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Grant Updates

Submissions

Kim Hoffman, "Organizational Process Improvement and Client Outcomes: Effect of NIATx200", NIDA R01

Dennis McCarty, "Evaluation of Pregnant and Postpartum Women", JBS International, Inc. (SAMHSA IDIQ)

Dennis McCarty, "Prescription Opioid Use & Abuse in Pain Patients: Risk & Protective Factors", Kaiser CHR / M. Polen subcontract (NIDA R01)

Please notify Mark Derby at 4-0181 or by email at derbym@ohsu.edu if you intend to apply for a grant or for more information about the stimulus funding.

Other Grant News

From **Jodi Lapidus**:

All OCTRI stimulus grant applications are listed on OCTRI site, including our online biostat education. Click on link for the grant to see abstract.

<http://octrstaffnews.wordpress.com/stimulus-apps/>

Philippe Thuillier was awarded the Circle of Giving grant with Tanja Pejovic. This is a one year award. Philippe's group will study the role of niche cells in regulating the fate of stem cells and ovarian cancer stem cells in population at risk.

Publications

McCarty, D., Roman, P., Sorensen, J.L. & Weisner, C. (2009). Health services research for alcohol and drug treatment and prevention. *Journal of Drug Issues*, 39 (1), 197 – 208.

Riley K, Edmundson E, Ford J, Gustafson, D, **McCarty D**, Coaching Substance Abuse Treatment Agencies to Improve Treatment, *Consulting Psychology Journal: Practice and Research*, submitted

Talks

Katherine Riley, Graduate Faculty address, School of Medicine Hooding, Portland, OR, June 4, 2009

Jodi Lapidus gave a talk on May 28th to the Oregon Chapter of the American Statistical Association entitled Teaching Biostatistics and Training Biostatisticians in the Era of Translational Science

Oregon/Hawaii Node hosts Regional Dissemination Workshop

The Oregon/Hawaii and Pacific Northwest Nodes of the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network collaborated with the Northwest Frontier Addiction Technology Transfer Center and the National Institute on Drug Abuse's Center for the Clinical Trials Network to host the first CTN Regional Dissemination Workshop June 3 and 4 in Portland, Oregon. The Regional Dissemination Workshop highlighted treatment products tested and found effective in the clinical trials conducted by the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network. The workshop series promotes and encourages adoption and implementation of the CTN products.

The first day was oriented toward practitioners and focused on providing introductions to specific therapeutic techniques and approaches. Day two was directed at administrators and supervisors and addressed the implementation of the evidence-based practices described on day one. There were 135 registered participants.

The Workshops featured speakers from the CTN and ATTC network. Betty Tai (Center for the Clinical Trials Network) delivered the plenary presentation on June 3. Dennis McCarty delivered a plenary presentation on June 4. Special Thanks to Lynn Kunkel (Oregon/Hawaii Node) and Mary Anne Bryan (Northwest Frontier Addiction Technology Transfer Center) for coordinating conference planning and implementation.

Harold Perl Visits Community Treatment Programs

NIDA project officer, Harold Perl, attended the Regional Dissemination Workshop in Portland and visited three Community Treatment Programs participating in CTN clinical trials. On Thursday, June 4, Richard Drandoff showed him ChangePoint's Portland clinic and introduced his clinical and research staff. ChangePoint recently met recruitment goals for STAGE-12 and is completing follow-up data collection.

Friday morning (June 5) Dennis McCarty and Dr. Perl visited CODA. Katharina Wiest (research director) and Jeanine Bassett (clinical director) led a tour of the busy facility – a visit to the outpatient and mental health services, observations of the methadone and buprenorphine medication stations, and meetings with research staff conducting the START and HIV Rapid Testing. The new research suite was a highlight of the tour.

A two hour drive to Eugene included Ana Hilde and Traci Rieckmann and a visit to Willamette Family and the STAGE-12 research site. Lucy Zammarelli and Davina Jones served a macrobiotic lunch in the "little brown house," a recent addition to the Willamette Family campus. Micki Knuckles, the new executive director, joined the group for lunch. The visit continued with stops at Buckley Detox (site for the CTN-0017 trial) and the new central intake and outpatient clinic in downtown Eugene. The visit concluded with a tour of the University of Oregon and Duck landmarks.

Opiate Summit

Todd Korthuis, MD, MPH, hosted a "Summit Meeting of Treatment, Policy and Community Leaders" on June 9 in the OHSU Auditorium. The meeting was titled "Integrating Community and Clinical Response to Opiate Abuse". Dennis McCarty provided a keynote presentation that examined the interplay between policy and practice in treating opiate addiction and the evolution of state-of-the-art treatment for opiate addiction.

New Babies!

By Erin Keast



She's here! Our little girl was born on Friday, June 12th, after 24 hours of labor. It was all worth it! She's 7 lbs 12 oz and 21 inches of perfection. (Much bigger than anyone expected!)

Life is super busy now. We came home from the hospital on Sunday and all three of us are doing well. Little sleep; lots of feeding. Loving every minute. Maeve has completely stolen our hearts.

PS – My sister-in-law, Affiliate Assistant Professor Jessina McGregor, of the OSU College of Pharmacy at South Waterfront, gave birth to a beautiful girl, Jaya Luiz McGregor, on Thursday, June 11th! We even shared a hospital room for a little while, which was very fun. Having two “first” grandbabies born only 12 hours apart has my parents in a state of bliss.

Congratulations to Erin and Jessina!

Welcomes and Farewells

We would like to welcome **Jennifer Verbeck** to the Department. Jennifer will be joining Steve Gallon and the NFATTC in Salem as the new Program Support Manager/Research Assistant II. Jennifer will be replacing LesleyAnne Blair who has had a very exciting opportunity to move over to Hospital Finance as Karen Shah's Executive Assistant. Good luck to LesleyAnne and welcome Jennifer!

On July 31, **Dr. Yvonne Michael** will be leaving our department. Yvonne will begin a new position as Associate Professor of Epidemiology at the Drexel School of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics in August.

Thanks and good-bye from Yvonne Michael:

Good-bye to my Public Health and Preventive Medicine colleagues and students. I am thankful for your support and friendship during the past 7 years. Best wishes for your continued success in teaching, research, and service to the community. I hope you will stay in touch. My personal email is Yvonne.l.michael@gmail.com.

Best wishes, Yvonne. You will be missed.

Two members of Yvonne Michael's amazing research time, **Erin Keast** and **Leslie Perdue**, will be leaving PHPM as of July 31, 2009. Also, **Aleksandra Sumic**, who has been working with Yvonne Michael for several years, recently left the Department to pursue an opportunity at Regence Blue Cross/Blue Shield reviewing the scientific literature to evaluate the strength of the evidence to support the efficacy of medical treatments/technology. Congrats to Aleksandra! And thank you and good luck to Yvonne's fantastic research team!

Jackie Kohon will be moving on at the end of June. Jackie is currently enrolled in the Urban Studies PhD program at PSU. She is planning to focus in the areas of Urban Health and Methodology. Jackie was also accepted for the Graduate Mentor program through the University Studies program, which provides full funding and will give her experience with mentoring undergraduate students. Congratulations Jackie, and best of luck!

Marriages!

Affiliate faculty, Jana Peterson will be wed to Mr. Ian Besse on Aug 8 in Lake MacBride State Park outside of Iowa City, IA. Jana will be on leave through August 17 so she can enjoy a honeymoon. Congratulations Jana and Ian!



Farewell Message from Katie

Thank you to everyone for all the parties and good wishes I have had showered on me the past few weeks and also for your support and friendship over the years. I also greatly appreciate the contributions to a travel scholarship that will assist students in attending conferences and presenting the work that they develop in our MPH program. Also, thank you very much for my new spiffy apron!

It is hard to believe that I have been in the department for almost 17 years! Time has flown fast. I wanted to give you some background on my perspective and how much I appreciate all of you. Our current staff are exceptional! Anne Stemwedel, Gloria Harrison, and Mark Derby all make the department hum.

I remember coming here from UCLA and Mitch Greenlick, Department Chair, asking me to start the position as Department Administrator after I had only arrived back in Oregon nine days earlier!. At that time there was only one staff person working in the main office and me. Faculty members included Mike Garland, Bill Morton, David Phillips, Bea Rose, Harold Osterud, and joint appointees included Bruce Goldberg and Gary Sexton. Evelyn Whitlock was asked to head the Preventive Medicine Residency (Jay Kravitz was a resident). Mitch gradually began adding clinical (volunteer) faculty and our weekly faculty meetings soon saw about 20 people attending. I became involved with the planning for the Oregon MPH program and drafted the proposal that was approved by the Oregon University System in fall 1993. OHSU became a public corporation the same year and we transitioned to a new accounting system (so we kept a "shadow" system to track departmental funds). We officially began admitting MPH students in January 1994. MD/MPH students were admitted the following year. Tom Becker and Don Austin joined the department in 1997 in one of Mitch's "stone soup" activities to split one position into two. Jodi Lapidus was later added in one of the first of many moves to increase our biostatistics faculty. At this time 204 students have received their MPH degree, including 45 MD/MPH students and an additional 8 students have defended and will receive their degrees in 2010, including 2 MD/MPH students—a grand total of 212 students! I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all the students and it is wonderful to see each one progress and finish their degree.

In 2001 I was honored to be asked by our Chair, Tom

Becker, to become a faculty member in the department. However, this was a large challenge since I had not taken classes for a long time and did not have a formal background in public health. On the other hand, I had been participating in the education program and designing goals and objectives for classes since it began and had been active with the Oregon Public Health Association developing an Adolescent Health Section, chairing their policy committee for three years, and generally being an advocate for public health prevention both in that organization and the Washington County Commission on Children and Families. Dennis McCarty asked me to be involved in the evaluation project for the

Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment (NIATx). I have been honored to work with him and my colleagues on this team effort. I also assumed the position of Director of Education and began teaching classes in my areas of passion—adolescent risky behavior and women's health.

Bill Lambert will assume the position of Director of Education on July 1st. Tree Triano, our excellent Education Coordinator will now be the Education Manager and will also be working on the Biostatistics Certificate program in addition to the other departmental educational programs. John Stull, our dedicated and caring MD/MPH Director and Preventive Medicine Residency Director will continue in those positions.

One project that I intend to work on in the future is a history of the department so I will be interviewing some of our long-time faculty and staff. When that project is completed, you will be able to see some more history. I will also be around for awhile finishing some research articles to submit for publication.

This department and its environment are unique—people work together to advance knowledge. And that knowledge is extremely important for the future of all of us. You always have an opportunity to learn something new. I hope you all benefit from your time here as much as I have and I will look forward to keeping in touch in the future. I am always willing to help out.

Best wishes and

Thank you for lending me your support and knowledge!

Katie



Katie and Chuck Riley at Katie's retirement party. 5/29/2009. Aquariva Restaurant

MPH Program News

OMPH student representatives

The votes are in for next year's OMPH student representatives. The results are as follows:

Gretchen Barron, the 1st year MPH representative, will be continuing on as the 2nd year MPH representative.

Rebecca Allen will be serving as the MD/MPH representative.

The election of the new 1st year representative will take place after the new MPH'ers get here this fall.

Responsibilities for track representatives include

providing student feedback about track or course concerns to faculty, helping to organize the social/community/academic events within the track, attending some faculty/staff meetings, and assisting with the organization of track orientation. Student representatives also meet as a group with the OMPH Program Director to discuss program operations, student needs, and strategic planning.

Congratulations, Gretchen and Rebecca, and thank you for taking on this responsibility! Thanks also to Rachel Linz (2nd year rep, 08-09), Emily King (MD/MPH rep 08-09), and Gretchen for their efforts over the past year.

OMPH Student Excellence Award Winners

Please join us in congratulating this year's Oregon Master of Public Health Student Excellence Award winners. Each year the OMPH program acknowledges the achievements of the MPH students from the program's three schools (OSU, PSU, and OHSU) by granting awards in three categories: leadership, service, and research. This year two of the three winners were from our program. Our second year MPH student **Catherine Gonzalez-Maddux** has been recognized for her excellence in service. **Rebecca Marshall**, a new graduate of our MD/MPH program, has been recognized for her excellence in research. Erin Corrigan from PSU's Health Promotion track was recognized for her excellence in leadership. For a detailed description of the achievements of these outstanding students, please view the full OMPH announcement at:

<http://www.ohsu.edu/public-health/education/mph/2009StudentAwardAnnouncement.docx>.

Vinegar kills weeds

Ground up bran (you can purchase at a co-op) is good alternative to slug bait. Simply surround your plant with it and they will consume it instead of your plant, sometimes they literally eat themselves to death. (TZ)

More gardening tips:

Line the walk ways between crop rows with newspaper, and sprinkle a little dirt on top so it doesn't blow away. This prevents weeds from growing between your rows. The newspaper is biodegradable and can be tilled into to garden/ground at the end of the season.

Plant garlic/onions in between your other root vegetables to keep the moles/gopher from eating your potatoes, carrots, and other veggie roots. (JK)

Saw this on Martha Stewart:

In order to kill those nasty weeds that grow in the cracks of your sidewalk and driveway, but refuse to budge when you try to pull them, just attack them with boiling water! Pour boiling water on the plants, wait 24 hours, and pull. They come out easily! (GH)



Monthly tips from your PHPM Green Team: Tosha Zaback, Jessica Kennedy, and Gloria Harrison