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The following grants have been awarded:

Congratulations to Bill, Nichole, Tosha, and Jessica for putting together this successful application in less than a week!

Bill Lambert, DHHS/Office of Public Health & Science/Office of Minority Health, "Nurturing Healthy & Empowered Youth in American Indian Communities (H.E.Y.)"

...and to Traci for being awarded the following Medical Research Foundation Grant!

Traci Rieckmann, MRF, "Reducing Disparities in the quality of Care in Substance abuse Treatment for American Indians: State and Provider Strategies"

Submissions

Kim Hoffman, R01 NIDA (subcontract through the Univ. Of Wisconsin), "Improving drug abuse services for persons with co-occurring disorders"

Dennis McCarty, R01 NIDA, "Integrating Addiction Treatment and Medical Care in a Commercial Health Plan"

Holly Fussell, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Public Health Services and Systems Research

Traci Rieckmann, R01 NIDA supplement, "Workforce Characteristics of American Indian/Alaska Native Substance Abuse Treatment Provider"

Seth O'Neal, Gates Foundation, "Sustainable Cysticercosis Control Strategies: Unveiling Clandestine Markets to Allow Targeted Presumptive Treatment of Tapeworm Carriers"

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.

Dr. Dennis McCarty nominated by Governor Kulongoski

Governor Kulongoski nominated Dennis McCarty, Professor Department of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, to serve on the newly created Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission.

The Oregon Senate approved the nomination. The 2009 Oregon Legislature established and empowered the Commission to develop a strategic plan that a) restructures delivery of treatment and prevention services, b) sets funding priorities for treatment and prevention services, c) standardizes data collection and reporting, d) maximizes accountability for service providers, and e) reduces fragmentation of funding for prevention and treatment services. In addition to the 16 appointed members, the Commission includes the Governor, Attorney General, Director of Human Services, Director of Corrections, and Superintendent of Education as ex officio members.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation hosted a congressional briefing to inform the policies debates related to alcohol, drug and tobacco misuse and abuse. The October 2, 2009 briefing at the Capitol Visitors Center identified evidence that policy makers can act on and highlighted research questions that can be addressed in the next five years. Tom McLellan, Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy, moderated the session. Dennis McCarty, Professor Department of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, testified on the delivery and quality of addiction treatment services and the need to enhance integration with primary care.

Congratulations, Dennis!

HEALTH AND EMPOWERED YOUTH (H.E.Y.) PROJECT

by Bill Lambert

A new grant has been awarded to PHPM from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Bill Lambert, Nichole Hildebrandt, Tosha Zaback, and Jessica Kennedy capably put together this successful application in less than a week! Nichole is the Project Manager, Tosha is the Evaluator, and Jessica is the Administrative Assistant. PHPM's main partner at the Board is Stephanie Craig Rushing. Total funding is \$900,000 over three years, 2009-2012

OHSU, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Office of Tribal Health have partnered to deliver the "Native STAND" curriculum to a cohort of students at Sho-Ban Jr./Sr. High School in Fort Hall, Idaho. Native STAND is adapted from STAND – Students Together Against Negative Decisions – and incorporates American Indian tradition and culture to address STD, HIV, and teen pregnancy, as well as drug and alcohol issues and dating violence. Thus, Native STAND addresses three of the six YEP health and safety issues. Nationally, Native youth are more likely to be sexually active, and demonstrate a higher prevalence of STDs in both rural and urban settings, and HIV/AIDs in Western US locations. Use of illicit substances is higher in Native teens than most areas, putting them at further risk for STDs, HIV, teen pregnancy and sexual violence.

The enhanced curriculum is titled Healthy and Empowered Youth, or "H.E.Y." The major objectives, organized by the required program areas, are:

1. Academic enrichment - Implement the Native STAND curriculum to serve as a comprehensive program to enrich academic skills for tribal youth.
2. Life skills – Develop and strengthen protective/resiliency factors including self-awareness, critical thinking, problem-solving ability, communication and coping skills, and cultivate media literacy.
3. Personal development and wellness – Enhance positive self concepts and healthy lifestyles, particularly in the domains of reproductive health, and prevention of intimate partner violence and substance abuse.
4. Cultural awareness – Enhance knowledge and awareness of traditional practices by involving students in cultural experiences.
5. Career development – Expose tribal students to a variety of career options, and build knowledge of needed academic preparation and prerequisite experience to successful gain admission to vocational training, college and professional schools.

Conferences

On October 12, 2009, **Dennis McCarty** was invited to join a Congressional briefing on Substance Abuse Policy: *What We Know and Where We Need to Go* at the White House.

Jay Kravitz gave a lecture covering the vast subject of what Global Health entails to the Youth Leadership Summit of the "Global Citizens Corps" on October 11th. This conference was one of the inaugural events at the new Mercy Corps headquarters in downtown Portland.

Jodi Lapidus was on a grant review panel for the Susan G. Komen Foundation on 11/1 and 11/2.

Dongseok Choi's proposal of an invited session for 2010 Joint Statistical Association (Vancouver, BC, Canada) was selected by the program committee. The title of the invited session is "Spatial Epidemiology, GIS and Disease Mapping". Three speakers will present, 1) Tom Koch, 2) Andrew Lawson and 3) Charmaine Dean.

Presentations

Lynn Kunkel and Joanne Weidemann presented separate posters at the Annual SOGRA conference in Nashville in September:

Weidemann, J. (2009, September). Providing Local Study Quality Assurance Monitoring in Multi-site Clinical Trials: A Comparison of Behavioral vs. Medication Trials. Poster session presented at the 18th Society of Clinical Research Associates Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.

Kunkel, L.E., & Fussell, H.E. (2009, September). Training Clinical Trial Staff to Implement a Rapid HIV Protocol: The "Role" of a Standardized Patient. Poster presented at the 18th Society of Clinical Research Associates Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.

Publications

Paper accepted:

Srilakshmi SM, **Choi D**, Planck SR, Harrington CA, Austin CR, Lewis JA, Diebel TN, Martin TM, Smith JR, Rosenbaum JT. Insights into the pathogenesis of Ankylosing Spondylitis based on gene expression profiles. *Arthritis Research and Therapy* (accepted)

Lynn Kunkel received a certificate from the Publishing Editor of Drug and Alcohol Dependence for co-authoring an article that was named "Top 10 Cited Paper 2006-2008":

Carroll, K., Ball, S., Nich, C., Martino, S., Frankforter, T., Farentinos, C., Kunkel, L., Mikulich-Gilbertson, S., Obert, J., Polcin, D., Snead, N. & Woody, G. (2006). Motivational interviewing to improve treatment engagement and outcome in individuals seeking treatment for substance abuse: A multisite effectiveness study. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 81(3), 301-312.

Affiliate Professor, **David Pollock**, had a paper published in the Journal of Ethics and Mental Health. Show Me the Evidence: The Ethical Aspects of Pharmaceutical Industry Marketing, Evidence-Based Medicine, and Rational Prescribing. The paper is in an online journal, the Journal of Ethics and Mental Health and can be accessed at: http://www.jemh.ca/issues/v4n1/documents/JEMH_Vol4_No1_SeptSupp_Show_Me_the_Evidence_Apr09.pdf. The presentation, on which the paper is based, is available as an online PPT presentation with audio synced at: http://pharmacy.oregonstate.edu/drug_policy/Presentations/AG_Grant/Pollack/player.html

Awards

Congratulations to Dr. Don Austin, Professor Emeritus, for his Lifetime Achievement Award! Dr. Austin received the award for “showing remarkable dedication and commitment to improving the public’s health and [for creating] a positive difference for Oregonians.” Dr. Austin was presented the award on behalf of the OPHA Awards Committee, on October 27th at the Awards Luncheon at the LaSells Stewart Center on the OSU campus in Corvallis.

Congratulations to Dr. Michelle Berlin, who won one of four Women Leaders of Oregon awards at the Third Annual Leadership Luncheon held October 8, 2009. The award was given by NEW Leadership Oregon at PSU (<http://www.newleadershiporegon.org>), which provides women-centered leadership programs that educate and encourage outstanding high school and college women to develop career paths toward public service and leadership in their communities.

FLU SEASON: UPDATE by Anne Stemwedel

As everyone is well aware, we are in the middle of a bad flu season. First, thanks to all you who have already gotten your seasonal flu shot. The H1N1 flu shot is not available for employees yet.

Second, OHSU has asked Departments to **track employee sick time associated with influenza** (both seasonal and H1N1). If you have flu like symptoms and you are at work, **please notify your manager and Gloria Harrison** (harrisog@ohsu.edu), Department’s timekeeper, and then please go home. If you experience flu like symptoms and you cannot report into work, please notify your manager and **cc Gloria**. She will be updating reported sick time in Kronos with a comment “Influenza.” Again, this is only to help the Institution track pockets of flu outbreaks and overall work absenteeism related to influenza.

Please note: OHSU’s policy used to be that you had to stay home for 7 days if you had flu symptoms, but this has changed! Now the policy reads, “Generally, unless you have a confirmed diagnosis of a condition other than the flu, *you must be away from work for seven days or until your symptoms resolve—* whichever occurs later. until 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of a medication to reduce fever.”

Lastly, please take a moment to review the University Flu- Season Guidelines.

<http://weblabs.ohsu.edu/blogs/staffnews/2009/10/16/flu-season-guidelines-for-all-employees/>

White Elephant/Pot Luck

This year’s annual White Elephant Gift Exchange and Pot Luck will be held from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, December 18, 2009. Expect a flyer and an email with more details to be sent soon. Gloria Harrison will place a sign up sheet for the potluck on the front reception desk as well.

If you’ve never participated in a white elephant gift exchange before, you can get a general idea of what it entails by visiting this link:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_elephant_gift_exchange



Holiday Giving

Marisa Gholson and Lynn Kunkel have, once again, volunteered to lead this year’s Holiday Giving. This year, PHPM will be collecting items for Human Solutions, a Homeless Families Warming Center in SE Portland. Within the next few weeks, a box will be put out in the PHPM front office and you can bring in toiletries, linens, and other supplies. You can expect more details via email and flyers coming soon.



To learn more about Human Solutions:

<http://www.humansolutions.org/>

MPH Program News

Please Join Us For the Following Thesis Defenses

The Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine announces the seminar and defense of the MPH thesis of **Kelsea Shoop** and **Heather Rectenwald**:

Kelsea's defense:

Treatment disparities among elderly colon cancer patients in the United States using SEER Medicare data

December 7, 2009

Seminar: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Campus Services Building, Room 679
3505 SW US Veterans Hospital Road
Portland, OR 97239

Heather's Defense:

Neurobehavioral effects of low-level chronic pesticide exposure in children

December 11, 2009

Seminar: 10:00am – 11:00am

Campus Services Building, Room 679
3505 SW US Veterans Hospital Road
Portland, OR 97239

Questions: call 503.494.2012

For a list of all scheduled MPH Thesis Defenses, please visit http://www.ohsu.edu/public-health/education/events/scheduled_thesis_presentations.shtml

Publications and Presentations

Former MD/MPH student, **Skye Mayo**, has an article, entitled "Adjuvant Therapy and Survival Following Resection of Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma: A Population-Based Analysis" published in Cancer. This is an extension of his MPH thesis, and is co-authored by the thesis committee members (Tomi Mori, Don Austin and Kevin Billingsley) and others (Brett Sheppard and Donald Shipley). Skye is doing his residency and fellowship in surgery at John's Hopkins.

An article based on **Sarah Trans'** MPH thesis was just published online by the Maternal and Child Health Journal:

Racial/Ethnic Disparities in the Receipt of Smoking Cessation Interventions During Prenatal Care.

Tran ST, Rosenberg KD, Carlson NE. Maternal and Child Health Journal. 2009 Oct 1. [Epub ahead of print]. PMID: 19795200

Work based on the MPH theses of **Priya Srikanth**, **Melissa Curran** and **Kaaren Nelson-Munson** were presented at the Oregon Public Health Association annual meeting in Corvallis on October 26-27, 2009:

Smoking Cessation and Postpartum Depression Two Years After Live Birth: Analysis of Oregon PRAMS-2 Data, 2006. Srikanth P, Rosenberg KD, Lapidus JA, Adams E.

Among unintended pregnancies, are unwanted pregnancies fundamentally different from mistimed pregnancies?: The case of breastfeeding. Nelson-Munson KA, Rosenberg KD, Fu R, Adams E.

Risk of food insecurity in mothers of children with special health care needs. Curran M, Adams E, Rosenberg KD, Peters D.



A huge congratulations goes out to **Jennifer Logan, MD, MPH**—Preventive Medicine Resident. Jennifer recently found out that she is expecting a baby in the spring. ETA is May 7, 2010.