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Grant Updates

Awarded:

- Yvonne Michael, "Hormone therapy and change in functional status in Women's Health Initiative." National Institute on Aging (R03-AG031973-01A2).
- Yvonne Michael, "Participatory Health Impact Assessment of (and Advocacy for) Health Benefits of Environmental Policy." Northwest Health Foundation (Sub-Award through Upstream Public Health). *Work on this project began in January.*

Submitted Applications:

- Dongseok Choi, "Putative Transcription Factors Controlling Gene Expression in Response to TNF or IL-1 Treatment on Trabecular Meshwork Cells." Collins Medical Trust.
- Kim Hoffman, "Agency Process Improvement and Client Outcomes." NIDA - Support Opportunity for Addiction Research (SOAR) for New Investigators (R03).
- Jodi Lapidus, "Preterm Birth Data Coordinating and Analysis Center." NICHD - Preterm Birth in Nulliparous Women: An Understudied Population at Great Risk (U10).
- Dennis McCarty, "International Network to Impovre Addiction Treatment" (I-NIATx) NIDA - Administrative Supplements to Support U.S.–Netherlands Bi-national Collaborative Research on Drug Abuse. (Sub-Award through Univ. of Wisconsin).
- Dennis McCarty, ARRA Supplement, "Organizational Change to Improve Access and Retention Supplement." NIDA/NIH - ARRA Supplement.
- Yvonne Michael, "Green Schools in Gray Zones: Assessing Alternative Transportation & Land Use Credits of LEED™ and non LEED™ Rated K-12 Schools on Student Health & Academic Performance in Oregon." OTREC (Subcontract through Univ. of Oregon).
- Thuan Nguyen, "Methods to Investigate the Effects of Multiple Air Pollution Constituents." Health Effects Institute (Subcontract from BIDMC).
- Thuan Nguyen, "Fence Methods for Mixed Model Selection." NIH R01 (Subcontract from Case Western).

Non-Competing Renewals:

- Dennis McCarty, "Adoption of Buprenorphine in an HMO setting." This project will be entering its 5th year.
- Steve Gallon, "Northwest Frontier Addiction Technology Transfer Center." This project will be entering its 3rd year.

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

Jody Lapidus Submits Grant to Study Preterm Birth

Jodi Lapidus is applying for a grant along with CHR to become the Data Coordinating and Analysis Center for the Nulliparous Preterm Birth network. Dongseok Choi and Thuan Nguyen are also involved, as well as Reesa Laws from CHR and Dr. Jorge Tolosa from OB/GYN at OHSU.

Preterm birth is a substantial problem in the United States; however, among nulliparous women (women who have never given birth before), the risk of delivering prematurely (< 37 weeks gestation) is difficult to ascertain because they have no prior pregnancy and/or delivery information. A multi-site clinical network will be established by NICHD to study risk of preterm delivery among approximately 10,000 nulliparous women. The Nulliparous Preterm Birth Data Analysis and Coordinating Center will support the data collection and analysis efforts of this network by ensuring that quality data is available, and publications are produced and disseminated on this important public health issue.

Presentations and Awards

Ana Hilde will be presenting a poster on her thesis project, "The impact of Social/Emotional Isolation on Risky Behaviors Among Women Injection Drug Users In Portland OR."

Congratulations to Ana Hilide! Ana won a NIDA Women & Sex/Gender Junior Investigator Travel Award for the June 20-25, 2009 meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) in Reno/Sparks, Nevada. In special recognition of her receipt of this award, her name along with those of the other recipients will be featured in the NIDA-prepared mini-program book, *Focus on Women & Sex/Gender Differences: Mini-Program*, which will be provided to all CPDD meeting attendees at registration.

Jay Kravitz gave a talk on Friday, March 6, 2009. It was sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Oregon at PSU on the topic, "Global Food Supply - Malnutrition in Stressed Environments."

Todd Korthuis received the "2009 Action Award" from Cascade AIDS Project for his work as the volunteer medical director of their HIV testing outreach programs at the Men's Wellness Center.

Katie Riley presented a Webinar on "Sustaining Change in NIATx," for the NIATx 200 participants on March 25, 2009.

The Green Team is Back!

Gloria Harrison has re-started The Green Team for our department. The Green Team is OHSU's effort to "serve as a leader among health care institutions in its commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility." What this means is that Gloria will be attending the monthly Green Team meetings and looking for opportunities to make our department more sustainable and responsible. If you have any suggestions or ideas, please let Gloria know—harrisog@ohsu.edu, 494-2550.

Also, keep your eyes open for an announcement about upcoming events, including OHSU's Earth Day celebration in April.

Have you been published recently? Have you recently presented at a seminar or hosted a lecture? Is there an upcoming event that you'd like to share? Please submit articles or information about the following:

Current promotions, Awards received by our faculty and/or students, New grants that have been awarded or applied for, Any other interesting projects that we are working on, Information about MPH, MD/MPH students and our residents, Recently Published articles, People in the department that made the news, Recent or upcoming events

Please submit all information for The Liaison to Gloria Harrison: harrisog@ohsu.edu by the 10th of each month.

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
M—F, April 6—10
Kohler Pavilion, 9th Floor
Across from the KPV Coffee Café

MPH Program News

Graduation is Coming!

This year we will have another large number of students completing their MPH degree and we hope to have an outstanding turnout of students and faculty for Hooding and Commencement ceremonies (June 4th). So far, we have 22 students who have either defended or are scheduled to defend. An additional 7 students may be scheduling before the presentation deadline of April 30th. Plan to attend both Hooding and Commencement and honor our graduates. Don't forget to order your cap and gown!

Student Research Presentations

To see outstanding research by our students, plan to attend the OMPH Student Research Symposium on April 3rd. This year's event will be held in Corvallis and it will feature student posters and presentations. If you wish to attend, you need to register, so don't delay: http://survey.oit.pdx.edu/ss/wsb.dll/s/2bfge96

Student Representation

Students will soon be electing their representatives for the 2009-1010 academic year. Nominations can be submitted to Tree Triano for the following positions:

MPH representative to the OMPH program (serves as the liaison from regular Epi/Biostat track MPH students to the Epi/Biostat MPH Director and to the OMPH and helps to plan the OMPH Symposium and the Public Health Seminar)

MD/MPH representative to the OMPH program (same as above except serves as a liaison from the MD/MPH student council)

MPH representative to the OHSU Graduate Student Association (serves as the liaison from the Epi/Biostat track of the OMPH to the Graduate Student Association; attends monthly meetings)

Accreditation Data Collection

It is almost that time again—we need to compile information for our annual accreditation report. So, please make sure your CV is up to date. In addition, we collect syllabi each quarter from all classes. Further information will be arriving shortly regarding specific requests for information.

Bake Sale

The MD/MPH bake sale was held Friday, the 27th of February from 11:00—1:00 in Mac Hall. Many thanks to those who contributed to the bake sale! We had a pretty steady stream of customers, and we surprised ourselves by selling out of everything before 1pm! Way to go. Our grand total came to $301.31.