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JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein
Representative Mark Born

Date: February 20, 2023

Re: UWSMPH Report to JFC

Attached is the Moving Health Forward report from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

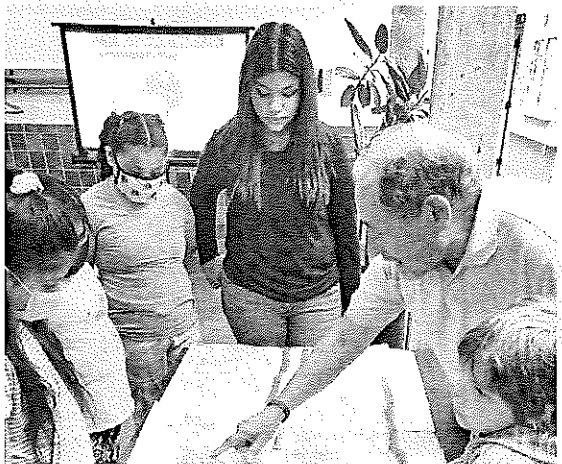
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MOVING HEALTH FORWARD

Annual Report July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



Wisconsin Partnership Program
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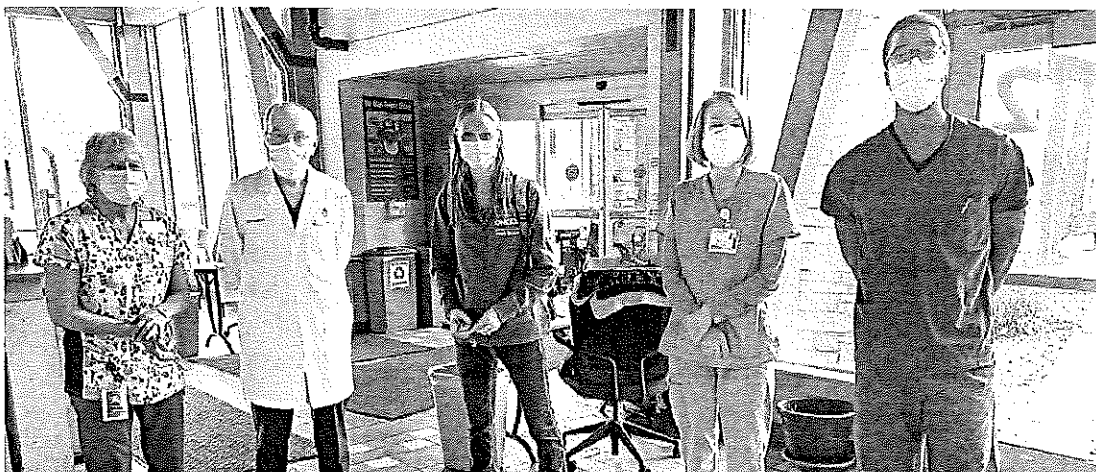
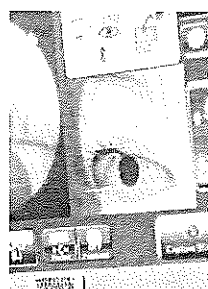


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KEY

AHW	Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin
ICTR	Institute for Clinical and Translational Research
MCW	Medical College of Wisconsin
NACHP	Native American Center for Health Professions
OAC	Oversight and Advisory Committee
PERC	Partnership Education and Research Committee
SMPH	School of Medicine and Public Health
WFAA	Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association
WPP	Wisconsin Partnership Program

The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health is home to the Wisconsin Partnership Program, a grantmaking program within the SMPH established as the result of a generous endowment gift from Blue Cross Blue Shield United of Wisconsin's conversion to a stock insurance corporation. The Wisconsin Partnership Program expresses its continued gratitude for this gift to benefit the people of Wisconsin.

Our Mission: To bring about lasting improvements in health and well-being and advance health equity in Wisconsin through investments in community partnerships, education, and research.

DEAN'S MESSAGE

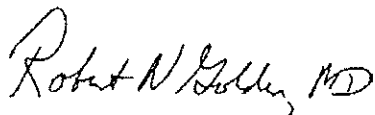
It is my pleasure to present the Wisconsin Partnership Program's annual report for fiscal year 2021–2022. The UW School of Medicine and Public Health is proud to serve as the home to the Wisconsin Partnership Program. Established through a gift resulting from Blue Cross Blue Shield United of Wisconsin's conversion from a nonprofit organization to a for-profit corporation, the Wisconsin Partnership Program endowment has provided an unprecedented opportunity to improve health and advance health equity throughout our state.

This year, we welcomed Amy Kind, MD, PhD, associate dean for social health sciences and programs and professor of medicine at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health as the Partnership Program's executive director. She follows Eileen Smith, founding director, who retired after nearly 20 years of outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the Wisconsin Partnership Program. Dr. Kind has served on the Wisconsin Partnership Program's governance committees since 2018. She is the director of the UW Center for Health Disparities Research and an international leader in the fields of social determinants, health equity, and brain health disparities research. Her rigorous research expertise and commitment to health equity will greatly inform and guide the work of the Wisconsin Partnership Program.

Since it began making grants in 2004, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has remained a steadfast partner to researchers, health care providers, educators, and community organizations who are working tirelessly to improve the health of Wisconsin's people and communities. To date, this has resulted in 591 grants for a diverse array of initiatives whose impact extends to the corners of our state and beyond—a true embodiment of the Wisconsin Idea. Through these investments and partnerships, the Wisconsin Partnership Program is driving research and discovery, enhancing education, tackling health inequities, responding to a pandemic, and supporting solutions to complex health challenges. The advancements and interventions resulting from this work will benefit the people of Wisconsin now and for years to come.

This annual report highlights several partnerships that span a broad range of health issues, geographic areas, communities, and populations. Our state is stronger and our communities are healthier as a result of these powerful collaborations. The Wisconsin Partnership Program remains dedicated to advancing the Wisconsin Idea in a way that allows everyone in our state to live full and healthy lives.

Sincerely,



Robert N. Golden, MD

Robert Turell Professor in Medical Leadership

Dean, UW School of Medicine and Public Health

Vice Chancellor of Medical Affairs

University of Wisconsin–Madison



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Thank you for your ongoing support and interest in the critical work that the Wisconsin Partnership Program and its partners are undertaking to improve the health and well-being of the people of Wisconsin. As we continue to navigate the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and address the health disparities facing communities across the state, the Wisconsin Partnership Program's work remains more important than ever.

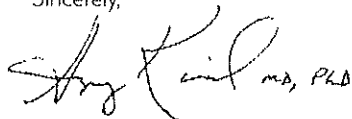
The University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health and Wisconsin Partnership Program share a vision of improving health and advancing health equity for all. We are working with partners within the university and in communities throughout the state to develop new opportunities for innovation and collaboration—through investments in basic science, clinical and translational research, education, and community partnerships—that will bring us closer to realizing this vision.

The Wisconsin Partnership Program also recognizes that fully achieving this vision will take the commitment and work of many collaborations across many sectors. As such, we look forward to future opportunities to convene a broad range of partners and stakeholders as we explore new ideas, interventions, and impactful solutions for addressing the persistent health challenges facing our state.

This year I was honored to assume the role of Executive Director of the Wisconsin Partnership Program and build upon its legacy of impact and success. As both a medical doctor specialized in the treatment of memory disorders and a clinical researcher with expertise in neighborhood disadvantage, social determinants, and brain health, I have dedicated my career to better understanding and eliminating health disparities.

I look forward to partnering with the many collaborators and stakeholders who are striving to ensure that our shared vision of improved health and advanced health equity reaches every corner of Wisconsin. Together, we will create pathways that move health forward.

Sincerely,



Amy JH Kind, MD, PhD

Associate Dean, Social Health Sciences and Programs

Executive Director, Wisconsin Partnership Program

Director, UW Center for Health Disparities Research (CHDR)

Professor, Division of Geriatrics, Department of Medicine

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health



MOVING HEALTH FORWARD

The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) is a grantmaking program within the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) committed to improving health and advancing health equity* in Wisconsin through investments in research, education, and community partnerships.

WPP's approach to grantmaking harnesses the power of academic research combined with community expertise to address some of Wisconsin's most pressing and complex health challenges. Its principles and practices are integrated with the time-honored concept of the Wisconsin Idea, recognizing the tremendous opportunity to bridge the knowledge and resources of the university with community insights to improve life within the state of Wisconsin and beyond.

To date, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has awarded 591 grants totaling \$281 million to propel research, enhance health education and workforce development, support community health partnerships, advance health equity, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

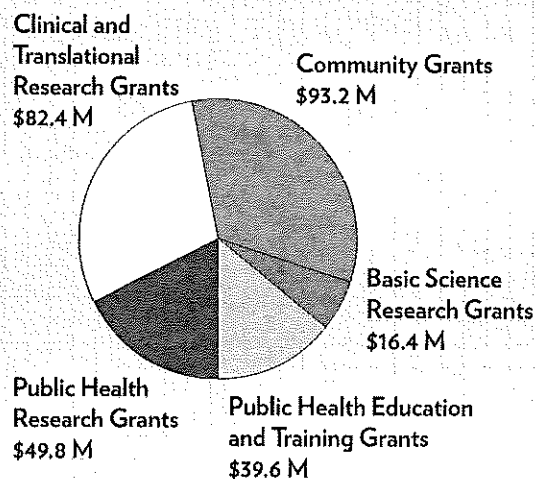
This year's annual report highlights how these investments are moving health forward through a wide range of projects and initiatives that are working to improve health and advance health equity across the state.

* The Wisconsin Partnership Program defines health equity as the attainment of the highest level of health for all people.¹ This requires addressing obstacles to health such as poverty and discrimination and their consequences (including lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, quality education and housing, safe environments and health care.)² 1: From "The Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2020: Phase I Report: Recommendations for the Framework and Format of Healthy People 2020," 2008, by the Department of Health and Human Services, retrieved from [healthypeople.gov/sites/default/files/PhaseI_0.pdf](https://www.healthypeople.gov/sites/default/files/PhaseI_0.pdf); 2: From "What is Health Equity? and What Difference Does a Definition Make?" 2017, by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, retrieved from [nccdh.ca/resources/entry/what-is-health-equity-and-what-difference-does-a-definition-make](https://www.nccdh.ca/resources/entry/what-is-health-equity-and-what-difference-does-a-definition-make).

➤ The Wisconsin Partnership Program is governed by two committees composed of faculty and community members. The Oversight and Advisory Committee directs and distributes funds for public health initiatives. The Partnership Education and Research Committee allocates funds for education and research initiatives to improve population health. Their combined expertise and backgrounds guide the Wisconsin Partnership Program's processes for reviewing and awarding grants.

GRANTS AWARDED BY TYPE

2004 – June 30, 2022



GRANTS AWARDED 2004 – JUNE 30, 2022

591 grants; \$281.4 Million

GRANTS AWARDED JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

41 grants; \$18.5 Million

RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Grantees have leveraged more than **\$684 million** from federal agencies and other organizations to sustain or expand their work.

YEAR IN REVIEW

During fiscal year 2021–2022, the Wisconsin Partnership Program awarded 41 new grants and supported the progress of 54 active grants and 29 concluding grants, supporting in total 124 projects and initiatives which provide a wide range of innovative approaches, interventions, and solutions that are moving health forward throughout Wisconsin. Below are highlights of activities that occurred during fiscal year 2021–22:



Bolstering the health care workforce

A partnership between the University of Wisconsin System, the UW–Madison School of Nursing, and the Wisconsin Partnership Program expanded the COVID-19 student health care worker initiative to help address health care staffing challenges in the state during the 2021 winter COVID-19 surge and its aftermath. The initiative, funded initially through a \$500,000 investment from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and then an additional \$500,000 from the Wisconsin Partnership Program, provided a \$500 tuition credit to nursing students within the UW System who worked in health care settings during this critical time.



Responding to COVID-19

The Wisconsin Partnership Program continued to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic this year, providing an additional \$3.5 million to community organizations and researchers who are addressing the ongoing health consequences of the pandemic. These new awards address the pandemic's toll on vulnerable and diverse populations, promote testing and safety in schools, address the pandemic's impact on adolescent mental health, and support basic science research on COVID-19.



Promoting maternal and infant health

Two funding opportunities are strengthening and expanding community-led efforts and approaches to improve the health of Wisconsin's mothers and infants. The Wisconsin Partnership Program supported eight new projects through the *Strengthening Community Solutions to Improve Black Maternal and Infant Health* funding opportunity. These projects are expanding doula services, supporting mothers recently released from incarceration, promoting family health and involvement of fathers, and building collaborations between synergistic organizations. A second funding opportunity released this year supports work to reduce maternal and child health disparities with a focus on underserved and marginalized communities, including but not limited to Asian, Black, Hispanic, Native American, and rural communities. These awards reached statewide, and were announced in fiscal year 2023.



Propelling research and innovation

Support for innovative research provides a pathway to discovery and health improvement. One such pathway is through the Wisconsin Partnership Program's New Investigator Program, which provides opportunities for early-career faculty to initiate innovative research projects, that can lead to further funding. This year, four new investigators at the SMPH received awards of \$150,000 each to support innovative research on topics including targeting blindness, improving pregnancy outcomes, and advancing gene therapy. To date, this grant program has supported the careers of 76 School of Medicine and Public Health faculty who have gone on to leverage \$46 million in funding to expand or sustain their research.

➤ **Advancing health equity through community partnerships**

In fiscal year 2021–2022, the Wisconsin Partnership Program awarded \$4 million to community-led initiatives that are working to advance health equity across a wide range of issues, communities, and geographic areas, including promoting access to healthy food in the Oneida Nation, improving access to treatment and care for people struggling with substance use disorders in rural Wisconsin, improving dementia diagnoses and care for Latinx in southeast Wisconsin, and increasing access to safe and supportive housing for formerly incarcerated women and their families.

➤ **Building capacity for Wisconsin nonprofits and public health departments**

The Wisconsin Partnership Program is collaborating with the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment (AHW) at the Medical College of Wisconsin to offer *Catchafire* services to its community partners. *Catchafire* is a capacity-building platform that aims to advance equitable support and inclusive access to community organizations by providing pro bono capacity-building services, including fundraising, marketing, technology, finance, human resources, web development, and graphic design. Through this collaboration, current AHW and WPP community grantees as well as Wisconsin city and county public health departments have free access to this innovative service to help meet their organizations' administrative and operational needs. This impactful partnership has resulted in savings of more than \$212,000 and 1,130 donated hours for projects provided to participating nonprofits and public health agencies.

➤ **Reporting outcomes and progress**

The Wisconsin Partnership Program publishes annual outcome reports in an online format to highlight the progress, lessons learned and achievements of concluded grants. The outcome reports are featured on the **Funded Projects** section of WPP's website.

➤ **Return on investment**

During this fiscal year, grantees reported **\$40.4 million** in funds leveraged from external sources to sustain or expand their work, for a total of \$684 million to date.

GRANTMAKING ACTIVITY DURING FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

The Wisconsin Partnership Program advances its mission to improve health and advance health equity through a strong portfolio of grant programs that support research initiatives, education and training, and community partnerships.

41
Grants Awarded

\$18.5 million
Amount Awarded

29
Grants Concluded

124
Total Active Grants

These grants are moving health forward with a broad array of projects and initiatives that provide innovative approaches and solutions to improve health and advance health equity among a diverse range of patients, populations, and geographic areas.

FISCAL YEAR 2022 GRANTS AWARDED

Education and Research Grant Programs	
3 Collaborative Health Sciences Grant Program Grants \$1.8 million awarded	4 New Investigator Grant Program Grants \$600,000 awarded
6 Strategic Education and Research Grants \$7.4 million awarded	8 COVID-19 Response Partnership Education and Research Grants \$1.9 million awarded

Community Grant Programs		
4 Community Impact Grants \$4 million awarded	8 Maternal and Child Health Grants \$1.16 million awarded	8 COVID-19 Focus on Adolescent Social and Emotional Health Grants \$1.6 million awarded

In total, there were 124 active grants in fiscal year 2022. Please see the appendix for a complete listing of these awards. Full award descriptions and outcome reports for concluded grants can be found on our [Funded Projects](#) webpage.

GRANT ACTIVITY BY CATEGORY

Current active projects supported through WPP's research, education, and community grant programs are addressing one or more of the following health topics or populations.

- Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia ●●
- Blindness ●
- Cancer ●
- Cells and Immune Response ●
- COVID-19 ●●●
- Diabetes ●
- Disease Prevention and Treatment ●
- Education and Workforce Development ●
- Incarceration (supporting the health and re-entry of formerly and currently incarcerated individuals and families) ●●
- Infectious Disease ●
- LGBTQ+ Communities ●●
- Low Socioeconomic Status (promoting health through access to housing, education, and income stability) ●●●
- Maternal and Child Health ●●
- Mental Health and Wellness ●●
- Nutrition ●
- Population and Community Health ●●●
- Precision Medicine ●
- Racial and Ethnic Minorities ●●●
- Rural Health ●●●
- Substance Misuse and Abuse ●●
- Suicide Prevention ●
- Tobacco Use ●
- Transforming Health Care Delivery ●●
- Tribal Health ●●
- Urban Health ●●●

- Key**
- Research ●
 - Education and Workforce Development ●
 - Community Partnerships ●

RESPONDING TO COVID-19

The Wisconsin Partnership Program continues to provide support to address the health challenges and consequences of COVID-19. To date, it has committed more than \$6.75 million with 42 grants to community partners, educators and researchers to strengthen the resilience of Wisconsin families and communities, deepen understanding about COVID-19, inform approaches to prevention and treatment, and support the health care workforce.

In fiscal year 2022, the Wisconsin Partnership Program announced \$3.5 million to 16 projects and initiatives through **two COVID-19 Response Grant Programs**. These awards build upon the Partnership Program's initial 2020 COVID-19 response and support projects that address the health needs of populations in urban and rural communities across the state of Wisconsin.

The *COVID-19 Focus on Adolescent Social and Emotional Health Grant Program* supported eight awards to community organizations addressing the tremendous impact of the pandemic on the social and emotional health of Wisconsin's adolescents.

The *COVID-19 Response Research and Education Grant Program* supported innovative research and education projects that address a wide range of consequences and health challenges of the pandemic, including the long-term consequences of COVID-19, testing and safety in schools, and basic science research on COVID-19.

HIGHLIGHTED INITIATIVES

➤ Responding to Dual Epidemics

A new project addresses the dual epidemics of COVID-19 and drug overdose. With a focus on rural Wisconsin residents, the goal of this project is to understand patterns of overdose risk and COVID-19 vaccine willingness and related behaviors. The project team is also testing a mobile phone intervention to support vaccine uptake in this population. [Learn more.](#)

➤ Supporting Adolescent Mental Health

GSAFE, an organization dedicated to promoting school communities where all LGBTQ+ youth thrive, is delivering critically needed social-emotional supports to BIPOC, Trans, Nonbinary LGBTQ+ adolescents impacted by COVID-19 by developing leadership opportunities and educator training.

➤ Supporting People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Researchers and community collaborators are studying how COVID-19 has changed the daily life of Wisconsinites living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Their findings will guide service delivery for future health crises to ensure that Wisconsin communities and workplaces are safe, inclusive, and accessible. [Learn more about the project.](#)

BOLSTERING THE HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

Wisconsin's health care system faced unprecedented staffing challenges as it navigated multiple waves of COVID-19 infections. Additionally, existing staffing challenges in Wisconsin's nursing homes and skilled care facilities were heightened by the pandemic, creating a critical need for more health care workers to care for elderly residents and persons with special needs.

A COVID-19 Response Grant for the *UW Student Health Care Worker Tuition Program* has helped meet these crucial staffing needs. The tuition program provides a \$500 tuition credit to nursing and health sciences students at participating UW System schools who worked in hospitals and health care settings during the spring 2022 semester. The initiative is led by the UW-Madison School of Nursing, and supported with a \$500,000 grant from the Wisconsin Partnership Program to expand an initial effort supported by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Thanks to this incentive program, more than 1,600 nursing and health sciences students stepped up to meet the health care needs of their communities and receive tuition support. More than 600 students from undergraduate and graduate nursing and health sciences programs at UW-Madison participated and more than 1000 students took part from partnering UW System schools, including Eau Claire, Green Bay, Milwaukee, Oshkosh, and Stevens Point.

"Each participating student has provided at least 50 hours of essential service to their communities and gained both valuable experience and financial support," said UW-Madison School of Nursing Dean Linda D. Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP, FAAN, and co-director of the project. "The program's reach was remarkable as well, with students serving in a variety of settings, including hospitals and clinics, assisted living and long-term care facilities, hospices, pharmacies, and more." These settings were located within 79 unique Wisconsin zip code areas and included rural, urban, and suburban locations.



"This project represents the true power of partnerships in meeting the needs of our state's health care system, and the patients and families it serves," said Amy Kind, MD, PhD, associate dean for social health sciences and programs at the SMPH and executive director of the Wisconsin Partnership Program. "We are grateful to our state's dedicated health care workforce and equally grateful for the support that students throughout the UW System have provided at this time. These future health professionals are already serving and strengthening our health care system in meaningful ways." [Learn more.](#)



TRACKING THE VIRUS

Very early in the pandemic, a Wisconsin Partnership Program COVID-19 Response Grant enabled the first SARS-CoV-2 genomic surveillance in Wisconsin, helping researchers to understand the virus's spread and inform assessments of future risks and variants. This work was widely recognized as field-leading, garnered national attention and

resulted in several peer-reviewed publications and new external grants. This work supports the ongoing monitoring of SARS-CoV-2 as well as other viral threats, such as influenza, to identify and intercept viral outbreaks more quickly. [Read more.](#)

PARTNERING FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) supports community-led partnerships and collaborations implementing a wide range of initiatives and approaches to improving health and advancing health equity across diverse communities and geographic areas in Wisconsin.

Since 2004, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has invested \$93.2 million in 341 community partnerships, including \$6.75 million for 20 awards this fiscal year. These awards support community-academic partnerships and community-led projects that seek to improve health and reduce health disparities by addressing a wide range of health challenges and social factors that influence health and well-being. In alignment with the Wisconsin Idea, these partnerships extend the resources of the university to benefit communities throughout the state, and bridge the expertise and knowledge of community partners with the university as well.

The Wisconsin Partnership Program currently administers a number of recurring competitive community grant programs, each with a unique approach to improving health and advancing health equity:

- **The Community Impact Grant Program** supports large-scale, evidence-based, community-academic partnerships designed to achieve sustainable systems change that will improve health, health equity, and well-being.
- **The Maternal and Child Health Grant Program** provides funding for a broad range of community-led initiatives to improve maternal and child health outcomes, with a focus on under-resourced or marginalized communities. Please see page 9 for more information on this grant program.
- WPP also offers special one-time grants to nimbly meet the health needs of Wisconsin. In fiscal year 2022, eight awards were made through the **COVID-19 Response Focus on Adolescent Social and Emotional Health Grant Program**. Please see page 7 for more information on this grant program.

HIGHLIGHTED INITIATIVES

➤ Supporting the Health Needs of Wisconsin's Rural Communities

A statewide collaboration between the UW SMPH Department of Family Medicine and Community Health, Voices for Recovery, and the Wisconsin Hospital Association is working to improve access to treatment and care for people in rural Wisconsin struggling with substance use disorders. [Read the story.](#)

➤ Promoting Food Sovereignty and Cultural Identity to Improve Health

The Oneida Nation is using a Community Impact Grant to develop a model of programming that promotes food sovereignty and cultural identity. By connecting the community to traditional foodways, land, history, and culture, and increasing knowledge in growing, harvesting, producing, and processing food, the initiative is creating a comprehensive approach to improving health and addressing the health care needs of the Oneida community.



The Foundation for Black Women's Wellness team; first row seated left to right: Tisha Butler, Janine Stephens-Hale, Khaleah Monger, April Kigeya, Lisa Peyton-Caire, Alana Caire, Jasmia Hamilton; second row standing left to right: Brandice Hatcher, Micaela Berry-Smith, Gabe Doyle, Nickita Cooper, Christine Russell, Tracey Russell, Alia Stevenson, Erin Bailey-Winston

HARNESSING THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

The Foundation for Black Women's Wellness (FBWW) is a leading voice for Black women and families in Dane County and beyond. It was established in 2012, with a vision to transform the lives and health of Black women through education, advocacy, support, and powerful partnerships.

Led by Lisa Peyton-Caire, MS,ED., founder, president and CEO, the FBWW is working to eliminate the health disparities impacting Black women in Wisconsin, where Black birth disparities and racial health disparities are among the worst in the nation.

In 2018, the FBWW received its first-ever multi-year grant. The four-year, \$300,000 grant from the Wisconsin Partnership Program enabled the foundation to operationalize its mission and increase its organizational capacity. The FBWW used the funding to build its staff from one to 15; serve the immediate health needs of Black women; and strengthen collaborations with community partners, private organizations, and public agencies including philanthropy, health systems, and government.

"Over the past four years we have mobilized the strategies we envisioned around our most critical work and have taken our conversation around Black women's health from a whisper to a movement," said Peyton-Caire.

The grant also supported one of the FBWW's central priorities: to create and launch a Community Health Worker (CHW) program to serve Black women and families across Dane County, focusing on families residing in the area's highest need zip codes.

The FBWW continues to ensure that Black women are shaping the policies and practices that impact their lives. The annual Black Women's Wellness Day, local and national public speaking engagements, publications, additional funding from WPP and others, and new partnerships are just a few of the Foundation's many activities and accomplishments.

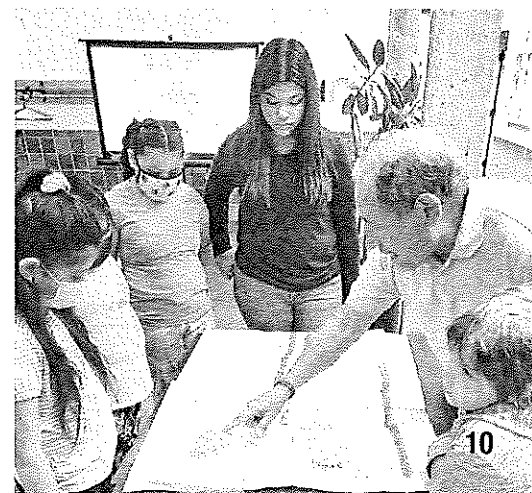
"Our goal is to move Wisconsin from worst to best for Black women's health and Black family health," said Peyton-Caire. "Through our programs and partnerships, we are building solutions that can be replicated in communities across the state."

IMPROVING DEMENTIA CARE AND TREATMENT FOR THE LATINO COMMUNITY

The United Community Center (UCC) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin is a trusted community partner working to transform the lives of Hispanics of all ages by providing high quality comprehensive services and support to its community.

UCC is currently using a WPP Community Impact Grant to develop the Latino Dementia Health Regional Consortium. In partnership with Aging and Disability Resource Center offices and others, the project expands UCC's Latino Memory Clinic services to a regional model of virtual and mobile dementia diagnostic services in Spanish, to improve Alzheimer's disease detection, diagnosis, and support services for Hispanics in the southeast region of the state, including Milwaukee, Waukesha, Racine, and Kenosha.

The program also supports youth who serve as care givers. Pictured below, Dr. Piero Antuono discusses brain health during a Y-Care youth session on dementia care.



STRENGTHENING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) has a long history of supporting efforts to improve health outcomes for Wisconsin's mothers and children. This commitment is reflected in investments across WPP's portfolio through its current Maternal and Child Health Grant Program as well as through funded research initiatives and community partnerships.

In Wisconsin, continuing challenges make it harder for many mothers and families to experience healthy pregnancies and birth outcomes. This is especially true for those families identifying as Black.¹ To date, WPP has committed \$16.3 million to 57 projects and initiatives through targeted grant opportunities to promote healthy pregnancies and birth outcomes and ensure more Wisconsin mothers and babies can thrive.

The Wisconsin Partnership Program recognizes that community-based organizations and strong community models of care led by trusted partners are essential to improving maternal and child health outcomes. In November 2021, WPP announced \$1.15 million in funding for eight grants through a new grant program to support and strengthen the efforts of community organizations to improve the health of Wisconsin's Black mothers and infants. These awards support projects that expand doula services and outreach; expand programs to support mothers at risk for poor maternal and infant health outcomes; and strengthen post-partum care and support.

WPP launched an additional funding opportunity in April 2022 to expand support to community-based organizations with a focus on under-resourced and marginalized communities across Wisconsin, including, but not limited to, Asian, Black, Hispanic, Native American, and rural communities. Those awards were announced in fiscal year 2023.

HIGHLIGHTED INITIATIVES

In addition to support provided through its community grant programs, WPP provides funding to improve maternal and infant health outcomes through its research grant programs including the following examples:

➤ Improving Postpartum Care for Black Mothers

Researchers in the UW SMPH Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology are collaborating with trusted community partner Harambee Village Doulas on a WPP research grant that expands a successful telehealth patient monitoring program for hypertension to better address the postpartum health needs of the community's Black mothers. [Read more.](#)

➤ Preventing Preterm Births

A new research project in the UW SMPH Department of Medical Physics is investigating the use of ultrasound imaging technology and modeling to better understand the mechanisms surrounding preterm birth. The information gained has the potential to inform new approaches and interventions to preventing pre-term birth. [Read more.](#)

¹Wisconsin Department of Health Services. (2019). Annual Wisconsin birth and infant mortality report 2017. Retrieved from <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p01161-19.pdf>, Wisconsin Department of Health Services. (n.d.). WISH – Infant mortality module. Retrieved from <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wish/infantmortality/index.htm>.

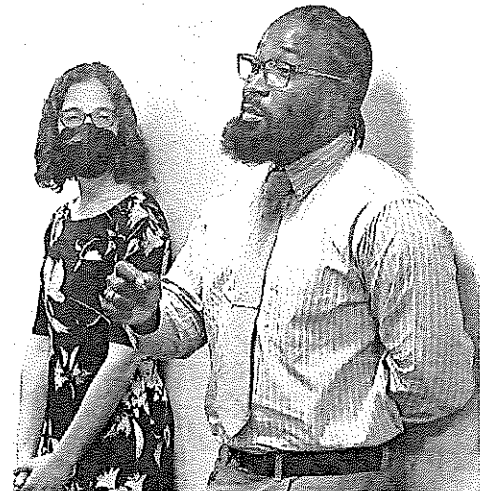
BLACK FATHERS, EQUAL PARTNERS IN ADVANCING MATERNAL AND INFANT HEALTH

Black fathers play an important, and often overlooked, role in improving maternal and infant health and reducing the disparities in infant mortality experienced by Black families. Community and academic partners at the African American Breastfeeding Network and UW–Madison are leading an initiative that engages Black fathers and explores how their involvement and support can improve the health and well-being of mothers and infants.

The project is led by UW–Madison investigators Tova Walsh, PhD, MSW, assistant professor, Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social

Work; and Alvin Thomas, PhD, MS, assistant professor, School of Human Ecology, (pictured at right) and community partners at the African American Breastfeeding Network (AABN).

In partnership with the AABN, the research team engaged Black expectant fathers and mothers in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to gather input on their experiences and needs during pregnancy and the postpartum period. The findings will be used to develop and enhance father-inclusive programming to support and



strengthen the role of fathers as partners and parents in the perinatal period and beyond.

The project is funded by a UW–Madison Institute for Clinical and Translational Research Clinical and Community Outcomes Research pilot award through funding from the Wisconsin Partnership Program. [Read the report.](#)

COLLABORATING TO SUPPORT MILWAUKEE MOTHERS AND INFANTS

Two community organizations that serve some of the poorest and most under-resourced communities in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, are partnering to strengthen the support they provide to families with young children.

In Wisconsin, the rate of Black infant mortality remains among the worst in the nation. Next Door Milwaukee and Penfield Children's Center, both trusted community partners and early childhood experts, are using a WPP Maternal and Child Health Grant to strengthen their capacity to address this persistent challenge.

Their project is providing enhanced family support with the goals of reducing risks for infant death, supporting future pregnancies, promoting child development, and ensuring

access to resources essential to family well-being including employment, health care, and housing. The organizations are employing a range of strategies and evidence-based approaches including the "2 Gen" approach, which supports families in reaching their goals for economic self-sufficiency and child development, as well as training family engagement specialists, developing a parent council, and implementing a parenting curriculum and learning apps. Using proven models and practices, the project will provide parents the necessary knowledge and resources to stay healthy during pregnancy and childbearing years and an understanding of best practices to support the health and safety of their infants and children, including information on child development and safe sleep practices.

"This grant allows us to leverage our partnership in new synergistic ways to provide comprehensive services to families with the greatest needs," said Tracy Sparrow, Ed.D, president of Next Door. "By working together, we are broadening the range of services and activities we offer, and expanding our capacity to successfully support Black mothers and families in Milwaukee."

Photo courtesy of Next Door Milwaukee



IMPROVING HEALTH THROUGH RESEARCH

The Wisconsin Partnership Program advances its mission through investments in research initiatives that are driving innovation and propelling medical advancements, interventions, and treatments that move health forward.

Since 2004, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has provided \$148.6 million to 203 projects and initiatives through its research grant programs, including \$11.2 million to 20 projects this year. These programs have a history of success in advancing innovative ideas, harnessing the power of team science, responding to urgent health needs, and building capacity within and beyond the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) for pioneering research and education efforts that improve health and health care delivery.

- The **Collaborative Health Sciences Grant Program** supports innovative approaches to interdisciplinary research or education to advance health, health care, and health equity.
- The **New Investigator Grant Program** provides funding for proposals from early-career faculty to support efforts to advance their research.
- **Opportunity Grants** provide strategic, flexible, and timely funding to support high-risk, high-impact, state-of-the-art education and research programs.
- Through its **Strategic Education and Research Grant Program**, the Wisconsin Partnership Program supports novel education and research infrastructure and programs at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, including support for the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research.
- WPP also offers special one-time grants to nimbly meet the health needs of Wisconsin, such as its COVID-19 Response Grant Program. See page 7 for details.

HIGHLIGHTED INITIATIVES

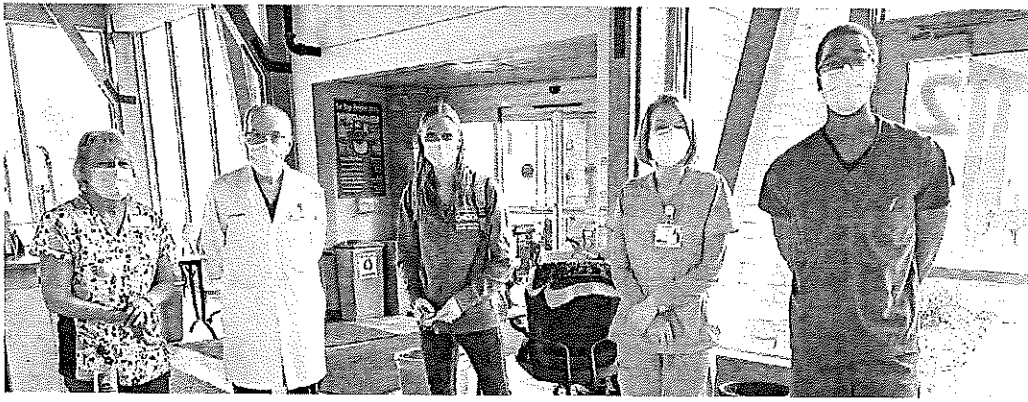
➤ Promoting Antibiotic Stewardship in Wisconsin Nursing Homes

Overuse and misuse of antibiotics is a major public health problem in Wisconsin that adversely impacts the health of nursing homes residents.

Interventions are needed to improve the quality and safety of antibiotic prescribing in nursing homes, where risk for urinary tract infections (UTI) is high. Researchers at the UW SMPH and UW-Madison School of Pharmacy have partnered with 20 such settings to address this problem. The team developed a *UTI Toolkit* of recommended interventions to help nursing home staff, providers, and families of residents better assess and promote appropriate antibiotic prescribing. [Read the Outcome Report.](#)

➤ New Brain Health Discoveries in Down Syndrome and Alzheimer's Disease

A specific group of neurons in the brain involved in learning and memory are affected in Down syndrome and these neurons die in both Down syndrome and Alzheimer's disease. An innovative study seeks to understand why these neurons become vulnerable in Down syndrome and how the knowledge can be applied to better understand Alzheimer's disease and help people with Down syndrome.



Pictured left to right: Connie Vandenberg, Oneida Medical Director of Nursing; Dr. Robert Dempsey, SMPH; Amanda Riesenber, Oneida Wellness Coach; Dr. Carol Mitchell, SMPH; and Cedric Williams, SMPH medical student

PREVENTING STROKE IN THE ONEIDA NATION

A partnership between the Oneida Nation and the UW School of Medicine and Public Health is working to prevent stroke in the Oneida Nation.

Supported by a grant from the Wisconsin Partnership Program, the *Stroke Prevention in the Wisconsin Native American Population* tribal-academic partnership addresses the urgent need to target stroke risk factors in Native populations, where stroke is a significant cause of death and disability.

Partners include the Oneida Comprehensive Health Division, with support from the Oneida Business Committee, the Native American Center for Health Professions (NACHP) at the SMPH, and a team of researchers and medical students led by Robert Dempsey, MD, chair of the SMPH Department of Neurological Surgery.

"Much of current stroke research focuses on patient outcomes after a major stroke, and people often don't recognize other important factors, like the loss of cognition that comes from multiple small strokes. These outcomes — including loss of creativity, independence, and decision-making — are devastating and common," said Dempsey. "This project looks at how to change these risk factors and specifically how intensive health coaching can help."

Each month, Dempsey and a team of researchers, clinicians, and SMPH medical students travel from Madison to the Oneida reservation, located in northeastern Wisconsin. Tribal members are invited to participate in a health assessment to determine their stroke risk. Based on risk status, eligible participants are invited to join the two-year study and are connected with a health coach for support in lifestyle changes that can reduce the risk of stroke and dementia.

The bidirectional approach to this partnership has united the cultural expertise of the Oneida community with the clinical expertise of the research team. "The team's consistency and willingness to travel here each month, and the cultural humility with which they approach this project have been key to its success," said Melissa Metoxen, NACHP assistant director and member of the Oneida Nation.

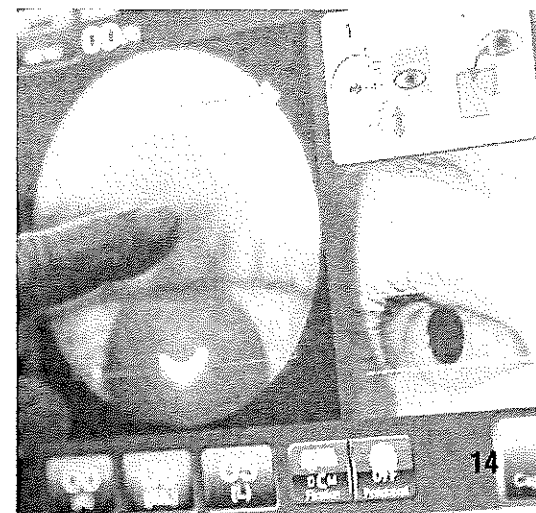
The partners are committed to ensuring that the stroke prevention program is effective and culturally sensitive. "We have much to learn from the tribe in terms of culture and their approach to holistic health care," said Dempsey. "The Oneida community wants to learn how to disseminate what is learned here to benefit the broader Native American community as well." [Learn more.](#)

INCREASING ACCESS TO DIABETIC EYE SCREENING IN RURAL WISCONSIN

Patients in rural Wisconsin have better access to vision-saving diabetic eye screenings thanks to an innovative telehealth program led by Yao Liu, MD, MS, assistant professor in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health.

With initial funding from the Wisconsin Partnership Program, Liu and collaborators at Mile Bluff Medical Center in Mauston, Wisconsin, found that a unique remote eye screening program showed significant improvement in screening rates for patients with diabetes. To date, more than 1,200 patients have received screenings and the program has expanded to four health systems across Wisconsin.

In September 2021, Liu and team received a \$4.4 million grant from the National Eye Institute to expand the project. The multicenter clinical trial will test the program at eight rural health systems across the country. [Learn more.](#)



ENHANCING MEDICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

The Wisconsin Partnership Program supports strategic education initiatives at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) as well as statewide initiatives for public health training and workforce development.

The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) has a proud history of supporting the education of future physicians and public health leaders. Funding from the WPP helped catalyze the transformation of the University of Wisconsin Medical School into the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Since 2004, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has awarded nearly \$40 million in support for 47 education and public health workforce initiatives, which have impacted all corners of Wisconsin. Results include increasing the number of physicians practicing in rural Wisconsin, supporting the public health workforce to help communities advance local health improvements, and transforming the medical education curriculum to help prepare future physicians to meet the state's evolving health care needs.

WPP has a strong track record of establishing innovative education initiatives. Examples include providing initial funding to establish the Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine and the Master of Public Health Program at the SMPH, and supporting the Preventive Medicine Residency—all critical to strengthening the health care workforce and attracting the best and brightest to the state. WPP also created the Wisconsin Partnership Program Scholarship, a four-year scholarship to support the enrollment of students who are historically underrepresented in medicine. This investment strengthens training pathways toward meeting the diverse and evolving health needs of patients and populations in Wisconsin.

HIGHLIGHTED INITIATIVES

➤ Wisconsin Academy of Rural Medicine

The Wisconsin Academy of Rural Medicine (WARM) received crucial start-up funding from the Wisconsin Partnership Program to help address physician shortages in rural Wisconsin. WARM admits 26 students annually who intend to practice rural medicine. Since its inception in 2007, WARM has graduated 228 medical students and over 91 percent of graduates are practicing in Wisconsin.

➤ Transforming Medical Education

A grant for the Transforming Medical Education initiative has supported the development of the *Forward* curriculum, an education model that fully integrates basic, public health, and clinical sciences throughout SMPH medical students' education. To date, more than 743 current medical students and 607 graduates have benefited from the new curriculum.

➤ Preventive Medicine Residency

The Preventive Medicine Residency Program is a two-year training program for physicians seeking to train across the full spectrum of health care and public health. Preventive medicine is one of 24 specialties recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties and, at present, this program is the only accredited preventive medicine residency program in Wisconsin.



BUILDING A MORE DIVERSE PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE

Building a diverse physician workforce is essential to improving health care and meeting the health needs of underserved patients and populations in Wisconsin.

In 2020, the Wisconsin Partnership Program initiated the WPP Scholarship Program with the goal of promoting greater diversity in medical education at the SMPH. The scholarship program provides tuition support to selected students to help increase the enrollment and retention of medical students from communities that are historically underrepresented in medicine.

Four scholarships for full four-year medical school tuition have been made to date. The awardees represent racial or ethnic groups that are historically underrepresented in medicine, including American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, Asian and Hmong. In addition, the students are from diverse

geographic areas in the state, including rural, urban, and suburban communities.

"We are delighted to welcome the WPP scholarship recipients to the SMPH," said Jonathan Temte, MD, PhD, MS, associate dean for public health and community engagement at the SMPH. "Most of the awardees received multiple admission and scholarship offers from several institutions. This scholarship program has helped us recruit the most highly sought, dynamic, and talented applicants who share our commitment to addressing health disparities and advancing health equity."

The WPP Scholarship Program provides up to \$40,000 per year to selected students for up to four years of medical school, for a maximum of \$160,000 per student over their enrollment period. "We are educating future physicians who will play a vital role in helping address many of the persistent health disparities facing our state," said Temte.

DEVELOPING PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS TO SERVE WISCONSIN

Erik Ohlrogge is one of seven fellows serving in the 2021–2023 cohort of the Wisconsin Population Health Services Fellowship Program. The



two-year service and training program places early career individuals working in public health and allied sciences in practice-based settings spanning community, nonprofit, government, and health service organizations in Wisconsin. To date, more than 97 masters- or doctoral-prepared fellows from diverse backgrounds have been placed in more than 40 local and state public health and community-based organizations.

Through his fellowship placement, Ohlrogge serves the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. at the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center (GLITEC) in Lac Du Flambeau, Wisconsin. Staff like Ohlrogge support the community's efforts to improve health by assisting with data needs through partnership development, community-based research, education, technical assistance, and improving data quality.

Ohlrogge appreciates the mentorship and networking opportunities afforded by the fellowship program as well as the opportunity to learn from the experiences and perspectives of the community he serves.

The Wisconsin Partnership Program is proud to support the Wisconsin Population Health Services Fellowship Program in strengthening the future of public health leadership and meeting Wisconsin's public health needs. [Learn more.](#)

EVALUATION

The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) works continuously to enhance its evaluation strategies. These efforts allow the WPP to better understand the broad impact of its funding while simultaneously empowering grantees to understand how their work influences individual, community, and population health throughout Wisconsin. During this past year, the Wisconsin Partnership Program initiated several new evaluation activities and enhancements, including:

- Refining procedures for collecting data
- Building the evaluation capacity of grantees
- Designing a roadmap for future evaluation efforts

Evaluation Planning

The Wisconsin Partnership Program has created a new roadmap for evaluating its impact as a community grants funder. Developed with input from a wide variety of WPP stakeholders, this evaluation plan is the culmination of more than two years of work and generates a wide range of data.

The Wisconsin Partnership Program will use

seven primary methods of data collection to answer evaluation questions including:

- data collected by WPP staff from grantee applications
- assessments conducted on WPP-led trainings and workshops
- grantee surveys designed to understand WPP interactions with grantees as well as gauge long-term impacts of WPP funding support
- standardized grantee reporting included in annual progress reports
- WPP internal staff interviews and focus groups
- grantee interviews and focus groups
- community stakeholder interviews and secondary sources such as local, county, and state level public health data.

Evaluation Capacity Building

One of the primary goals of the current Wisconsin Partnership Program five-year plan is to build community organization (grantee) capacity and leadership. Over the last year, evaluation staff have implemented tailored

programming and evaluation support that enables grantees to cultivate and build capacity within evaluation-specific skills and operations. WPP staff led evaluation learning sessions, held open office hours for community grantees, conducted evaluation needs assessments for all new Maternal and Child Health Program grantees, and provided ad hoc evaluation and application support when requested. Grantees will use the knowledge gained to evaluate their own programs more effectively, which will in turn be beneficial for future funding applications, disseminating best practices, and efforts to grow their work within the state of Wisconsin.

Outcome Highlights

Grantees continue to demonstrate success and impact across a wide variety of domains. The Wisconsin Partnership Program publishes outcome reports of grants that concluded during the fiscal year. These reports highlight achievements, progress toward health improvement, knowledge gained, and impact. They can be found on our [Funded Projects](#) page.

850

articles, presentations, and other media sharing the findings of WPP projects
(July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

\$40.4

MILLION

leveraged in funding derived from WPP-funded projects
(July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

221

Unique collaborations funded by WPP grants
(July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The financial resources that support the Wisconsin Partnership Program grants were provided by the conversion of Blue Cross/Blue Shield United of Wisconsin and also include funds generated from investment earnings. All funds are in the custody of and managed by the Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association (WFAA). Every month, funds are transferred to the SMPH to reimburse expenditures in accordance with the Order of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and the five-year plans.

INVESTMENTS

Current investments consist of participation in the WFAA Short Term Investment Portfolio (STIP). The primary investment objective of the STIP is to preserve the capital and provide liquidity when dollars are called. The STIP is invested in high-quality, short- and medium-term fixed income securities, as well as a small portion that is invested in highly diversified equity investments. Noncurrent investments consist of participation in the WFAA Endowment portfolio. The primary investment objective of the Endowment portfolio is to maximize long-term real returns commensurate with stated risk tolerance, thereby maximizing long-term purchasing power of the funds, net of distributions for current spending needs. Endowment fund distributions to the spendable funds are based on the WFAA spending policy, which is applied to the market value of the endowment funds.

WFAA INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT FEE

The WFAA assesses an Institutional Advancement Fee (IAF) of 1 percent on all funds participating in its endowment pool, including Wisconsin Partnership Program funds, as a primary source of revenue for WFAA operations. This assessment, and its usage, is determined by the WFAA board of directors, and is not controlled by the Wisconsin Partnership Program. The IAF for fiscal years 2022 and 2021 were \$4,336,524 and \$3,841,245, respectively, and are shown under expenses on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets on page 20.

WFAA decreases the Institutional Advancement Fee to 0.7 percent on cumulative fund amounts above \$250 million per qualified relationship. Partnership Program funds exceed the established level, and savings from this fee reduction are fully allocated to the Oversight and Advisory Committee for public health initiatives. These savings were \$550,957 and \$402,374 for fiscal years ending June 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

GRANTS PAYABLE

Grants payable amounts are recorded as of the date of approval by the Oversight and Advisory committee or Partnership Education and Research Committee. The liability reflects the total amount of the grant award, less any payments made on or before June 30, 2022. Any subsequent modifications to grant awards are recorded as adjustments of grant expenses in the year the adjustment occurs.

NET ASSETS

Temporarily Restricted: funds consist of interest and investment income earned by the funds invested in the STIP or endowment portfolio at WFAA and the cumulative net gains or losses related to the permanently restricted funds that are invested within the endowment portfolio. These funds are available to support program expenditures.

Permanently Restricted: The portion of the gift proceeds originally allocated to permanently endow the Wisconsin Partnership Program. These funds have been invested in the endowment portfolio of the Foundation and the corpus is not available to support program expenditures.

OAC REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE ALLOCATED PERCENTAGE OF FUNDS

As outlined in its founding documents, the Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) annually reviews and assesses the allocation percentage for public health initiatives and for education and research initiatives. The OAC took up this matter on February 23, 2022. It was moved to retain the allocation of 35 percent for public health initiatives and 65 percent for education and research initiatives, and the motion was unanimously passed.

SUPPLANTING POLICY

Based on the non-supplanting determination made by the School of Medicine and Public Health Finance Director, the Dean of the School of Medicine and Public Health has attested to compliance with the supplanting prohibition in this Annual Report. The UW-Madison Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration has also attested that UW-Madison and the UW System have complied with the supplanting prohibition.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following financial reports consolidate activities of the Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association and the School of Medicine and Public Health for the fiscal year ending June 2022 and June 2021.

Statement of Net Assets

	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Assets		
UW SMPH Cash	\$ (1,327,208)	\$ (1,427,585)
Current Investments	15,923,705	18,454,334
Noncurrent Investments	367,959,583	432,483,727
Total Assets	\$ 382,556,080	\$ 449,510,476
Liabilities		
OAC Grants Payable	\$ 21,624,902	\$ 20,814,940
PERC Grants Payable	17,522,598	16,065,329
Total Liabilities	39,147,500	36,880,269
Net Assets		
Temporarily Restricted	59,792,313	129,013,940
Permanently Restricted	283,616,267	283,616,267
Total Net Assets	343,408,580	412,630,207
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 382,556,080	\$ 449,510,476

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets

	Year ended June 30, 2022	Year ended June 30, 2021
Revenues		
Gifts Received	\$ -	\$ 2,325
Interest Income	7,871	23,990
Change in Fair Value of Endowed Funds	(46,039,073)	98,906,013
Total Revenues	(46,031,202)	98,932,328
Expenses		
WFAA Institutional Advancement Fee	4,336,524	3,841,245
Less: WFAA IAF Rebate	(550,957)	(402,374)
OAC Initiatives		
Administrative Expenses	470,569	516,937
Grant Expenses	6,727,502	5,638,467
PERC Initiatives		
Administrative Expenses	873,914	960,026
Grant Expenses	11,332,873	2,658,679
Total Expenses	23,190,425	13,212,980
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	(69,221,627)	85,719,348
Net Assets - Beginning of year	412,630,207	326,910,859
Net Assets - End of year	\$ 343,408,580	\$ 412,630,207

Grant Award Commitments for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Net Grant Awards(1)	Inception to date Disbursements	Outstanding Grant Commitments
Public Health Initiatives			
Grants awarded from Inception to FY2021	\$ 93,896,708	\$ 78,771,021	\$ 15,125,687
FY2022 Awards	6,837,776	338,561	6,499,215
Subtotal	\$ 100,734,484	\$ 79,109,582	\$ 21,624,902
Medical Education and Research Initiatives			
Grants awarded from Inception to FY2021	\$ 161,086,411	\$ 154,697,067	\$ 6,389,344
FY2022 Awards	11,651,438	518,184	11,133,254
Subtotal	\$ 172,737,849	\$ 155,215,251	\$ 17,522,598
Total	\$ 273,472,333	\$ 234,324,833	\$ 39,147,500

(1) Reflects grants awarded less any lapsed awards returned to the Wisconsin Partnership Program

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements (UW School of Medicine and Public Health)

	FY2022	FY2021
Balance, July 1	\$ (1,427,585)	\$ (1,545,561)
Cash Receipts		
Payments received from the UW Foundation	17,238,003	16,706,384
Total Receipts	17,238,003	16,706,384
Cash Disbursements		
Public Health Initiatives	5,917,540	6,358,053
Education and Research Initiatives	9,875,603	8,753,392
Program Administration		
Salaries	803,029	761,099
Fringe	278,274	273,547
Travel	100	139
Supplies and Services	64,773	125,145
Consultants and Contracts	186,307	305,033
Other Disbursements	12,000	12,000
Total Program Administration	1,344,483	1,476,963
Total Disbursements	17,137,626	16,588,408
Increase (Decrease) In Balance	100,377	117,976
Balance, June 30	\$ (1,327,208)	\$ (1,427,585)

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Wisconsin Partnership Program and its Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) and Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) conduct their operations, grantmaking processes, and stewardship responsibility in accordance with program requirements and the Insurance Commissioner's Order and Grant Agreement as well as federal, state, and local laws.

OAC and PERC follow standard Request for Proposal (RFP) guidelines, requirements, multistep review processes, and selection criteria throughout the grantmaking process. In addition, the Wisconsin Partnership Program evaluates the progress and outcomes of funded grants using interim and final reports, financial status reports, presentations, and site visits.

OPEN MEETINGS AND PUBLIC RECORDS

As directed by the Insurance Commissioner's Order, the Wisconsin Partnership Program conducts its operations and processes in accordance with Wisconsin's Open Meetings and Public Records Laws. Meetings of the OAC and PERC and their subcommittees are open to the public. Agendas and minutes are posted at med.wisc.edu/partnership/.

DIVERSITY POLICY

The Wisconsin Partnership Program is steadfastly committed to upholding and promoting the diversity and equal opportunity policies of the UW System Board of Regents and UW-Madison. Furthermore, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has developed a diversity policy to ensure wide representation and perspectives within the Partnership Program's goals, objectives, and processes.

LEARN MORE

The Wisconsin Partnership Program's website provides detailed information on the following policies and procedures. Visit med.wisc.edu/partnership to learn more.

- Conflict of Interest Policies
- Diversity Policy
- Grant Administration Policies
- Open Meetings and Public Records Policy
- Supplanting Policy
- Terms and Conditions for Applicants and Grantees

WISCONSIN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM LEADERSHIP

The Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) and the Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) serve as the Wisconsin Partnership Program's governance committees.

OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The University of Wisconsin (UW) System Board of Regents appoints four representatives from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) and four public health advocates representing different health categories to the nine-member Oversight and Advisory Committee. The Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance appoints one OAC member. Members serve four-year terms. One member of the Board of Regents and a representative of the UW–Madison Office of the Chancellor also serve as liaisons to the OAC. The primary responsibilities of the OAC are to:

- Direct and approve available funds for community-engaged public health initiatives and public health education and training
- Provide public representation through the OAC's four health advocates
- Offer comment and advice on the PERC's grant allocations

Health Advocate Appointees

Cedric Johnson, Vice Chair
Manager, Inclusion and Community Partnerships, Exact Sciences
Category: Children's and Family Health

Katherine Marks, BA
Outreach Specialist, City of Kenosha
Category: Urban Health

Gregory Nycz
Executive Director, Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc.
Category: Rural Health

Sue Smith, RN, MSN, CPM, Secretary
Director/Health Officer, Wood County Health Department
Category: Statewide Health Care

Insurance Commissioner's Appointee

Jennifer Stegall
Executive Senior Policy Advisor
Office of Commissioner of Insurance

UW School of Medicine and Public Health Appointees

Amy Kind, MD, PhD
Associate Dean, Social Health Sciences and Programs
Executive Director, Wisconsin Partnership Program
Director, UW Center for Health Disparities Research (CHDR)
Professor, Division of Geriatrics, Department of Medicine

Megan Moreno, MD, MEd, MPH
Academic Division Chief, Vice Chair of Digital Health
Professor, Department of Pediatrics

Richard L. Moss, PhD, PERC Chair
Professor Emeritus, Department of Cell and Regenerative Biology

Manish Shah, MD, MPH, OAC Chair
Professor and Chair, BerbeeWalsh Department of Emergency Medicine

PARTNERSHIP EDUCATION AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Partnership Education and Research Committee broadly represents the faculty, staff, and leadership at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and includes representatives from the Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC). The PERC allocates and distributes funds designated for education and research initiatives that advance health and health equity. The primary responsibilities of the PERC are to:

- Direct and approve available funds for faculty-initiated education and research
- Maintain a balanced portfolio of grant investments in population health
- Strengthen collaborations with communities and health leaders statewide

SMPH Leadership

Amy Kind, MD, PhD
Associate Dean for Social Health Sciences and Programs
Executive Director, Wisconsin Partnership Program
Director, UW Center for Health Disparities Research (CHDR)
Professor, Division of Geriatrics, Department of Medicine

Richard L. Moss, PhD, Chair*
Professor Emeritus, Department of Cell and
Regenerative Biology

Elizabeth Petty, MD*
Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs
Professor, Department of Pediatrics

Department Chairs

Beth Drolet, MD
Professor and Chair, Department of
Dermatology
Representative: Clinical Chairs
Appointed March 2022

Kathleen Shannon, MD*
Detling Professor and Chair, Department of
Neurology
Representative: Clinical Chairs

Deneen Wellik, PhD
Professor and Chair, Department of Cell and
Regenerative Biology
Representative: Basic Science Chairs

Faculty Representatives

Elaine Alarid, PhD, Review Panel Chair*
Professor, Department of Oncology
Representative: Basic Science Faculty

David Allen, MD
Professor, Department of Pediatrics
Representative: Clinical Faculty

Elizabeth Cox, MD, PhD
Professor, Department of Pediatrics
Director, UW–Madison Prevention Research
Center
Representative: Clinical Faculty

Ron Gangnon, PhD
Professor, Department of Population Health
Sciences
Representative: Population Health Faculty
Term ended March 2022

Jason Stephenson, MD
Associate Dean for Multicultural Affairs for
Health Professions Learners
Associate Professor, Department of
Radiology
Representative: Clinical Faculty

Oversight and Advisory Committee Appointees

Gregory Nycz, OAC Health Advocate*
Executive Director, Family Health Center of
Marshfield, Inc.

Manish Shah, MD, MPH, OAC Chair
Professor and Chair, BerbeeWalsh
Department of Emergency Medicine

*PERC Executive Committee Member

WISCONSIN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM LIAISONS

The UW–Madison Office of the Chancellor
and University of Wisconsin System Board of
Regents each appoints a liaison to advise the
Wisconsin Partnership Program leadership
and committees.

UW–Madison Office of the Chancellor

Norman Drinkwater, PhD

UW System Board of Regents

Tracey Klein
Member, University of Wisconsin System
Board of Regents
Resigned June 2022

Dana Wachs
Member, University of Wisconsin System
Board of Regents
Appointed September 2022

WISCONSIN PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM STAFF

Amy Kind, MD, PhD
Associate Dean for Social Health Sciences
and Programs
Executive Director, Wisconsin Partnership
Program
Director, UW Center for Health Disparities
Research (CHDR)
Professor, Division of Geriatrics, Department
of Medicine

Lindsay Barone, PhD, Evaluator

Mai Nou Her, Administrative Assistant

Nathan Kersten, Financial Specialist

Tonya Mathison, Operations Associate
Director

Renuka Mayadev, JD, Program Advisor

Megan Miller, MPA, Administrative Director

Stacey Novogoratz, Graduate Student
Project Assistant

Anne Pankratz, Communications Specialist

Jaimee Prado, Graduate Student Project
Assistant

David Sampoli, Systems Analyst

Jonathan Thomas, Finance Associate
Director

Katherine Vickerman, Graduate Student
Project Assistant

Debbie Wu, Accountant

GRANTMAKING ACTIVITY DURING FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

The Wisconsin Partnership Program advances its mission through a strong portfolio of grant programs that support research initiatives, education and training, and community partnerships to improve health and advance health equity.

In fiscal year 2022, the Wisconsin Partnership Program awarded 41 new grants, supported the progress of 54 active grants and the conclusion of 29 grants.

41
New Grants

54
Active Grants

29
Concluded Grants

Visit the [Funded Projects](#) page to learn more about the projects listed below.

GRANTS AWARDED JULY 1, 2021-JUNE 30, 2022

The Wisconsin Partnership Program awarded 41 grants for a total of \$18.5 million for the period of July 1, 2021–June 30, 2022. Full descriptions of these awards can be found on our [Funded Projects webpage](#).

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAMS

The Wisconsin Partnership Program's community grant programs support community-engaged and initiated projects that improve health and advance health equity in diverse populations and geographic areas across the state.

Community Impact Grant Program

During this fiscal year, the Community Impact Grant Program provided [four new awards](#) of up to \$1 million over five years to

support large-scale, evidence-based, community-academic partnerships designed to achieve sustainable systems change that will improve health, health equity, and well-being.

Food Sovereignty in the Oneida Nation: A Comprehensive Approach to Health

Community Lead: Oneida Nation

Academic Partner: Bret Benally Thompson, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Medicine; faculty advisor for the Native American Center for Health Professions

Health Equity for Criminal Justice-Impacted Women through Access to Housing

Community Lead: Wisdom, Inc.

Academic Partner: Lori DiPrete Brown, MSPH, MTS, Distinguished Faculty Associate, UW–Madison School of Human Ecology

The Latino Dementia Health Regional Consortium

Community Lead: Centro De La Comunidad/United Community Center, Inc.

Academic Partner: Melinda Kavanaugh, PhD, Professor, UW-Milwaukee Helen Bader School of Social Welfare

Wisconsin Rural Health & Substance Use Clinical Support Program

Community Lead: Wisconsin Hospital Association Foundation, Inc.

Academic Partner: Randall Brown, MD, PhD, Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health

Maternal and Child Health Grant Program

In October 2021, eight awards were made through the Wisconsin Partnership Program's new Maternal and Child Health Grant Program. Awards of up to \$150,000 each were made to the following projects for a broad range of community-led initiatives to improve maternal and child health outcomes, with a focus on under-resourced or marginalized communities.

Addressing the Maternal and Infant Health Needs of Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Black Women and Their Families in Dane County, Milwaukee County and Across Wisconsin

Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing (EXPO)

Birth Outcomes Made Better (BOMB) Doula Program

City of Milwaukee

Bridging Community Supports to Achieve Healthy Births for Black Mothers

The Foundation for Black Women's Wellness

Strengthening Community Supports for Black Families in Rock County

Rock County Health Department

Strong Fathers Strong Families Project

Fathers Making Progress

Supporting Healthy Babies through Strengthening Families

Next Door Foundation

Today Not Tomorrow Family Resource Center Community Based Doula and Family Support Programming

Today Not Tomorrow, Inc.

WeRISE Community Doula Program

African American Breastfeeding Network

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH GRANTS

The Wisconsin Partnership Program's education and research grant programs address issues of health and health care and advance health equity through novel basic, clinical, translational, and applied public health research as well as through innovative education and training.

Collaborative Health Sciences Program

The Collaborative Health Sciences Program (CHSP) expands team science at SMPH and across UW-Madison by bringing together interdisciplinary teams led by established investigators to advance novel ideas that target Wisconsin's most complex health challenges. The CHSP grants provide \$600,000 over three years to support new programs of collaborative, interdisciplinary research and education aimed at addressing public health issues that have not yielded to traditional approaches.

PERC made the following Collaborative Health Sciences Program awards:

Evaluating a Novel Follow-Up Intervention to Improve the Delivery of Follow-up Care for Low-risk Breast Cancer Survivors in Wisconsin

Principal Investigator: Heather Neuman, MD, MS, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery

Coprincipal investigator: Kristine Kwekkeboom, PhD, Professor, UW-Madison School of Nursing

Collaborators: Jessica Schumacher, PD, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery; Amy Stella, MD, Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Medicine; James Haine, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Medicine; Bret Hanlon, PhD, Associate Scientist, Department of Biostatistics and Medical Informatics; Kathryn Flynn, PhD, Professor, Department of Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin

Hexosamine Biosynthetic Pathway in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis

Principal Investigator: Allan Brasier, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research; Coprincipal Investigators: Nathan Sandbo, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine; Paul Campagnola, PhD, Professor, UW-Madison College of Engineering; Department of Biomedical Engineering

Rediscovering Rheumatoid Factor as a Unique Antiviral Agent in COVID-19

Principal Investigator: Miriam Shelef, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine

Coprincipal Investigators: Ajay Sethi, PhD, MHS, Associate Professor, Department of Population Health Sciences; Marulasiddappa Suresh, DVM, MVSc, PhD, Professor, University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Pathobiological Sciences

Collaborator: Yoshiro Kawaoka, DVM, MS, PhD, Professor, University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Pathobiological Sciences

New Investigator Grant Program

The New Investigator Program fosters development of early-career SMPH faculty as they initiate new, innovative pilot projects that address Wisconsin's health issues with strong potential to leverage more substantial funding from federal or other granting agencies. The **following awards** were made for \$150,000 over two years.

Evaluating the Impacts of Wisconsin's Birth Cost Recovery Policy on the Health and Wellbeing of Low-Income Black Birthing Parents: A Community-Centered Approach

Principal Investigator: Tiffany Green, PhD, Assistant Professor, Departments of Population Health Sciences and Obstetrics and Gynecology

Quantitative Functional Biomarkers of Cervical Remodeling During Pregnancy Using Ultrasound Imaging

Principal Investigator: Ivan Rosado Mendez, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Medical Physics

Replicating the First Step of Human Vision in a Dish for Designing Effective Therapies to Cure Blindness

Principal Investigator: Raunak Sinha, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Neuroscience

Targeting Gene Therapy Vectors to Nuclear Sites to Improve Precision Medicine and Oncolytic Virotherapies

Principal Investigator: Kinjal Majumder, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Oncology

COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM

The Wisconsin Partnership Program continues to support initiatives and projects that are responding to the health impacts and consequences of the pandemic through its COVID-19 Response Grant Program.

The Oversight and Advisory Committee awarded eight new grants for one or two years through the **COVID-19 Focus on Adolescent Social and Emotional Health Grant Program**:

A Call to Action: Compassion Resilience Training for Parents and Family Caregivers

NAMI Southeast Wisconsin, Inc.

Amount: \$198,790

Growing Good People: Understanding Self and Resiliency

Menikanaehkem, Inc.

Amount: \$200,000

PATCH Youth Advocacy Fellowship for Social and Emotional Health

Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health

Amount: \$198,600

Restorative Justice in Schools and Communities: Facilitating Healing, Support, and Cultural Identity Affirmation for Young People

YWCA Madison, Inc.

Amount: \$200,000

Supporting Healthy Black Families' Workgroups

Urban Triage, Inc.

Amount: \$200,000

Supporting the Mental and Social-Emotional Health Needs of Black, Brown, Multiracial, Trans and Nonbinary LGBTQ+ Adolescents Impacted by COVID-19

GSAFE

Amount: \$200,000

Supporting Youth through the La Crosse System of Care

La Crosse County Human Services

Amount: \$197,600

Testing and Scaling Virtual and In-person Youth Group Therapy and Guardian Support Groups

Sixteenth Street Community Health Center

Amount: \$200,000

The Partnership Education and Research Committee made the following one- to two-year awards through the **COVID-19 Response Research and Education Grant Program**.

Evaluating COVID-19 Response Efforts to Improve Health and Racial Equity in Milwaukee County

Principal Investigators: Sheri Johnson, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Population Health Sciences; Wajih Akhtar, PhD, Population Health Institute

Amount: \$197,400

Implications of COVID-19 on Service Delivery, Health, and Well-being for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Principal Investigator: Karla Ausderau, Associate Professor, UW-Madison School of Education

Amount: \$ 199,950

Predicting Patient Outcomes in Wisconsin and Nationwide Using the University of Wisconsin's COVID-19 Electronic Health Record Database

Principal Investigator: Michael Fiore, MD, MPH, Professor, Department of Medicine, UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention

Amount: \$300,000

Responding to Dual Epidemics of COVID-19 and Overdose Among People Who Inject Drugs in Wisconsin

Principal Investigators: Rachel Gicquelais, PhD, Assistant Professor, UW-Madison School of Nursing; Ryan Westergaard, MD, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine

Amount: \$200,000

Safe and Healthy Schools

Principal Investigators: Ellen Wald, MD, Professor, Department of Pediatrics; Shelby O'Connor, PhD, Professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

Amount: \$100,000

The Role of Social Media and Community Advocates in Addressing the Health Consequences of COVID-19 In Black, Latinx and American Indian Communities

Principal Investigators: Carey Gleason, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine; and co- Maria Mora Pinzon, MD, MS, Department of Medicine, and Melissa Metoxen, Assistant Director, Native American Center for Health Professions

Amount: \$ 199,790

UW Student Health Care Worker Tuition Program (UW-SHCWTP)

Principal Investigator: Lisa Bratzke, PhD, RN, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, UW-Madison School of Nursing

Amount: \$510,000

Widespread Protective Immunity Screening Against COVID-19 Using a Point-of-Care Serology-Profilng Biosensor

Principal Investigators: Filiz Yesilkoy, PhD, Assistant Professor, UW-Madison College of Engineering; Irene Ong, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; Miriam Shelef, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine

Amount: \$ 199,800

STRATEGIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH GRANTS

In alignment with the strategic direction of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, the Wisconsin Partnership Program provides critical funding through the Strategic Grant Program to initiate or further enhance novel education and research infrastructure programs vital to improving health and health care and advancing health equity in Wisconsin and beyond.

The following strategic grants were renewed during this reporting period:

UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) Modules

ICTR Administration, Leadership and Evaluation Module

Principal Investigator: Allan Brasier, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research; Executive Director, ICTR

Amount: \$390,000 over three years

ICTR Biostatistics, Informatics and Research Design Module

Principal Investigator: Bernadette Gillick, PhD, MSPT, PT, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics; Director, Waisman Pediatric Neuromodulation Laboratory

Amount: \$1,590,000 over three years

ICTR Community Engagement Module

Principal Investigator: Jane Mahoney, MD, Professor, Department of Medicine; Director, ICTR Dissemination & Implementation Launchpad

Amount: \$1,470,000 over 12-months

ICTR Mentoring and Professional Development Module

Principal Investigator: Elizabeth Burnside, MD, MPH, Associate Dean for Team Science and Interdisciplinary Research; Deputy Executive Director, ICTR

Amount: \$1,500,000 over three years

ICTR Pilot Awards Program Module

Principal Investigator: Allan Brasier, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research; Executive Director, ICTR

Amount: \$2,310,000 over three years

Making Wisconsin the Healthiest State

Principal Investigator: Sheri Johnson, PhD, Director, UW Population Health Institute; Associate Professor, Department of Population Health Sciences

Amount: \$170,000 over 12-months

UW INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH (ICTR) PILOT AWARDS PROGRAM

The Wisconsin Partnership Program provides funding to the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) to support its Pilot Awards Program. Projects focus on clinical, community and patient-centered outcomes and dissemination and implementation of evidence-based, community-driven interventions. The Wisconsin Partnership Program will support the following ICTR pilot projects that were awarded in Fiscal Year 2022.

Accessible Transition Readiness Assessment (aTRA): Adapting an Intervention for Congenital Heart Disease Survivors with Disabilities

Principal Investigator: Catherine Allen, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics

Amount: \$75,000

Addressing Inequities in Long COVID Experiences: Implementing an Educational Intervention in Primary Care

Principal Investigator: Rachel Grob, PhD, Clinical Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health

Amount: \$74,997

Advancing The Use of Academic Detailing and DICE as Ways of Enhancing the Care of Persons Living with Dementia

Principal Investigator: Art Walasek, MD, Professor, Department of Psychiatry

Amount: \$75,000

Community Co-design and Pilot Test of Public Health Messages Addressing Pediatric Vaccine Hesitancy in Rural America

Principal Investigator: Malia Jones, Assistant Professor, UW-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Amount: \$100,000

Disseminating and Implementing MedSMA T Families in the Emergency Department: An Evidence-based Approach for Improving Opioid Safety Among Adolescents and Parents

Principal Investigator: Olufunmi-Iola Abraham, PhD, MS, BPharm, Assistant Professor, UW-Madison School of Pharmacy

Amount: \$150,000

Understanding How the Forensic Nurse Exam Can Be Improved to Reduce Health Disparities Among LGBTQ+ and Racial and Ethnic Minority Survivors of Sexual Assault

Principal Investigator: Kate Walsh, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, UW-Madison College of Letters and Sciences

Amount: \$75,000

Optimizing Medication Management by Older Adults Through the Med Wise Rx Community-based Program

Principal Investigator: Beth Martin, PhD, MS, Professor, UW-Madison School of Pharmacy

Amount: \$149,836

GRANTS CONCLUDED JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022

The following grants concluded during the period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. The outcome reports for these projects and initiatives are posted on the Wisconsin Partnership Program's [Funded Projects webpage](#), after final reports have been submitted by grantees.

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAMS

Community Catalyst Grant Program

Black Girl Live by Lilada's Livingroom

Community Dental Partnership Program

Community Fellowship and Improve Thy Health (Com-FAITH)

Preventing Lead Exposure: No More High Lead Levels

Training to Improve Planned Parenthood Wisconsin Health Services to Promote Health Equity for Transgender, Gender Nonbinary, Gender Expansive, and Gender Nonconforming (TNG) Individuals

Community Collaboration Grant Program

Black Men's Wellness Sustainable Initiative

Empower Me Wellness Project: Collaborating for Health Equity for Black Women

FREE

Community Impact Grant Program

Advancing School-Based Mental Health in Dane County

Cultivate Health Initiative: Growing the Wisconsin School Garden Network

From Punishment to Restoration: Reimagining Criminal Justice to Improve the Health of Wisconsin

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMS

Collaborative Health Sciences Grant Program

A Cluster Randomized Trial to Assess the Impact of Facilitated Implementation on Antibiotic Stewardship in Wisconsin Nursing Homes

Gut Microbiome Dynamics in Alzheimer's Disease

Integrated Metabolomics, Microbial Genomics and Immune Profiling in Early Infancy to Identify Biomarkers for Allergic Disease Prevention

New Investigator Grant Program

Defining Host-Microbiome Interactions in Diabetic Wound Healing

Strategic Grant Program

Advancing Evidence-Based Health Policy

COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM

Community Grants

Barron County Integrated Response to Slow Community Spread of COVID-19

WeRISE: Black Birth Workers Response to COVID-19 Project

Wood County Community Response to COVID-19

Education and Research Grants

A Negative Pressure Isolation Head Chamber to Protect Health Care Workers from Airborne Transmission of Aerosolized Viruses

Creating Infrastructure to Study the Immune Response to SARS-CoV-2 in Wisconsin

Interferon Responses in "COVID Toes," the Link to SARS-CoV2 Infection

Novel COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibodies for Patient Diagnostics, Therapy and Research

Role of Naso-oropharyngeal Antiseptic Decolonization to Reduce COVID-19 Viral Shedding and Disease Transmission: SHIELD Study

To Test the Protective Efficacy of Whole-Inactivated SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine in Syrian Hamsters

Wisconsin Real-time Emergency Department Surveillance and Responsive Training (WIRED-RT)

UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research Grants

The following ICTR pilot award grants supported by the Wisconsin Partnership Program concluded during this period:

Addressing Disparities in the Primary Care of Chronic Conditions in the COVID-19 Era: a Tool for Clinics to Map Local Barriers to Known Strategies

Assessing the Impact of Trust on an Individual's Willingness to Participate in ADRC Research

Assessing the Readiness of Dane County Healthcare Systems to Equitably Serve LGBTQ Patients

Black Fathers, Equal Partners in Advancing Maternal and Infant Health

Creating Infrastructure to Study the Immune Response to SARS-CoV-2 in Wisconsin

Developing and Evaluating the First Hmong Wordlist for Audiometric Testing

Development of a Patient-Centered Needs Assessment Tool for Adolescents and Young Adults (AYA) with Cancer

Engaging Residents and Families as Quality Partners in Nursing Homes

Engaging Stakeholders in Integration of Assessing Medication Adherence and Tailoring Intervention in Clinic (A-MATIC in SLE Visits)

Engaging Stakeholders to Develop a Meditation Intervention for Incarcerated Individuals

Evaluation of Reach, Implementation and Maintenance of Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line Referral

Expanding Access to Naloxone: Developing a Person-Centered Naloxone Prescribing Intervention for People Living with Opioid Use Disorder

Extending BP Connect: Implementing in Diverse Specialty Clinics for Out-of-Network Follow-up

I-SITE: Implementation of Sustained Impact in Teleophthalmology

MOVIN-Mobilizing Older Adults via a Systems-based Intervention

New to Public Health Residency Program (N2PH Residency)

Nothing About Us Without Us: Engaging Drug User Networks in Community-Based Hepatitis C Micro-elimination Strategies

Optimizing the Capacity of Public Schools to Promote Youth Mental Health

Promoting COVID Vaccine Acceptance for Safety Net Providers and Patients in Wisconsin

Staying Healthy After Childbirth: A Program to Help New Moms with High Blood Pressure

Telehealth Delivery of the Yoga for Seniors Program

ACTIVE GRANTS

In addition to this fiscal year's awarded and concluded grants, the following active grants were also supported by the Wisconsin Partnership Program.

COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAMS

Community Catalyst Grants

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementia Education and Awareness Initiative for Wisconsin's Indian Country

Community Impact Grants

Accelerating Health Equity for Black Women in Wisconsin – Well Black Woman Institute

Addressing Stressors, Preventing Farmer Suicide: Social Connectedness and Health

Advancing Health Equity through Legal Interventions for Low-Income Wisconsinites

Black Men's Mental Health and Well-being

Building Tech Skills, Opportunities, Health and Wellness for Returning Citizens

Community-Campus Partnerships to Create Mental Health Supports for the Latino Community

Connecting Clinics, Campuses and Communities to Advance Health Equity

Creating a Renewed and Culturally Vibrant Healthy Food System for Kaeyas Mamaceqtawak (The Ancient Movers)

Creating Conditions to Improve Housing for Healthier Families

Evaluating the Effectiveness of Once City Schools: Preparing Children for School Success and Healthy Lives

First Breath Families: Helping Low-Income Moms Quit Smoking and Babies Grow Up Smoke-Free

Healthy Communities through WEESN-Milwaukee: Supporting Quality Early Learning and Family Well-Being

Healthy Workers, Healthy Wisconsin

Improving Assisted Living Quality through Collaborative System Change

Improving Birth Outcomes for Black Families through Community-Clinic Collaborations

Legacy Community Alliance for Health

Parenting Support is Public Health: Reducing Health Disparities in the Child Welfare System

Preventing Early Expulsion to Promote Child Health

Race to Equity Wisconsin

Reducing Health Inequity through the Promotion of Social Connectedness

Re-entry Rising MKE

Social Service Redesign

Southwestern Wisconsin Recovery Pathways

Supporting Social Emotional Health in K-12 African American Students

Community Collaboration Grants

Central Wisconsin Health Partnership's Collective Impact: Moving Towards Resilience

Creating our Healthy Neighborhood: Reversing Disinvestment in Urban Milwaukee

Health Equity and the Role of Partnerships: Our Safe, Healthy and Beautiful Neighborhoods

Increasing Capacity for MACH OneHealth to Improve Health Access, Equity, and Outcomes for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness and Housing Insecurity

Oske Pemateset-"The New Life"- Indigenous Models of Equitable Health Systems

ROOTed to REAP: Latinx/Indigenous Women Advancing Health and Food Equity in Dane County

The Good Hood: Making Meadowood a Healthy Community

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAMS

Collaborative Health Sciences Grant Program

Advancing Health Equity for Lupus Patients in Wisconsin: How a Care Continuum and Community Stakeholders Can Inform Interventions to Close Disparities Gaps

Comparison of Successful Colorectal Cancer Screening Strategies in Wisconsin Rural and Urban Settings: Achieving "80% in Every Community"

Defining and Targeting Novel Anti-viral and Anti-cancer T cell immunity

Leaving Prison and Connecting with Medical Care: Medicaid Expansion, Treatment Access and Outcomes for Opioid Use Disorder and Hepatitis C Infection

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Therapy for Wisconsin Prison Inmates

Prevention of HPV-Associated Anogenital Cancers Using HIV Protease Inhibitors

Towards an Integrated Understanding of Stress, Inflammation and Immune Response

UW Innovations in Malignancy Personalized Advanced Cell Therapies (UW-IMPACT)

New Investigator Grant Program

Addressing Black Infant Mortality in Wisconsin through a Collaborative Health Equity Approach to Community-Based, Group Prenatal Care and Infant Support

Advancing Postpartum Care for Black Women in Wisconsin by Engaging Community Partners with a Home Telehealth Service for Hypertension- a Feasibility Project

Modeling Basal Forebrain Cholinergic Vulnerability in Down Syndrome

Molecular Basis of Immune Variations

Non-invasive Diagnosis of Acute Kidney Injury in Premature Infants

Vascular Effects of the Precision Interventions for Severe Asthma (VASC-PreCISE)

Opportunity Grant Program

Enabling Clinicians and Healthcare Trainees to Improve the Care of Wisconsin Residents Living with Dementia

Stroke Prevention in the Wisconsin Native American Population

Strategic Grants

Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW) 2019-2022

Transforming Medical Education: 2019-2022: Re-envisioning Curriculum, Technology and New Programs through a Health Equity Lens

Understanding and Addressing Health Disparities in Wisconsin through Statewide Partnerships

UW Preventive Medicine Residency Program

Wisconsin Partnership Program Scholarship Program

Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship Program: Improving Health and Health Equity through Service and Training
