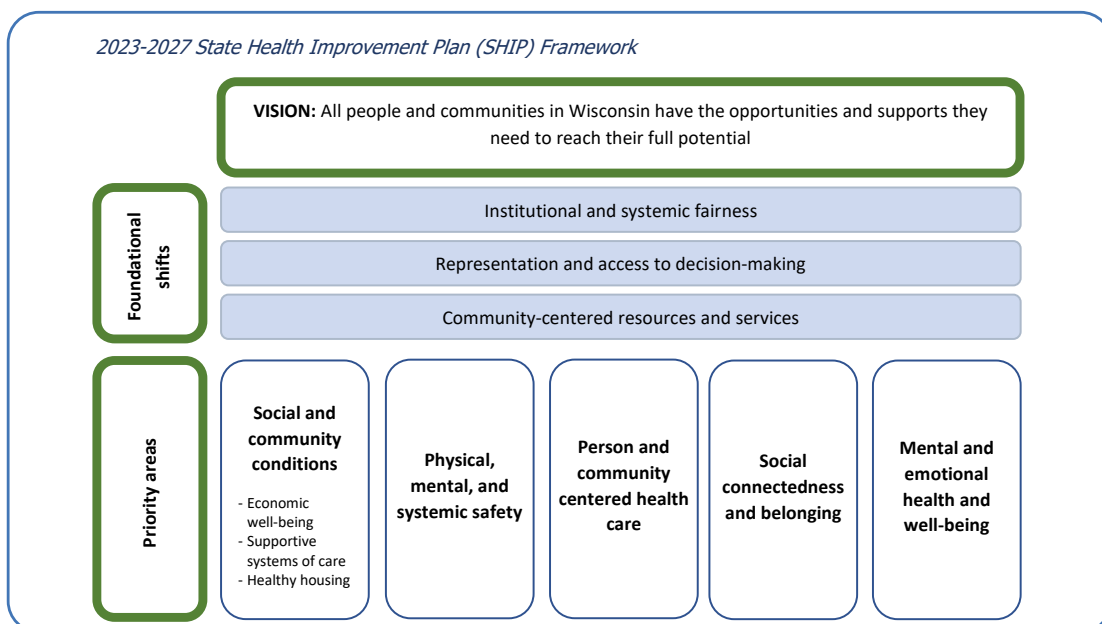
All people and communities in Wisconsin have the opportunities and supports they need to reach their full potential.

In July and August 2024, the Population Health Institute's [Public Health Infrastructure Grant](#) (PHIG) team and Wisconsin's Department of Health Services (WI DHS) offered a unique live, virtual learning opportunity for local and tribal health department staff and other partners throughout the state. The two-part "Narrative Summer Series" highlighted the foundational role of narrative in public health practice. Leveraging the longstanding partnership between the institute and WI DHS, the series provided a safe, collaborative co-learning space that invited participant questions and discussion. The PHIG Training and Learning Team utilized data and feedback from local and tribal health departments to tailor the offerings to best meet the identified needs.

The institute's PHIG narrative coordinator and WI DHS state health plan coordinator co-hosted the first session, which addressed the transformative narrative articulated by [Wisconsin's 2023–2027 State Health Improvement Plan](#). This session prompted participants to explore how centering this narrative can identify foundational shifts in the current system and define critical priority areas.

The second session, co-hosted with the WI DHS health equity strategist, emphasized the importance of tailoring language to meet community needs. In a dynamic political landscape, words and ideas can quickly become super-charged and polarizing. This session helped participants think through how to meet the people they serve where they are and without judgment.

Throughout 2024, the PHIG team expanded opportunities for Wisconsinites working in public health and allied fields, to build skills needed to thrive across all levels of the public health system. All governmental public health staff are invited and encouraged to attend the learning opportunities. Community partners are also welcome to participate and contribute.





Strategic Action Area V: Organizational Capacity Building

Power, Communication, Transparency: New Learning Opportunities to Enrich Organizational Culture

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps (CHR&R) staff participated in virtual learning opportunities about health equity topics including: historical contexts that shape community conditions, racism and implicit bias, privilege and oppression, applying a health equity lens, and policy.

Based on organizational assessment results, staff from [CommonHealth ACTION](#) facilitated sessions at CHR&R's May 2024 program meeting on internal culture and communication. In follow-up work, staff-led action planning and implementation groups increased shared understanding of key concepts and

definitions including organizational power dynamics and transparency.

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps aims to grow a shared understanding of health, equity, and the power of communities to improve health for all. This work is rooted in a long-term vision where all people and places have what they need to thrive.

In support of this work and vision, CHR&R partners with CommonHealth ACTION to build and sustain internal organizational culture and capacity to advance health equity and social solidarity.



County Health Rankings & Roadmaps staff at the 2024 annual program meeting



CommonHealth ACTION facilitating workshops with CHR&R staff



SMPH Spotlight Pillar: Pursuing Excellence in Teaching & Learning

Celebrating 20 Years: The Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship Program

For the past 20 years, the [Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship Program](#) and its fellows have worked to improve the health of the people across Wisconsin. The fellowship is a two-year service and training program at the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute designed for early-career public health professionals. The program places recent graduates in organizations to help tackle some of Wisconsin's most pressing public health challenges, while building their professional skills and experience as future public health leaders.

In 2024, fellow Cait McCrory, MPH worked on a public dashboard that tracks infectious diseases in Milwaukee's wastewater, an early warning system for the presence of viruses that cause diseases like COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus. In central Wisconsin, fellow Sydney Resler, MPH, MS, led a project to install harm-reduction vending machines in two cities, with the goal of allowing community members to access fentanyl testing strips and Narcan to prevent and reverse opioid overdoses. She also worked on a qualitative data project to learn how COVID-19 impacted various communities in Wood County and to inform equitable solutions to improve health outcomes.

Further north in Lac du Flambeau, recent fellowship graduate Erik Ohlrogge, MS, worked on lead testing projects in 100 tribal schools in Wisconsin and

Minnesota. He also worked on a Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country initiative that focused on healthy food availability, commercial tobacco cessation, diabetes prevention, and oral health interventions in Native communities served by the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council.

Since the fellowship launched in 2004 with a grant from the Wisconsin Partnership Program, 104 fellows have completed it and begun working in 50 organizations across the state. Eighty percent of the fellowship graduates in the last three cohorts have continued to work in Wisconsin's public health system, building and strengthening the state's public health workforce and leadership.

Partners of the Wisconsin Population Health Fellowship Program—including leaders, past and current fellows, preceptors, and representatives of host sites—gathered in May 2024 to celebrate the program's 20th anniversary at the Wisconsin Public Health Association's annual conference. The enthusiasm and appreciation for the fellowship program and the strong connections forged by all involved was evident.

Looking ahead to another 20 years of the fellowship program, the UW Population Health Institute continues to innovate its approach to sustain a high quality, committed public health workforce across the state of Wisconsin.



Partners of the fellowship program—including leaders, past and current fellows, preceptors, representatives of host sites, and others impacted by the work—gathered in May 2024 to celebrate the program's 20th anniversary.

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The UW Population Health Institute





Appendix A: Who We Are

UW Population Health Institute Leadership

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 Aria Walsh-Felz, Evaluation Researcher
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Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health

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Staff Based at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services

The Population Health Institute has a long history of collaborating with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to hire and support staff for public health efforts.

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 Thomas Leffler, Behavior Health Evaluator
 Emily Morian-Lozano, Maternal Mortality Review Epidemiologist
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 Jennifer Tranmer, Overdose Data to Action Communications Specialist
 Rachel Welsh, HIV Care Services Coordinator
 Mary Wienkers, Maternal Mortality Review Program Coordinator
 Jennifer Young, Overdose Death Record Abstractor

Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellows and Placement Sites

2023–2025

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 Ravyn Cruse, Foundation for Black Women's Wellness
 Sydney Resler, Wood County Public Health Department
 Maddie Roberts, Rock County Public Health Department; Wisconsin Department of Health Services
 Raphaelle Torralba, Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers in Milwaukee
 Isabella Walters, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Bureau of Community Health Promotion

2024–2026

Brianna Denamur, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Chronic Disease Prevention Program
 Berrit Goodman, Milwaukee Health Department; Milwaukee Health Care Partnership
 Joanna Hagan, Public Health Madison & County
 Katherine Kerwin, Eau Claire City-County Health Department
 Yosef Meadows, Milwaukee Health Department
 Kayla Rinderknecht, Clean Wisconsin



Envision Community Health Worker (CHW) Training and Technical Assistance Center staff and partners



Advisory Board

The UW Population Health Institute Advisory Board comprises individuals from health care, public health, state government, business, environmental advocacy, community-based organizations, education, and other sectors. Meeting three times per year, the board guides the work of the institute and provides feedback on its programs and publications.

Laila Azam

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Plumer Lovelace (right), CHR&R Operations Team Leader, was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni of the UW Communication Arts department in May 2024.



Executive Committee

The UW Population Health Institute Executive Committee meets annually to provide guidance and approve the annual report.

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Affiliated Faculty

Faculty who are designated as "affiliated" collaborate on funded projects or collaborate to extend the teaching, research, or service mission of the UW Population Health Institute.

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Emeritus Professor, Department of Population Health Sciences
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Professor, Department of Population Health Sciences
UW School of Medicine and Public Health
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Geof Swain, MD, MPH

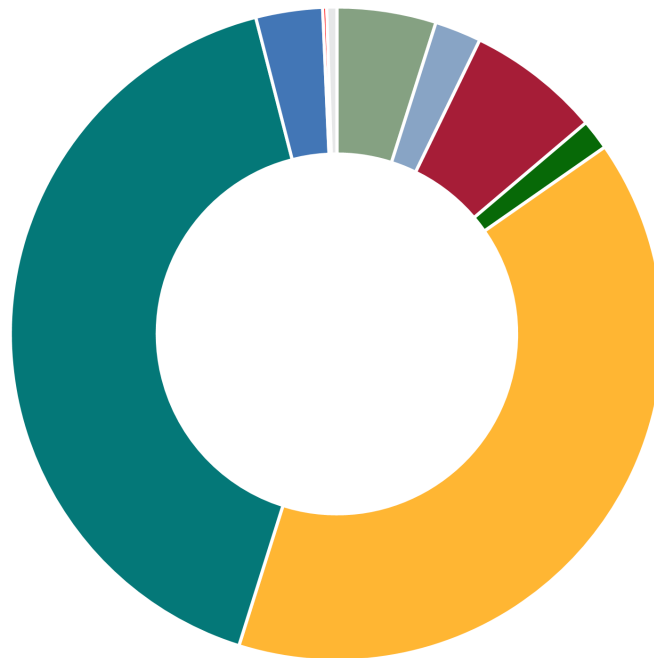
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Appendix B: 2024 Annual Budget

In 2024, the UW Population Health Institute's operating budget was \$16.9 million. The institute's budget has more than doubled in the past decade, as the funding portfolio has expanded. In 2024 alone, the institute was awarded 58 new or renewed contracts or grants, about half of which were awarded by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The institute's two largest funders remained the same in 2024:

- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation continues to support the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps program.
- Wisconsin state agencies make up the second largest funding source for the institute. Among these agencies, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services continues to be the institute's lead funder.



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
\$7,531,488 (44.61%)

State Agencies
\$6,259,780 (37.08%)

UW Affiliated Nonprofit
\$807,779 (4.78%)

Local Agencies
\$587,289 (3.48%)

UW School of Medicine and Public Health
\$398,396 (2.36%)

Fee for Service
\$249,518 (1.48%)

Federal Agencies
\$103,705 (.61%)

Higher Education – Other
\$36,939 (.22%)



Appendix B: Select Grants and Contracts

The UW Population Health Institute's funding partners are integral to ensuring the health and well-being of all by advancing evidence-informed research for both policy and practice. Below are representative projects in 2024.

National, State, Tribal, and Community Organizations

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Prevention Research Center (Denson PI/Johnson, Feder Key Personnel)

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board

- Evaluation Services for Family Resource Center Pilot

Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc.

- Family Foundations Home Visiting Program
- Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Program

Lac du Flambeau Nation

- Strategic Prevention Framework

National Institutes of Health

- Health First Approach to Climate Action (Patz PI/Johnson Key Personnel)
- Community Academic Aging Research Network (Mahoney PI/Lindberg Key Personnel)
- Social-structural risk factors for racial disparities in maternal morbidity (Palatnik PI/Johnson Key Personnel)

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

- 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
- Behavioral Health Evaluation
- CDC Comprehensive Suicide Prevention
- Core State Injury Prevention Program
- Envision Community Health Worker Training Center
- Independent Living Support Pilot
- Mobilizing Communities for Just Response Grantee Training and Technical Assistance
- Maternal Health Innovation
- Maternal Mortality Review
- Oral Health Program
- Overdose Data to Action in States
- Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdose Project
- Public Health Infrastructure Grant
- Rape Prevention & Education Program
- Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program
- State Opioid Response
- Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success Program
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention program
- Tribal Overdose Prevention Evaluation
- Commercial Tobacco Prevention and Treatment Program
- Wisconsin Personal Responsibility Education Program

Wisconsin Department of Justice

- Statewide Crisis Intervention Program

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

- Compassion Resilience Toolkit Evaluation
- Project AWARE
- Team Nutrition

Local Agencies

City of Madison

- Census to Census
- Community-Based Crime Reduction Program

Dane County

- Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Pretrial Opiate Diversion

Foundations

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

- County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

W.K. Kellogg Foundation

- Health and Power Organizing Project

UW Affiliated – Foundations and Programs

Office of the Vice Chancellor of Graduate Research and Education

- Connect Rx

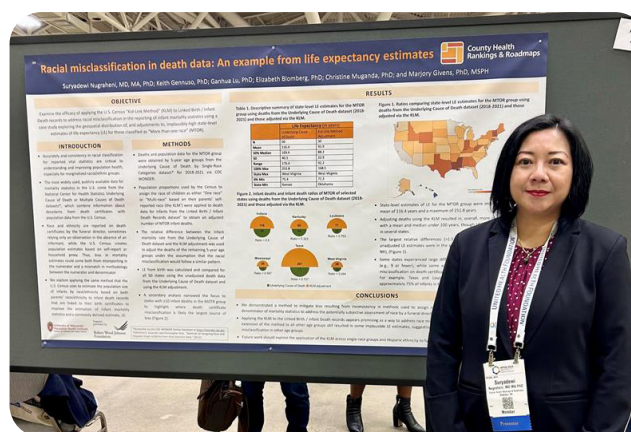
Wisconsin Partnership Program

- Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship Program
- Well Black Woman Institute – Foundation for Black Women's Wellness
- Race to Equity – Kids Forward

Higher Education - Other

University of Michigan

- Region V- Public Health Training Center



Suryadewi Nugraheni presented her poster, *Racial misclassification in death data: An example from life expectancy*, at the APHA 2024 Annual Meeting.



Appendix C: Partners

Institute staff members regularly engage with colleagues and partners in programs, applied research, program evaluation, committees, consulting, proposal development, and other activities. These partnerships include entities in the public and private sectors, as well as in other departments and centers throughout the university.

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

America's Health Rankings
Berkeley Media Studies Group
Burness
City Health Dashboard / Congressional District Health Dashboard
CommonHealth ACTION
Forum One
FrameWorks Institute
Healthy Democracy Healthy People
Healthy Places by Design
Human Impact Partners
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lab on Regional Innovation and Spatial Analysis
Narrative Initiative
National Association of County and City Health Officials
National Network of Public Health Institutes
National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health
PLACES
Population Health Improvement Partners
Praxis Project
Voices for Healthy Kids
Vot-ER

Evaluation and Engaged Research

Alliance for Wisconsin Youth
American Lung Association
Boys and Girls Club of Lac Courte Oreilles
Capitol Neighborhoods, Inc.
Centro Hispano
Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board
Children's Wisconsin
Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District
City of Madison Economic Development Division
City of Madison Planning Division
City of Madison Police Department
City of Saint Paul Police Department
Community Action, Inc.
Community Advocates Public Policy Institute
Dane County Department of Human Services
Dane County District Attorney's Office
Dane County Health Council
Downtown Madison, Inc.

Family Services of Northeast Wisconsin
Foundation for Black Women's Wellness
Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Inc.
Healthfirst Network
Iron County Health Department
Juneau County Sheriff's Office
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
Lad Lake
Lakeland Area Consortium
Medical College of Wisconsin
Milwaukee County
National Network of Public Health Institutes
Neu-Life Community Development
Newcap, Inc.
Peer Specialists Limited
People First
Project WisHope
Providers and Teens Communicating for Health
Public Allies
Public Health Madison & Dane County
RISE Wisconsin
Rogers Behavioral Health
Sauk Prairie School District
School District of La Crosse
Southeast Michigan Stewardship Coalition
Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program
State of Wisconsin Women, Infants, and Children
Supporting Families Together Association
United Community Center
United Way of Dane County
UW Health
Waking Women Healing Institute
Wisconsin Association of Sober Housing
Wisconsin Department of Health Services
Wisconsin Department of Justice
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Wisconsin Voices for Recovery
Wyman

Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health

Angelic Assistance Community Care
Arizona Community Health Worker Association
Arizona State University
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
Be Well Madison
Bellin Health Foundation
Brown County
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Cia Siab, Inc.
City of Milwaukee Health Department
City on a Hill
Clean Wisconsin



Community Health Worker Common Indicators Project
 Community Health Worker Core Consensus Project
 Crawford County Public Health Department
 Eau Claire City-County Health Department
 ESTHER
 Forest County Potawatomi
 FORGE
 Foundation for Black Women's Wellness
 Frazier Family Support Services
 Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council Inc.
 Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center
 Great Rivers United Way
 Green Lake County Department of Health & Human Services
 Hmong American Center
 Ho Chunk Nation Department of Health
 Indianhead Community Action Agency
 Kenosha Area Family & Aging Services, Inc.
 Kenosha County Public Health Department
 Louisiana Community Health Outreach Network
 Marathon County Health Department
 Meadowood Health Partnership
 Milwaukee Center for Independence
 Milwaukee Health Care Partnership
 Mosaicos Cultural Enrichment Corporation
 Multicultural Coalition Inc.
 National Association of Community Health Workers
 National Academy for State Health Policy
 National Network of Public Health Institutes
 Newcap, Inc
 North Shore Health Department
 Partners In Health
 Personal Development Center
 Public Health Madison & Dane County
 Region V Public Health Training Center
 Riverworks Development Corporation
 Rock County Public Health Department
 Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative
 Sauk County Health Department

Sawyer County Health Department
 Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Department
 Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers
 Southwest Suburban Health Department
 Today Not Tomorrow Family Resource Center
 University of South Carolina Center for Community Health Alignment
 Walworth County Health and Human Services Department
 Washington State Department of Health – Washington State Evaluation Project
 Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health
 Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards
 Wisconsin Department of Health Services
 Wisconsin Public Health Association
 Wood County Health Department

UW Collaborating Entities

Carbone Cancer Center
 Center for Urban Population Health
 Community-Academic Aging Research Network
 Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Office of Community Health
 Division of Extension, Institute for Health & Well-Being
 Institute for Research on Poverty
 Native American Center for Health Professions
 Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies
 Prevention Research Center
 School of Human Ecology
 School of Nursing
 Survey Center
 Survey of the Health of Wisconsin
 UniverCity Alliance
 Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute
 Wisconsin Center for Education Research
 Wisconsin Evaluation Collaborative
 Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service



The Narratives for Health partners gathered for the 2024 Narratives For Health Strategy Convening hosted by CHR&R, Human Impact Partners, and Healthy Places by Design.



Appendix D: Select Publications and Events

Select Peer Reviewed Publications

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Ibragimov, U., Livingston, M. D., Young, A. M., Feinberg, J., Korthuis, P. T., Akhtar, W. Z., Jenkins, W. D., Crane, H. M., Westergaard, R. P., Nance, R., Miller, W. C., Bresett, J., Khoury, D., Hurt, C. B., Go, V. F., Nolte, K., & Cooper, H. L. F. (2024). Correlates of recent HIV testing among people who inject drugs in rural areas: A multi-site cross-sectional study, 2018–2020. *AIDS Behav*, Jan;28(1):59–71. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-023-04140-x>

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Pollock, E. A., Gangnon, R. E., Gennuso, K. P., & Givens, M. L. (2024). Cluster analysis methods to support population health improvement among US counties. *J Public Health Manag Pract*, 30(6), E319–e328. <https://doi.org/10.1097/phh.0000000000002034>

Rudolph, A.E., Nance, R. M., Bobashev, G., Brook, D., Akhtar, W., Cook, R., Cooper, H. L., Friedmann, P. D., Frost, S. D. W., Go, V. F., Jenkins, W. D., Korthuis, P. T., Miller, W. C., Pho, M. T., Ruderman, S. A., Seal, D. W., Stopka, T. J., Westergaard, R. P., Young, A. M., Zule, W. A., Tsui, J. I., Crane, H. M., Whitney, B. M., & Delaney, J. A. C. (2024). Evaluation of respondent-driven sampling in seven studies of people who use drugs from rural populations: findings from the Rural Opioid Initiative. *BMC Med Res Methodol*. Apr 23;24(1):94. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12874-024-02206-5>

Wennerstrom, A., Witmeier, K. N., Wortmann, K., Holderby-Fox, L. R., Haywood, C. G., & Ohly, S. L. (2024). “By us for us”: Lessons learned in developing a national training and technical assistance center by and for CHWs. *J Ambul Care Manage*. Oct-Dec 01;47(4):215–227. <https://doi.org/10.1097/JAC.0000000000000506>.

Select Practice-oriented Reports

Blomberg, E., Gilhuly, K., Rogerson, B., Gennuso, K., Stevenson, M., Muganda, C., Johnson S.L., Givens, M.L. County Health Rankings & Roadmaps 2024 national findings report: Creating thriving communities through civic participation. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, 2024.

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Skaltitzky, E., Goodrich, J., Hogeterp, C. *Year 2 of 988*. Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, 2024.



Vigna, A., O'Leary, M.K. [Repairing trust via trustworthy public engagement: Recommendations for local government](#). Madison, WI: University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. 2024.

Wolf, L., Bristol, S. E., Rush, C., Ohly, S. [Community health worker financial sustainability toolkit](#). Envision Community Health Worker Training and Technical Assistance Center, University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. 2024–2025.

Select Conference Presentations

Raising Wisconsin's Children Conference (January 9, 2024)

Vigna, A. Creating gender affirming homes.

Wisconsin Land Information Association Annual Conference, (February 28–March 1, 2024)

Hoffelder, J. Python and ArcGIS notebooks improve reproducibility of county health indicator.

Community Health Worker (CHW) Sustainability Summit (April 16–18, 2024)

Bristol, S.E., Wolf, L. Engaging with decision makers.

Bristol, S.E. Strategic decision making using a power map.

Bristol, S.E., Wolf, L. Using the CHW Financial Sustainability Toolkit.

Bristol, S.E., Wolf, L. Using unified messaging to connect with your audience.

Society for Research on Adolescence Annual Meeting (April 18–20, 2024)

Pykett, A., Flanagan, C., Galloway, E. Environmental civic science: Building skills for addressing climate change.

Wisconsin Public Health Association Annual Public Health Conference (May 21–23, 2024)

Skalitzky, E. 988 in Wisconsin: Developing equitable messaging and a data dashboard.

Duerst, B., Abadin, S., Reese, C., Dederic, A. Strengthening Wisconsin's infrastructure through workforce initiatives and products.

Hagen, E., Lindberg, S., Kraus, F., Cross-Luster, O., Benjamin, K. Sexuality education: Needed and wanted.

Rosemurgy, L.A. Equitable enforcement: Transforming policy through transforming narrative.

National Network of Public Health Institutes Annual Conference (May 21–23, 2024)

Acker, A., Ayers, J., Amurao, J. Narratives and civic health: Building an innovative public health workforce and thriving communities.

O'Leary, M.K., Vigna, A. Leveraging community voice using evaluation in city development: Where the rubber meets the road.

Community Transportation Association of America Expo 2024 Conference (June 9–12, 2024)

Allen, M. How community health workers can partner with the transportation department.

Healthy Communities Conference (August 14–16, 2024)

Bristol, S. E., Wolf, L. It's all about relationships: Growing our power to sustain the CHW workforce.

National Network of Public Health Institutes Next Generation Conference (September 18–20, 2024)

Aftahi, Y., Bristol, S. E., Klostermann, C., Ohly, S., Wennerstrom, A., Khang, H. An innovative approach to community health worker (CHW) capacity building: Sustaining the CHW workforce through relationships and resources.

American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Expo (October 27–30, 2024)

Allen, M. Supporting community and the professional identity of an essential worker.

Nugraheni, S., Gennuso, K.P., Lu, G., Blomberg, E., Muganda, C., Givens, M.L. Racial misclassification in death data: An example from life expectancy estimates.

Pollock, E., Gennuso, K.P., Givens, M.L. Understanding the structural barriers to civic health and how they relate to health and equity across U.S. counties.

Wolf, L., Bristol, S.E., Ohly, S., Pesik, M., Mneimneh, A., Hill, J., Holderby-Fox, L. R. Innovative approaches to CHW sustainability: Insights from a national summit.

Wisconsin Public Health Association Public Health in Practice Conference (October 10–11, 2024)

Goodrich, J., Skalitzky, E., Mueller, A. 988 in Wisconsin: Lessons learned from transparency and a data dashboard.

Rosemurgy, L.A., Talaga, A. Transformative narratives and talking points.



American Evaluation Association Conference (October 21-26, 2024)

Skalitzky, E. **Evaluation in a new age: Developing and evaluating a data dashboard using an iterative process with multidisciplinary partners.**

Wisconsin Commercial Tobacco Prevention and Control Movement Convening (October 29-30, 2024)

Rosemurgy, L.A., Talaga, A. **Transformative narratives and talking points.**

Building the Heart of Successful Schools Conference (December 5, 2024)

Vigna, A. **Creating gender affirming classrooms.**

Learning Events

Wisconsin's Public Health Infrastructure Grant [Learning Resources](#)

Co-creating a strengthened public health workforce through belonging and narrative (February 27, 2024).

An introduction to the foundational capabilities and centering values in narrative (April 17, 2024).

The role of community health workers (CHWs) in public health transformation and the 10 narrative principles of difficult conversations in public health (June 11, 2024).

An introduction to deliberative inquiry (August 15, 2024).

Building multisectoral partnerships (October 16, 2024).

Culturally responsive evaluation and using narrative to bridge relationships (December 12, 2024).

Webinars

Envision

[Envision Webinars](#)

Sustaining and training CHW work in addressing chronic disease as underlying risk factors (February 23, 2024).

Envision summit recap: CHW sustainability is possible (May 30, 2024).

CHW council charter's impact on elevating CHWs (June 27, 2024).

Community Health Worker program showcase featuring state, tribal, local, and Island Nation health (July 25, 2024).

An innovative approach to Community Health Worker capacity building: Sustaining the CHW workforce through relationships and resources (August 22, 2024).

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps

[CHR&R Webinars](#)

Investigating new approaches to racial healing (January 16, 2024).

Engaging communities in budget decisions to build power (February 20, 2024).

Previewing the 2024 Annual Data Release (with extended Q/A session) (March 12, 2024).

Exploring strategies to strengthen civic participation for communities' health (April 16, 2024).

Identifying the forces behind persistent poverty (May 21, 2024).

Community-driven strategies to address persistent poverty in rural areas (June 18, 2024).

Engaging policymakers for healthier communities (July 23, 2024).

Public health alternatives to policing and incarceration (August 13, 2024).

Storytelling as a tool to increase voter participation (September 17, 2024).

Using a new approach to data to understand health and equity in your community (October 15, 2024).

Creating communities to support healthy aging (November 19, 2024).

Data and strategies for disability equity and inclusion (December 10, 2024).

Podcasts

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps *In Solidarity*

[CHR&R Podcasts](#)

Introducing: Strengthening democracy for better health (January 24, 2024).

Building a foundation for civic health (January 31, 2024).

Embracing power and education for civic health (January 31, 2024).

When young people engage with democracy (January 31, 2024).

Introducing: Organizing for health (October 11, 2024).

Reviving public health's roots in organizing (October 16, 2024).

Tenants' rights: A matter of health (October 23, 2024).

Embracing the political: Organizing for change (October 23, 2024).

Returning to our public health roots (October 23, 2024).



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