

Center for Urban Population Health

Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

Purpose: The overarching purpose of the Center is to for the improvement of health in urban communities that the three Partner Institutions serve. To achieve this, the Center serves as a central organization and hub to leverage the research and scientific expertise of its Partner Institutions to facilitate growth in inter-institutional research and education activities. The Center includes affiliate researchers from all three institutions as well as over twenty years of established trusted relationships and ongoing partnerships with community based, public health and non-profit organizations serving diverse populations and working to address social determinants of health. A key strength of the existing CUPH programming is support for community/partner driven implementation research and evaluation. Among the numerous academic research and partnerships topics include substance abuse, maternal and child health, health care delivery for reducing disparities, caregiving support, adolescent and youth mental health, as well as efforts to improve and modify the built and social environment.

Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) is being established to continue to accelerate academic and applied urban and population health research across the three institutions. Members of the Scientific Advisory Committee will serve as representatives of their research institutions and work collaboratively with the Center Director to guide ongoing center activities and advance collaborative research.

SAC members will:

- Support convenings/networking opportunities that support the growth of inter-institutional research
- Provide strategic guidance and research direction to the Center and meet monthly with the director virtually or in person as agreed upon by the CUPH director and SAC
- Meet annually in-person (pending health and safety) with the Institutional Leadership Committee (ILC)
- Share relevant institutional and research updates
- Provide mentorship including technical assistance and mentorship to new investigators and researchers interested in CUPH as a resource to accelerate community-based or community-engaged and/or other health equity related research opportunities
- Identify strategic areas of overlapping research interest among the institutions
- Serve as a conduit to researchers who seek mutually beneficial partnerships in the strategic or general health related research areas
- Communicate with and participate in ILC meetings

Make up: The SAC will consist of two researchers from each Partner Institution. The researchers will be assigned to the SAC by their representing ILC member.

Structure/Authority: The SAC will annually review the SAC makeup and have opportunities to edit this charge in collaboration with the Center Director.

Time Commitment:

The SAC will commit approximately 20 hours per year in time to support CUPH leadership. This commitment includes a monthly one-hour meeting with period additional engagement to support goals of convening and networking amongst faculty and scientists for advancing CUPH research and ongoing activities. Meetings can occur virtually or in person to facilitate participation by all SAC members. SAC members will also be asked to attend one CUPH leadership meeting a year in collaboration with the ILC. It is anticipated that this meeting will be held in person, if possible, based on health and safety guidelines at the time of the meeting.

Time Frame:

It is anticipated that the SAC convene beginning of September 2022.

Members

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