



2009 Annual Report

Center for Urban Population Health

Working together to improve the health of communities

Dear Colleagues and Partners,

The Center for Urban Population Health is fast approaching its tenth year in existence. Some of the founding visionaries from our three institutions have moved on, but the unique partnership they created still exists and thrives in the Center. Much has changed since they pioneered the Center but the current times make it even more crucial that partnerships like ours in the Center continue to flourish.

The Center for Urban Population Health was conceived as a multi-institutional, multi-stakeholder, multidisciplinary resource that uses a systematic approach to understand and address population health disparities that fall along the translational continuum from health sciences to community. Our partners appreciate the interconnectedness of physical, genetic, social and environmental determinants that affect health and well-being. The Center was founded as a resource that can reveal and address these complexities through a population health perspective. Population health focuses on identifying the determinants of health, disease, and well being in populations, together with designing, implementing, and measuring the effectiveness of preventive strategies that promote health and well being.

Today we continue to believe

- Collaboration, economies of scale and minimizing duplication are key to the commitment the Center brings to its partners, organizations and the community.
- Translation of research into policy, best practice, and the communities it serves is a gold standard for evidence-based, ethical advancement of population health.
- Collaboration to improve quality and access to health care has never been more critical; the Center through its clinical research efforts, strives to improve the quality of health care through individual practices and its clinical research network.
- Milwaukee, Wisconsin's largest urban center; bears the burden of health disparities and ranks among the worst in many health indicators across the country. The Center continues to assist in not only identifying and describing the disparities that exist, but also focusing on identifying solutions to them.

We believe that this year's report positively demonstrates the fulfillment of the founders' desire to advance population health research and education to improve the health of urban communities.



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Advancing population health research and education to improve the health of urban communities.

VISION

A nationally-recognized center that inspires collaborative, innovative, community-relevant urban population health research and education.

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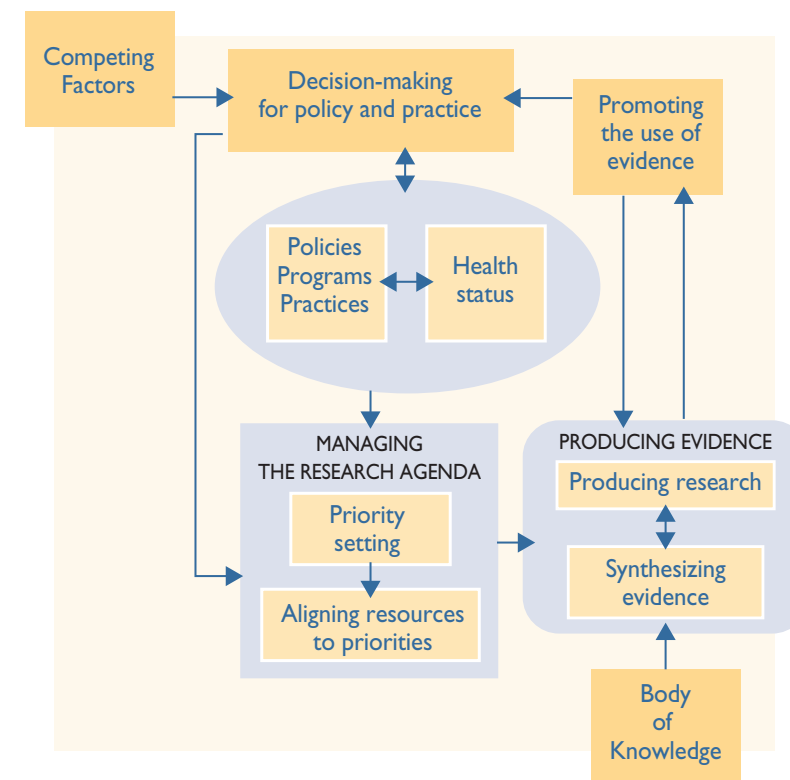
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Using Research to Impact Effective Policy, Programs and Practice

The true impact of research is felt in a variety of ways. Understanding this requires understanding who the users of research are, be they other researchers, their students, service delivery providers, neighborhoods, governments, health departments, or policy makers.

The figure below represents the path research takes to reach policy and practice.

Pathways to Impact



Adapted from Mills, A. Bennet, S., Bloom, G., González-Block, M.A., Pathmanathan, I. (2004) *Strengthening Health Systems: The role and promise of policy and systems*, Geneva, Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research.

The Center for Urban Population Health strives to create an environment of innovation for community impact. One way to achieve this is through strategic partnerships that can increase the potential for research to fully inform policy and practice. The Center’s core expertise supports the partnerships by reducing the barriers to such results. To learn more about our expertise, visit the *About Expertise Offered* section of our website.

With a mission to advance population health research and education to improve the health of urban communities, the Center is often behind the scenes of policy and programming, providing the technical support and research needed for the community and decision makers to shape evidence-informed decisions or improvements to practice.

The following projects highlight partnerships that have taken research initiatives through various stages of the pathway to impact. Each project touches a variety of users of research, and includes strategic partnerships and input and expertise from community members, service delivery providers, students and researchers.



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“Komen in Southeast Wisconsin is working to rewrite these stories through their community-based grants. As a result of these grants, more women are getting mammograms, being diagnosed earlier and surviving longer,” Jennifer Frahm, Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Southeastern Wisconsin Affiliate

Partnerships to Rewrite the Stories

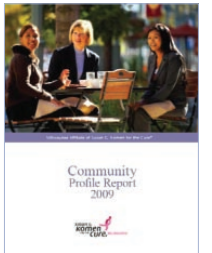
Many women in the Milwaukee area are putting off needed mammograms due to economic hardships and the rising costs of health insurance premiums. Susan G. Komen for the Cure® in Southeast Wisconsin is committed to eliminating the financial barriers that prevent age-appropriate individuals from having access to routine breast health services. This is especially critical for individuals with a family history that calls for earlier screenings.

For a variety of reasons, mammograms are simply out of reach for many people. Though many employers offer health insurance for their staff, the monthly premiums can be astronomical. Just ask Joyce. Joyce is a benefits specialist whose main function is to assist and refer individuals who do not have health insurance with assistance programs. Even though Joyce’s employer offers health insurance, her monthly premium is \$390.00, which she simply can’t afford. Because she is employed and is offered benefits, she is ineligible for the same resources she is assisting her clients with obtaining. The last time Joyce was able to have a mammogram was in 2003. This is especially frustrating for Joyce because she is at a higher risk due to a family history of breast cancer. Joyce vividly remembers watching her aunt succumb to breast cancer within six months of her diagnosis. Joyce’s story is similar to many other women.

Komen in Southeast Wisconsin is working to rewrite these stories through their community-based grants. As a result of these grants, more women are getting mammograms, being diagnosed earlier and surviving longer. Not only are the Komen grants ensuring access to much needed breast health services, they are also a driving force behind collaborations between community organizations. For example, the Milwaukee Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center *Breast Health Project* and the *Screen Out Cancer in Time* program at Milwaukee Health Services, Inc. have been working together for the past year to educate individuals about breast health and actually providing screening mammograms.

Using Local Data to Make a Targeted Impact

The Center for Urban Population Health, in a collaboration with Aurora Health Care and the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Southeastern Wisconsin Affiliate, completed a community profile describing the state of breast cancer across eight southeastern Wisconsin counties. This community profile was used to help Komen SE Wisconsin Affiliate leadership set funding priorities for community health grants and strategic initiatives for the Affiliate. The Center designed and implemented the data collection and analysis for the profile that included producing a summary of local breast cancer data and administering survivor surveys, as well as conducting key informant interviews and a focus group. These surveys and interviews helped the Komen SE Wisconsin Affiliate understand why women were not getting screened for breast cancer and/or following through with prescribed treatment regimens after there has been a diagnosis.



Aligning Resources with Community Need

The Community Profile was completed and presented to the Komen SE Wisconsin Affiliate Board of Directors. They identified where the biggest impact in reducing mortality could be made with the financial and human resources currently available. Milwaukee, Racine and Waukesha counties were identified as key target areas based on the number of women affected.

Through this community – academic partnership, the Komen SE Wisconsin Affiliate was able to ensure that their fundraising efforts have the biggest impact in reaching the women affected, in settings most appropriate to the community. Now more women like Joyce will have access to breast health screening.

Using Evidence in Policy and Practice

Providing the Infrastructure to Measure Outcomes

PeriData.Net®, a collaboration of the Wisconsin Association for Perinatal Care (WAPC) and the Center for Urban Population Health, is Wisconsin's comprehensive perinatal data platform; it has been implemented in over 80 hospitals across the state. Released in 2006, the web-based platform provides hospitals with easy access to timely birth outcome data and the ability to link mother and infant health records for flexible data management and reporting. Currently, PeriData.Net® contains antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum data on over 200,000 Wisconsin hospital births including approximately 90% of hospital births last year. The web-based platform has evolved into a tool for translation by facilitating quality improvement initiatives and serving as the infrastructure to measure progress towards healthier outcomes.

Making Quality Public

Starting in July 2009, the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) collaborated with the WAPC and CUPH to add perinatal measures to WHA's CheckPoint Initiative. CheckPoint (www.wicheckpoint.org) is a public reporting system that gives a snapshot of Wisconsin hospitals' performances in key areas. In addition to providing information for the public to compare how different hospitals perform, it also promotes quality improvement efforts within hospitals across the state. PeriData.Net® is providing the perinatal care and delivery data to populate CheckPoint, allowing WHA to expand the areas in which it reports hospital performance.

Keeping Score on Outcomes

Aurora Health Care has a track record of excellence in quality improvement initiatives that impact its system region wide. In 2009, Aurora Health Care's *One Aurora Superior Integrated Standards for Obstetrics (OASIS_{ob})*, a committee of Aurora practitioners, worked with CUPH to implement the OASIS_{ob} Clinical Quality Measures scorecard. The scorecard, using measures from PeriData.Net®, reports on perinatal outcomes across Aurora Health Care's 10 birth hospitals. OASIS_{ob} uses the scorecard to create system-wide quality improvement initiatives through partnerships among providers and facilities, which will elevate the standards of care through evidence-based practice. PeriData.Net® provides the infrastructure to support Aurora Health Care's mission of *finding better ways* in improving birth outcomes across their system.

Working Together For Healthier Infants

In 2010, CUPH will add additional data fields to PeriData.Net® to allow more detailed reporting of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) infants' access to breast milk. These fields are being added to support the *Best Practices for Breast Milk Initiative* by the Wisconsin Neonatal Perinatal Quality Collaborative (WiNPQC). WiNPQC is a group of 16 hospitals with NICUs that are engaged in quality improvement initiatives. One of their first projects has been to focus on increasing breast milk use in infants weighing up to 1500 grams since research has shown better outcomes for infants who are consuming breast milk. This initiative demonstrates CUPH's and PeriData.Net®'s responsiveness to birth hospital needs. PeriData.Net® has the flexibility to be modified and expanded, providing hospitals with a cost effective option to track progress on their quality improvement initiatives.



Photo

The physicians left to right are:

Ricardo Mastrolia, MFM

Danish Siddiqui, OB/GYN, Aurora UW Medical Group

Stephen McAvoy, OB/GYN, Aurora West Allis Medical Center

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Our Partners

Aurora Health Care

Wisconsin Association for Perinatal Care

Wisconsin Hospital Association

80 Wisconsin Birth Hospitals

“PeriData.Net® is the only database we have that provides specific patient data at a level we cannot get through other data sources, other than chart review. PeriData can also provide data which is more current than our other data sources. PeriData has been essential to the development of our system-wide OASIS quality scorecard for obstetrics, which we are planning to use to track our progress in OB clinical quality indicators. We selected those indicators which are used by Check Point, a Wisconsin hospital voluntary reporting system, and the National Quality Forum. We will use the scorecard to assist us in setting our goals for 2010.”
 Claudette Hamm, Regional Director of Women's Services, Aurora Health care



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“Our current teen birth rate improvement is encouraging, and is a definite step in the right direction. The Center’s technical support for our collaboration demonstrates how the Center can support partnerships that recognize the importance in grounding decisions, aligning resources and developing programming utilizing the evidence and best practices available at the time.”

Commissioner of Health Bevan Baker

Reducing Teen Births in Milwaukee and Tracking Community Impact

Teen pregnancy presents increased risks to both mother and child, including preterm delivery, low birth weight, neonatal mortality, anemia, pregnancy-induced hypertension, and intra-uterine growth retardation. Babies born to teens are at a higher risk of poor academic achievement, behavioral problems later in life, dropping out of school, unemployment, early parenthood, and violent offenses. From 2001 through 2005, the city of Milwaukee had nearly 40% of the total births to teens 17 and younger in Wisconsin.

Setting a Goal

Recognizing this disparity and the deep community concern, the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and its community partners convened a community-wide planning initiative to examine the issue of teen pregnancy in Milwaukee and to make recommendations for future action. In 2006, they released *If truth be told...teen pregnancy, public health and the cycle of poverty*, along with a community-wide call to action. An annual report of birth rates among 15- to 17-year-olds showed progress, but a target goal for reducing teen pregnancies had not been set.

A team of researchers from the Center for Urban Population Health and the epidemiologist from the City of Milwaukee Health Department analyzed city of Milwaukee trend data and calculated an evidence-based projected rate for the city. Based on the projected rate and input from community stakeholders, United Way and the Milwaukee Health Department officially announced a goal of 30 births per thousand teens aged 15-17 years for 2015, a 46% reduction. With a goal set, the Teen Pregnancy Oversight Committee, the United Way and the Milwaukee Health Department were able to appropriately align resources and target evidence-based programming to systematically address the issue and begin to track progress throughout 2009.

Cross-Site Evaluation

In addition to utilizing local data to support setting a goal, the Center also worked with the United Way and their Healthy Girls grantees to identify common measures across their teen pregnancy prevention programs and develop a cross-site evaluation plan. Currently the data from the community-based grantees are being analyzed. This will be the first time that United Way will be able to truly track the impact of the reach of the community programming and their key resources.

This project demonstrates how the Center supports partnerships that recognize how important it is to base decisions, align resources and develop programming utilizing the evidence and best practices available at the time. This collaboration demonstrates a move to translation and the importance and expertise we all bring to the table in addressing the disparities that exist.

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Producing Evidence – Impacting the Family

Maria’s children have been diagnosed with asthma. Every day Maria has to make sure her son and daughter take their daily medication before getting them off to school. Before they leave school she has to make sure that her children’s consent forms are up to date in the nurses’ office and that their teachers are aware of their Asthma triggers.

Asthma affects youth and adults in Milwaukee. The city is consistently rated one of the worst urban areas in which to live with asthma. Even children with mild asthma are often prescribed daily medication, which increases the burden of side effects and the inconvenience of daily doses of the medication.

The Center for Urban Population Health in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin’s School of Medicine and Public Health joined the federally funded CARE

(Childhood Asthma Research and Education) Network to add Milwaukee as an urban site of their children’s asthma research. One goal of the network is to investigate effective treatment that is less burdensome to families. To date, the Health Services Team (HST) in Milwaukee has participated in two studies; TREXA (TReating children to prevent EXacerbations of Asthma) and MIST (Maintenance vs. Intermittent Inhaled Steroids in Wheezing Toddlers). In order to improve access to urban families participating in research a designated clinic room with technology unique to asthma treatment was setup at the Aurora Family Care Center and HST staff was trained on how to use the equipment.

Maria was approached by her primary care provider at Aurora Sinai Medical Center to consider including her youngest son in the TREXAsstudy. Unfortunately her son could not participate in the study due to complications in his health, but Maria inquired about including her daughter instead.

The benefits of research seem obvious to the university and health care systems but the benefits to the individuals and families involved in research are not always so. Maria and her daughter learned much about how to successfully control her asthma with minimum medication. Her son, who was too ill initially to enroll in the study, also benefited from his sister’s participation. In a recent stop at the grocery store his asthma flared up. Maria did not have any albuterol (medication for asthma) with her, but remembered from her daughter’s participation in TREXA that exercise can be a trigger. She quickly sat him down next to her and helped him focus on breathing as she breathed with him. This calmed him down enough that they could leave and head home. By the time they returned home, his exacerbation had eased enough that he didn’t need any medication.

Now Maria is less stressed about what may happen at school with her son and daughter because the whole family understands their triggers and how to control their asthma properly. This also means there are fewer interruptions in life due to better understanding of the family’s asthma afflictions. Maria was grateful to have her family involved with this clinical trial and is happy that this study was offered at a clinic downtown, which was close to their home and school.



Photo

Maria Yepez, mother

Melia Medina, TREXA participant

Our Partners

UWSMPH

AUWMG / Aurora Health Care

UWM College of Nursing student intern

Alverno College student intern

CARE Network (7 national sites)

Social Development Commission

“Research is important and I am so happy to be a part of this project.” Maria Yepez

“We want to find ways to prevent kids from having asthma attacks; how can we control for that. Taking medication every day can be quite burdensome on the life of a child and his or her family.” Elizabeth Bade, MD (Principal Investigator)

Supporting Pathways for Translation

Milwaukee Community Health Research Forum

The Center envisions leading innovative, community-connected urban research and education, and community engagement is the cornerstone to achieving this. The Center realizes that in order to move research to policy and practice it is essential for both community and academia to partner in the planning, implementation and evaluation phases. The Center also seeks to identify ways to remove barriers to research use and promote interaction among producers and users of research.

To this end, on **November 2, 2009**, a developing network of community-engaged academic health research institutions in the Milwaukee area, along with a community partner and the Milwaukee Health Department, co-sponsored a community health research forum: **Making Connections to Make a Difference**. The organizations participated in the forum planning process, identifying and inviting presenters, contributing to covering forum expenses, and working at the event to ensure its success.

The planning partners included:

- **Center for Urban Population Health**
- **City of Milwaukee Health Department**
- **Medical College of Wisconsin**
- **UW-Milwaukee**
 - Center for Urban Initiatives and Research
 - Helen Bader School of Social Welfare
- **The University of Wisconsin Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (UW ICTR)**
 - Community Health Connections
 - Collaborative Center for Health Equity
- **Walnut Way Conservation Corp**

*Gina Green-Harris, MBA
Outreach Program Manager
presenting at Milwaukee Community
Health Research Forum*

Key Forum Objectives

- To provide an opportunity to highlight a wide variety of research and other health initiatives and partnerships underway in Milwaukee;
- To present community-academic partnerships in various stages of development, and opportunities to focus on practical topics in developing community-academic partnerships;
- To utilize the forum as a starting point for strengthening the co-sponsors' collaborative efforts to help build and support community-academic partnerships and community-engaged research in Milwaukee.

Using plenary sessions as well as a "World Café" approach, the day provided an informal, creative environment for sparking conversations about research, and for exploring opportunities for possible future collaborative research partnerships. The forum showcased 10 translational and/or community-based research projects (3 projects highlighted in the plenary, 7 projects highlighted in conversation cafés).

Approximately 100 people attended the forum, representing a diverse range of stakeholders, including community groups, academic institutions, healthcare systems, city government, and local funders.



Producing Evidence and Prioritizing Population Health Issues

In addition to the forum, the Center produced and contributed to the production of products that utilize local data and health information and package them in a centralized and meaningful way for users of research and the community to employ. The following are two examples of products produced in 2009. Additional products can be found on our website at www.cuph.org.

Health Disparities in Milwaukee by Socioeconomic Status

The goal of producing the *Milwaukee Health Report* is to provide policy makers and community organizations with local, meaningful information that can inform them and have positive effects on addressing Milwaukee's health issues. The *Milwaukee Health Report* focuses on investigating health disparities in the city by socioeconomic status and offers comparisons of health determinants and health outcomes between the city of Milwaukee, the state of Wisconsin and the US. The long term goal in providing these comparisons on an annual basis is to inform further discussion on policy change and resource allocation.

Given that Milwaukee is the state's most vital urban area and has the largest population, Milwaukee's poor health has a major impact on the state as a whole (Vila and colleagues, 2007). The city of Milwaukee is highly segregated, both racially and economically, which links to several key issues such as unemployment, low income, poor education and poor health. There are many ways in which to present and interpret the data in this report. One overall finding is that Milwaukee's lower SES group has significantly worse health than the upper SES group for almost all of the health measures.

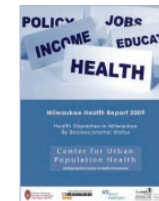
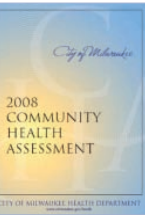
The inaugural edition, *Milwaukee Health Report 2009*, was produced by the Center and the Milwaukee Health Department. It advances the work that each organization does with the community in a number of ways. This report

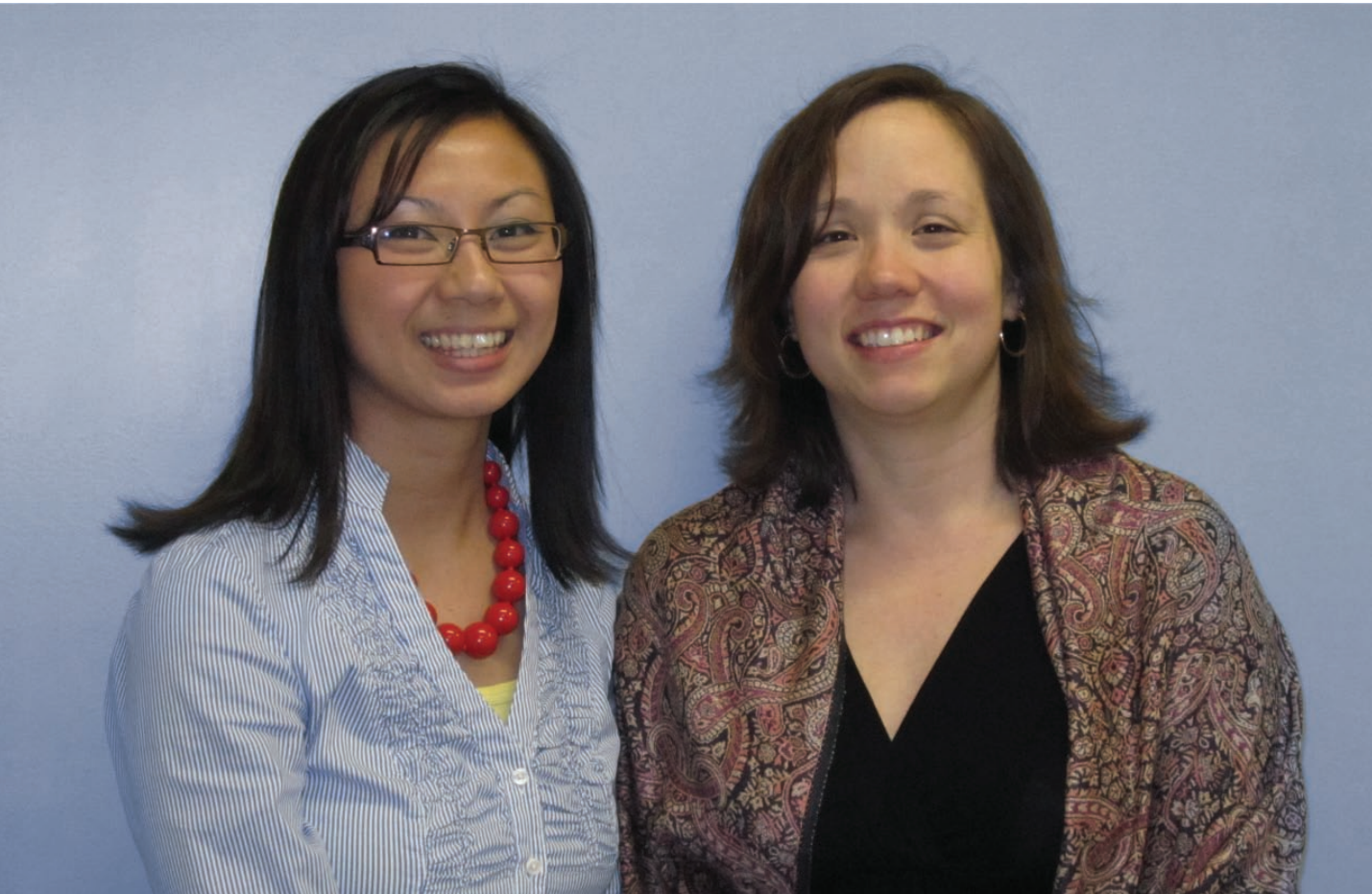
will aid in the prioritization of research undertaken by the Center and the policy initiatives to be undertaken by the newly formed Wisconsin Center for Health Equity, a joint venture of the City of Milwaukee Health Department and the Wisconsin Public Health Association.

Comprehensive Community Health Assessment

The *Milwaukee Health Report*, which interprets health determinants and health outcome data, complements the Milwaukee Health Department-led citywide health assessment. This initiative is the most comprehensive health assessment ever undertaken by the city and will be used to help formulate our community's future public health goals and outcomes. The Health Department has chosen to use the health assessment model Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP), developed by the National Association of City and County Health Officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP)** is a community-driven strategic planning tool for improving community health. Facilitated by public health leaders, this framework helps communities apply strategic thinking to prioritize public health issues and identify resources to address them. MAPP is not an agency-focused assessment tool; rather, it is an interactive process that can improve the efficiency, effectiveness, and ultimately the performance of local public health systems.

This process was a collaborative effort by the City of Milwaukee Health Department and a steering committee composed of leaders and representatives from a broad array of city departments, health systems, and community organizations. Center faculty and staff contributed time and energy to the entire process and continue to contribute to the community-wide work groups as they develop action plans that respond to the findings of the assessment.





Photo

Paula Tran, Project Assistant

Jessica Rice, Design, Analysis and Evaluation Manager and PA Mentor

Community Partner Project Experiences

- Aurora Abuse Response Services
- Sexual Assault Treatment Center
- Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Southeastern Wisconsin Affiliate
- Latinas Living with HIV
- United Way of Greater Milwaukee
- Fondy Food – Girls Chef Academy

Experience Gained

- Evaluation methods
- Protocol development
- IRB coordination
- Survey design
- Interviewing
- Qualitative methods
- Project coordination
- Data presentation
- Dissemination

Supporting the Future

Paula Tran, a University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health Master of Public Health student, spent the past two years at the Center for Urban Population Health serving as a Project Assistant, supporting over 10 projects. Paula has applied her MPH coursework to contribute to projects mostly in the area of women’s health.

In addition to serving a critical role in accomplishing a student’s learning objectives, service-learning projects at the Center also offer a cost effective way to support the development and implementation of research and education projects. Further, they provide an enriching and satisfying experience for the mentor and develop the multi-disciplinary workforce of the future.

Addressing Women’s Health

Two examples of Ms. Tran’s meaningful contributions to a project can be found in her work with both the *Safe Mom, Safe Baby* project and with Aurora’s *Abuse Response Services* team. For *Safe Mom, Safe Baby*, Paula was able to use a qualitative approach to evaluate the program. By contacting former participants in the project and documenting their experiences with the program she was able to provide *Safe Mom, Safe Baby’s* project coordinator with a qualitative evaluation of *Safe Mom, Safe Baby’s* services as well as recommendations for improving the program. This is valuable data that will supplement the quantitative data already being collected to describe the impact of the program on women’s lives.

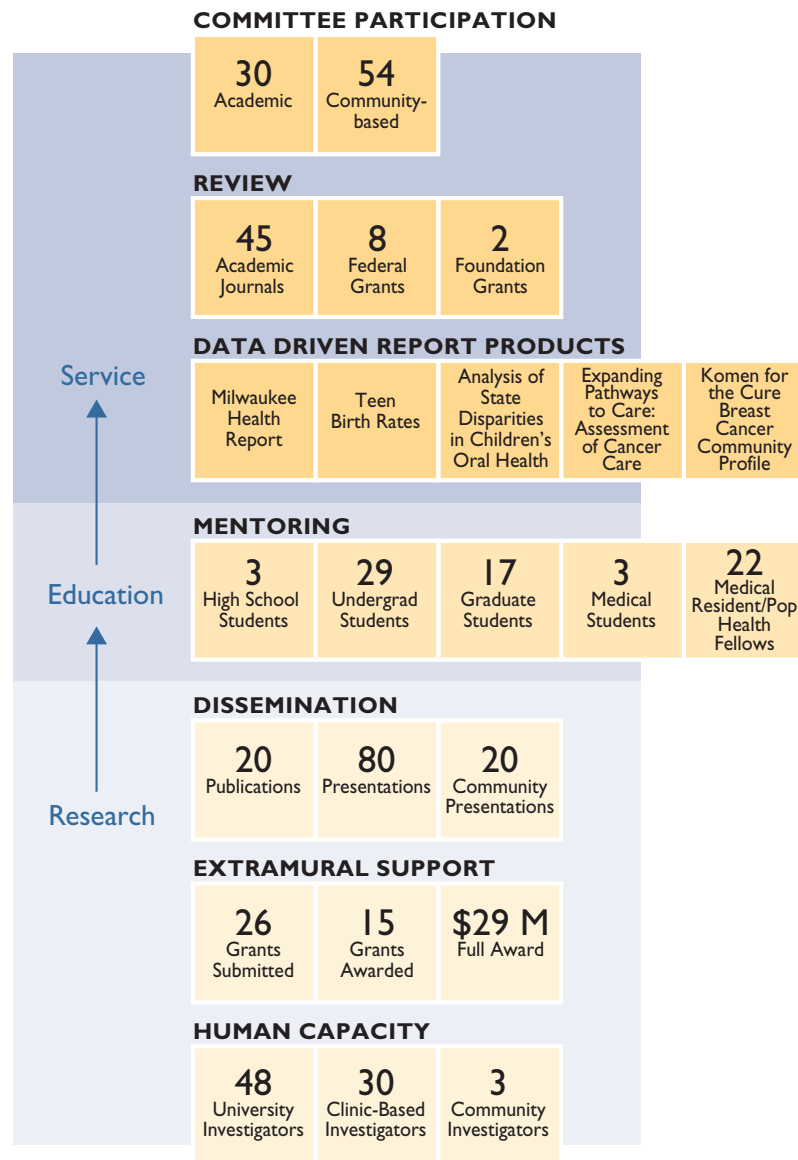
Ms. Tran also worked closely with Aurora’s Abuse Response Services team to develop a database to house their data that was previously kept in excel sheets and paper forms. By creating a database where this data can be housed electronically and entering in historical data, Ms. Tran has vastly improved the ability of the Abuse Response Services team manager to describe her program, the services they provide, and the populations they serve.

Fostering Knowledge Transfer through Clinical and Community-Based Learning

Ms. Tran is one of two Project Assistants working at the Center for Urban Population Health. Erin Gutowski and Ms. Tran have worked with the Center for a two-year period in an innovative partnership with the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (UWSMPH). The positions are funded through the Master of Public Health Program (MPH) at the UWSMPH. The MPH Program was developed with funding from the Wisconsin Partnership Program. While the Project Assistants work directly with a primary preceptor at the Center, they also receive support from Barbra Beck, Public Health Education and Training Coordinator, and Barbara Duerst, Associate Director of the MPH Program, as well as project-related secondary mentors at the Center. This successful partnership with the UWSMPH’s MPH program will continue in future years.

Ms. Tran has decided to accept a position as a Wisconsin Population Health Fellow. This fellowship will allow her to continue to develop her population health skills and apply them to organizations here in Wisconsin.

Performance Score Card



The Center for Urban Population Health continues to contribute to the deeper understanding of health issues that affect people across the life course. The Center's vision to be a nationally recognized center that inspires collaborative, innovative, community-relevant urban population health research and education continues to be realized and can easily be measured through the many new and return investigators and community partners who collaborate with the Center in the implementation of their work.

This year the Center assisted over **81** university, health care and community investigators in implementing over **120** research and educational projects. Population Health is an expansive framework and the quantity and quality of research and educational initiatives in which the Center participated span the continuum from health services research to community partnerships.

For a comprehensive listing of current and past projects facilitated through the Center for Urban Population Health please visit www.cuph.org.

This score card provides an overview of key performance indicators of the Center's work in 2009 as it relates to the general areas of research, education and service.

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- Biedrzycki, P., Sinclair, E., Joos, R., Swain, G. (2009). *A multi-faceted approach for addressing STIs in urban settings: The City of Milwaukee experience and strategic response.* Presentation, American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA (November).
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- Doering, J., Pizar-Barnekow, K. (2009). *Community-based maternal mental health screening in an early intervention program.* Poster, American Academy of Nursing Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA (November).
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- Guilondard, K., Lacke, S., Beck, B., Simpson, P., Nugent, M., Bretl, D., Sheets, L. (2009). *Project Respect: A community-based teen dating and sexual violence education program.* Poster, American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (November).
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- Jan, F., Murthy, V., Mori, N., Gupta, A., Bajwa, T., Allaqaband, S. (2009). *Contemporary Lipid Levels in Patients Hospitalized With Acute ST-Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction.* Poster, American Heart Association, Orlando, FL (November).
- Lemke, M., Baumgardner, D., Brummitt, C., Swain, G., Buggy, B., Meidl, J., Baesman, Z., Schreiber, A. (2009). *Analyzing risk for blastomycosis in urban areas.* Presentation, URISA's GIS in Public Health Conference, Providence, RI (June).
- Lemke, M., Baumgardner, D., Brummitt, C., Swain, G., Buggy, B., Meidl, J., Baesman, Z., Schreiber, A. (2009). *Analyzing Risk Factors for blastomycosis in urban areas.* Presentation, North American Primary Care Research Group Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec (November).
- Lemke, M., Bergstrom, J., Hamm, C., Van Mullen, C. (2009). *Cultural competency in urban clinics: Patient and provider perceptions regarding pre- and inter-conception care.* Presentation, The University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health Minority Health in the Midwest Conference, Chicago, IL (February).
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- Rahman, M., Bangash, A., Mortada, E., Akhtar, M., Mori, N., Sra, J. (2009). *Variation of Cardiac Rhythm at Computed Tomography Compared to Image Integration: Implications for Image-Integrated Therapies for Arterial Fibrillation.* Heart Rhythm, Boston, MA (May).
- Runquist, J., Barnekow, K. (2009). *Community-Based Maternal Health Screening in an Early Intervention Program.* Poster, Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Conference, Washington, DC (February).
- Shuaib, S., Mori, N., Port, S. (2009). *Comparison of Two Methods for Attenuation Correction of SPECT (Single-Photon Emission Computed Tomography) Myocardial Perfusion Imaging.* American Society of Nuclear Cardiology, Minneapolis, MN (October).
- Varela, A., Florsheim, P., Burrow-Sanchez, J., Torres, Y., Hudak, C. (2009). *Preventing and Reducing Intimate Partner Violence among Adolescent Mothers and their Partners.* Poster, Society for Prevention Research, Washington, DC (May).
- Wrona, M., Gomez, Y., Burrow-Sanchez, J., Florsheim, P. (2009). *Predictive Value of Acculturation and Ethnic Identity on Parenting Alliance for a Sample of Latino Teen Parents.* Poster, Society for Prevention Research, Washington, DC (May).
- Zalewski, K. (2009). *Preliminary results of a Senior Health Facility Index for Physical Activity.* Presentation, Annual Conference of the American Physical Therapy Association, Baltimore, MD (June).
- Zerpa-Uriona, V., Stevens, P., Galvão, L., Frazer, D., Community Advisory Board Members. (2009). *The Struggles and Victories of 15 Latina Women Affected with HIV/AIDS in Milwaukee.* Presentation, 33rd Annual Women's Studies Conference and 4th Annual LGBTQ Conference, Madison, WI (April).
- Zwicke, D., Hayat, F., Gronski, T., Mori, N., Spexarth, F., Moline, W., Krause, A., Pano C. (2009). *Inhaled Epoprostenol (Flolan®) as Solo or Adjunctive Therapy for Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension.* Transcatheter Cardiovascular Therapeutics, San Francisco, CA (September).

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Core Faculty and Staff

The Center's directorship maintains administrative and/or academic affiliations and responsibilities by which they strategically develop the Center's population health activities while maintaining a strong connectedness with the Center's institutional partners. This allows them to bring a broad perspective to the table when guiding the Center.

- Ron A. Cisler, PhD**
Director, Center for Urban Population Health; Associate Professor of Health Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Affiliate Associate Professor of School of Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Associate Professor of Population Health Sciences, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
- Dennis Baumgardner, MD**
Associate Director for Health Services Initiatives, Center for Urban Population Health; Director of Campus Research, Aurora UW Medical Group; and Professor of Family Medicine, UW School of Medicine and Public Health
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Other Staff News

Marilyn Anderson, ASB, accepted a position as Executive Assistant Manager to CEO Deborah Blanks at the Social Development Commission, one of our collaborative community partners. Ms. Blanks serves as Chair of the Center for Urban Population Health's Executive Committee.

Liz Bade, MD, received the 2008 Faculty Paper of the Year Award from the Aurora UW Medical Group Research Core for her paper titled, "Navigating the Health Care System: A View from the Urban Medically Underserved," published in the *Wisconsin Medical Journal*.

Chris Blumberg, Information Technology Summer Student Intern and UW-Milwaukee Masters student, accepted a position as Teaching Assistant with the Healthcare Informatics Program for Dr. Timothy Patrick. Over the summer, he re-engineered the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission homicide and shooting databases.

Maebe Brown was appointed by the University of Wisconsin and the Paul P. Carbone Comprehensive Cancer Center as *Distinguished Outreach Specialist* in February 2009. Ms. Brown's office is located at the Center as part of a strategic initiative with the Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Robert Cherry, Outreach Specialist, accepted an excellent opportunity as Redesign Coordinator at Community Advocates' Milwaukee Addiction Treatment Initiative in February 2009.

Ron Cisler, PhD, received the 2009 *Excellence in Public Health Research Award* from the Wisconsin Public Health Association. This award acknowledges outstanding scientific investigations that are based on sound public health science and have contributed to, or have the potential to contribute to, a change in public health practice, policy, science or technology.

Julie Katrichis, BSN, Health Services Research Intern, was featured as one of the *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Outstanding Graduates* in May 2009.

Jennifer Kroll, BA, Health Services Associate Research Specialist, received *2nd Place for Outstanding Research Poster Presentation at Aurora Scientific Day* on May 28, 2009 for her poster titled, "Change in health-related quality of life following resective epilepsy surgery," illustrating her work as a Research Assistant at the Regional Epilepsy Center, Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center.

Timothy Patrick, PhD, Center Scientist, received the *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee College of Health Sciences 2009 Dean's Research Award* on May 1, 2009. This award recognizes Dr. Patrick's exemplary conduct in the pursuit of quality research and scholarship.

Ruth Perez, BA, was promoted from Associate Research Specialist to Research Specialist as of August 1, 2009. She supports the Center's Health Services Research program area including pediatric asthma and Wisconsin Network for Health Research (WiNHR) studies.

Trina Salm Ward, MSW, received a *3rd Place Scientific Research Symposium Award* at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee College of Health Sciences 2009 Research Symposium for her presentation entitled, "The Effects of Socioeconomic Status and Race on Poor Birth Outcomes in Milwaukee, Wisconsin." The project was partially supported by the Center for Urban Population Health and included co-authors Timothy Patrick, Ph.D., and Naoyo Mori, Ph.D.

Matthew Weiss, Information Technology Intern, was awarded a prestigious summer internship with Humboldt State University in Arcata, California through the *Association of College and University Housing Officers-International (ACUHO-I)*. The ACUHO-I Housing Internship Program is one of the most respected and competitive higher education internship opportunities available to undergraduate and graduate students. Mr. Weiss is one of the few undergraduate students who have been awarded this opportunity, and will support Humboldt University's database design needs.

2009 Staff

- Marilyn Anderson, ASB, Administrative Assistant
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- Lee Banfi, MBA, CPA, FHFMA, Manager, External Research and Business Services
- Barbra Beck, PhD, Public Health Education and Training Coordinator
- Kenneth Blacks, Research Assistant
- Karen Blanchard, Senior Administrative Assistant
- Han-Yang Chen, MS, Biostatistician/ Assistant Researcher
- Paul Depratt, Information Technology Intern
- Jennifer Evertsen, MS, Health Services Research Program Manager I
- Paul Florsheim, PhD, Center Scientist/ Associate Professor
- David Frazer, MPH, Manager, Community Based Initiatives & Communications
- Gina Green-Harris, MBA, Outreach Program Manager
- Erin Gutowski, BS, Project Assistant
- Amy Harley, PhD, Center Scientist/ Assistant Professor
- Stephanie Houston, MBA, Associate Clinical Social Worker
- Paul Hunter, MD, Center Scientist
- Cassandra Jenkins, RN, BSN, Research Specialist
- Amanda Joyce, BS, Research Assistant
- Jennifer Kroll, BA, Associate Research Specialist
- Melissa Lemke, MA, Research Specialist
- Andrew Marek, BBA, Senior Web Application Developer
- Emelia Mcauliff, MPH, Assistant Researcher
- Kimberly Moran, Research Assistant
- Naoyo Mori, PhD, Epidemiologist/ Assistant Researcher
- Nia Norris, BA, Outreach Assistant
- Ruth Perez, BA, Associate Research Specialist
- Katherine Pronschinske, BS, MT, Practice Enhancement & Education Assistant/ Associate Research Specialist
- Kathryn T. Reese, MPH, Assistant Researcher
- Jessica Rice, MPH, Manager, Design and Analysis/ Associate Researcher
- Trina Salm Ward, MSW, CCRC, Research Program Manager II
- Angie Sielecki, Research Assistant
- Dale Steber, MS, Supervisor, Information Technology
- Geoffrey Swain, MD, MPH, Center Scientist/ Associate Professor
- Anne Marie Talsky, BA, Senior Administrative Assistant
- Simeona Todorova, BA, Web Application Developer
- Paula Tran, BS, Project Assistant
- Matthew Weiss, Information Technology Intern
- Tony Yang, Research Assistant
- Virginia Zerpa-Uriona, MPH, Outreach Specialist

New Faculty and Staff in 2009



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Kenneth Blacks
Research Assistant



Paul Depratt
Research Assistant



Stephanie Houston, MBA
Associate Clinical Social Worker



Paul Hunter, MD, Center Scientist; Assoc. Medical Dir. City of Milwaukee Health Dept.; and Assistant Professor, Dept. of Family Medicine, UW School of Medicine & Public Health



Amanda Joyce, BS
Research Assistant



Kimberly Moran
Research Assistant



Kathryn T. Reese, MPH
Assistant Researcher



Angie Sielecki
Research Assistant



Tony Yang
Research Assistant

Fiscal Resources

The Center for Urban Population Health leverages its three institutional partners' contributions in a complimentary way that limits duplications of human and physical resources. The Center strives to provide the best outcomes for the community and a solid return on investment for its institutional partners.

The following highlights the various sources of funding that the Center and its institutional partners' received in 2009. This year marks another year of financial stability and programatic growth. In addition to the Center's core support from its institutional partners, the Center continues to diversify its sources of funding across federal, state and local grants and contracts.

2009 Sources of Funds

Institutional Partner Core Support

- University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, College of Health Sciences
- Aurora Health Care, Inc.
- Aurora UW Medical Group

Federal, State & Local Contracts

- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment of the US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
- City of Milwaukee Health Department
- Midwest AIDS Training & Education Center
- National Institutes of Health's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
- Nanosphere, Inc.
- Pfizer
- Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin
- United Way of Greater Milwaukee
- University of Wisconsin-Madison
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute
- Wisconsin Arthritis Program
- Wisconsin Association of Perinatal Care
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- Wisconsin Hospitals (~80 hospitals statewide)

Wisconsin Partnership Programs Academic-Initiated

- Milwaukee Alzheimers Prevention Program
- Milwaukee Regional Cancer Care Network
- Proposal to Implement MPH Degree Program, UWSMPH
- Public Health Development Plan
- Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW)

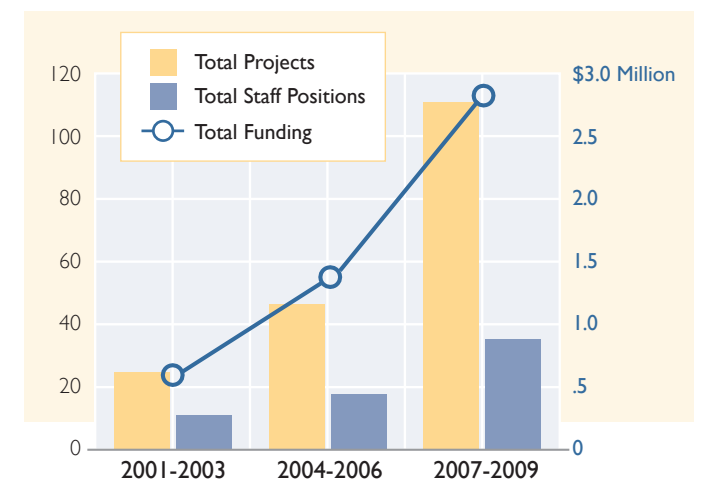
- Wisconsin Network for Health Research (WiNHR)
- Wisconsin Research and Education Network (WREN)

Community-Initiated

- Evaluation of the Milwaukee Nurse Family Partnership Program
- Expanded Community Role in the Milwaukee Homicide Review Commission
- Expanding and Sustaining the "Safe Mom, Safe Baby" Project
- Group Prenatal Care for Vulnerable Pregnant Teens Health Care Task Force on Pre- and Inter-Conception Care

Center for Urban Population Health

Growth Indicators (Averages over 3-Year Period)



The Center continues to experience growth in the areas of funded projects, staff positions and funding.

The Center works with more than 260 collaborators and partners in a variety of ways—sometimes leading, sometimes following, but always striving to contribute to their common mission. The Center contributions range from formal contractual agreements to in-kind and complimentary participation.

The Center is involved with many coalitions, taskforces and workgroups that are comprised of dozens of other community-based organizations, governmental institutions, and academicians. New partnerships develop from the strong relationships the Center staff has made while actively participating in these coalitions, taskforces and workgroups. We want to thank the following partners for their continued collaboration in 2009.

African American Chamber of Commerce
 AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
 All Saints Healthcare St. Luke's Health Pavilion
 Alma Center
 Alverno College
 Alzheimer's Association
 American Cancer Society – Midwest Division
 American Geriatrics Society
 American Heart Association
 Amery Regional Medical Center
 Arms Around Armani Neighborhood Association
 Asha Family Services
 Aspirus Wausau Hospital
 Asset Builders of America, Inc.
 Aurora Abuse Response Services
 Aurora Baycare Medical Center
 Aurora Center for Senior Health and Longevity
 Aurora Consolidated Laboratories
 Aurora Family Care Clinic
 Aurora Family Services
 Aurora Health Care, Inc.
 Aurora Lakeland Medical Center
 Aurora Medical Center Kenosha
 Aurora Medical Center Manitowoc County
 Aurora Medical Center Oshkosh County
 Aurora Medical Center Washington County
 Aurora Memorial Hospital of Burlington
 Aurora Midwifery & Wellness Center
 Aurora Milwaukee Heart Institute
 Aurora School Based Nurses
 Aurora Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center
 Aurora Sinai Medical Center
 Aurora Sinai Sexual Assault Treatment Center
 Aurora St. Luke's Comprehensive Cardiovascular Care LLP
 Aurora St. Luke's Emergency Department
 Aurora St. Luke's Family Practice Center
 Aurora St. Luke's Transplant Research Lab
 Aurora UW Medical Group
 Baldwin Area Medical Center
 Bay Area Medical Center
 Bayview Neighborhood Association
 Beaver Dam Community Hospital
 Bellin Memorial Hospital
 Beloit Memorial Hospital
 Benedict Center
 Berlin Memorial Hospital
 Black Health Coalition
 Black River Memorial
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 Center for The Advancement of Underserved Children (MCW)
 Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention

Center for Urban Initiatives and Research
 Center on Aging Community: Leadership Council
 Childhood Asthma Research and Education (CARE) Network
 Children's Community Health Plan
 City of Milwaukee
 City of Milwaukee Health Department
 City of Racine Health Department
 Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups
 Collaborative Center for Health Equity
 Columbia Center, LLC
 Columbia St. Mary's Hospital
 Columbia University
 Columbus Community Hospital
 Community Campus Partnerships for Health
 Community Care for The Elderly
 Community Memorial Hospital
 Comprehensive Cancer Center
 Comprehensive Health Education, Inc.
 Counseling Center of Milwaukee
 Cream City Medical Society's HIV Symposium Planning Steering Committee
 Cumberland Memorial Hospital
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 Wisconsin Breast Cancer Coalition
 Wisconsin Bureau of Health Information
 Wisconsin Cancer Council
 Wisconsin Center for Health Equity
 Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence

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