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Pictured below:
Affiliate members at the September 2012
Program in Health Disparities Research Meeting
A Message from the Program Director

The conclusion of another calendar year allows for time to stop and reflect on the past year’s work and accomplishments. Since the program started in 2006, our community and academic initiatives, collaborations and research have grown tremendously. The University of Minnesota Medical School’s Program in Health Disparities Research (PHDR) has continued building partnerships, training health disparities researchers and conducting outstanding research. We are also proud of the ongoing strides our community and academic members make towards reducing and ultimately eliminating health disparities.

PHDR is driven to improve health for all through research, education and community engagement. We remain dedicated to innovative solutions, investment in authentic partnerships and making a meaningful impact.

This past year we continued meaningful training and community engagement initiatives, such as the Clipper Clinic and Community Dialogue Series, as well as implemented new initiatives like the Community Research Institute. Feedback from initiatives has been very positive, and we look forward to continuing these programs in 2013. We were also pleased to host the Health Equity Conference in the spring in partnership with the Center for Health Equity and Minnesota Center for Cancer Collaborations. This conference brought together community members and practitioners from across the state who are also dedicated to improving the health of all communities for a time to learn from each other. These and other community engagement and training initiatives are highlighted later in this report.

PHDR members continue to be successful at receiving competitive grant funding to conduct health disparities research that make a difference on people’s lives. You can also find more details about the funding PHDR members received in 2012 later in this report. In addition, I am pleased to see a continuation of innovative research applications in the Planning Grants in Health Disparities Research Program. We continue to look for ways to improve this popular program and have incorporated your feedback into the 2013 planning grant program. We remain very appreciative of our sponsors for supporting this program, including the Masonic Cancer Center, ClearWay MinnesotaTM and the Office of Community Economic Development at the University of Minnesota.

All of these efforts contribute to our mission to improve the health of all people, in Minnesota, the nation and beyond. Thank you for taking a few minutes to read more about the PHDR activities this past year. If you are interested in joining us on any of these initiatives, please visit our website to check out events for 2013 and consider submitting an application for membership.

Kola Okuyemi, M.D., M.P.H.
Director, Program in Health Disparities Research; Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health
Community Health Advisory Council

The Health Disparities Community Health Advisory Council meets bimonthly and consists of community leaders in a variety of fields, including health care, education and law enforcement, providing important guidance and feedback for current and future research in health disparities.

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Harvest Preparatory/Seed Academy

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Association for the Advancement of Hmong Women in Minnesota

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Jasjit S. Ahluwalia
06/12-05/17 National Institute on Drug Abuse
$29,359
Understanding Disparities in Quitting in African American and White Smokers

Tiffany Beckman
09/12-09/13 NIH - National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
$180,256
Neural Correlates of Food Reward in American Indian Women

Zobeida Bonilla
07/12-07/13 (Co-Investigator) University of MN Global Spotlight Program-Major Grants
$45,000
Food, Health and Labor: Immigrant Agency in the Production of Informal Economic Systems in Columbia, Mexico and the United States

Diana Burgess
08/12-07/17 VA Health Services Research and Development
$1.1 million
Motivating Providers to Reduce Disparities in Their Own Practice

Cari Clark
07/12-06/14 National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities
$20,996
Loan Repayment Grant
02/12-01/14 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
$152,000
Health Disparities in Obesity: Partner Violence and its Psychosocial Pathways

Steven Fu
(Co-Investigator) Department of Veterans Affairs Health Services Research and Development
$1.03 million
Proactive Outreach for Smokers in VA Mental Health
Rachel Hardeman
09/12-08/13 University of Minnesota Graduate School
$23,700
*Reconstructing Research: Exploring the Impact of Race, Gender and Social Class in Health and Health Disparities Research

Ajay Israni
08/11-08/16 NIH - National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
$117,911 *Renewed in 2012
*Genomics of Kidney Transplantation
09/10-09/15 (Co-Investigator) Health Resources and Services Administration
$3.4 million *Renewed in 2012
*Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients

Pamela Jo Johnson
01/12-12/12 Allina Center for Healthcare Innovation
$30,000
*Disparities in Potentially Avoidable Hospital Care
09/12-08/14 NIH - National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
$142,841
*Work During Pregnancy and Childbirth-Related Health Care Choices, Patterns, and Quality

Cathy Jordan
2012-2014 (Co-Investigator) University of Minnesota Extension
$36,000
*Toward Culturally Sensitive Communities: The Minnesota Housing Policy Tool Box

Hee Yun Lee
2012-2015 Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation
$675,000
*Mobile Phone Multimedia Messaging Intervention for Breast Cancer Screening
2012 University of Minnesota Clinical and Translational Science Institute
$367,500
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Planning Grants 2012

The Planning Grants in Health Disparities Research Program is sponsored annually in collaboration with local funding partners. This funding mechanism aims to foster community and academic collaboration on research topics designed to reduce health disparities. To promote community and research collaboration, each application is required to have one principal investigator from the University of Minnesota and one from a local community organization. Applications are reviewed similarly to National Institutes of Health guidelines and by a committee consisting of University faculty and community members.

Funding partners:
Masonic Cancer Center
Office for Business & Community Economic Development,
The Community Health Initiative (with Medica)
Program in Health Disparities Research

PLANNING GRANT TITLES AND Awardees

Project HEAR (Health Education and Resources): Cancer Prevention for Black Women

Andre Crockett, Vision Church
Starr Sage, University of Minnesota-Rochester, Center for Learning Innovation

Development, Implementation and Evaluation of Adolescent Peer-to-Peer Health and Wellness Social Media Strategy for the North Minneapolis Program Youth Determined to Succeed

Melvin Anderson, Youth Determined to Succeed
Julia Joseph-Di Caprio, Department of Pediatrics
Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series on Health Disparities Research

The Distinguished Visiting Scholar Series on Health Disparities Research brings an acknowledged leader in health disparities research to the University to present lectures and meet in small groups with faculty, fellows and students, and visit community organizations. This series is sponsored in partnership with the Medical School’s Program in Health Disparities Research, Minnesota Center for Cancer Collaborations and the Center for Health Equity.

**Augustus White III, Ph.D., M.D.**
Harvard Medical School Professor
“Seeing Patients: Unconscious Bias in Health Care: What is Health Care Bias?”
August 15, 2012

2012 Health Equity Conference: Eliminating Health Disparities

The Program in Health Disparities Research co-sponsored a Health Equity Conference with the Minnesota Center for Cancer Collaborations and the Center for Health Equity in April 2012. The conference brought together students, researchers, policy makers and community partners to:

- Explore strategies to eliminate disparities in disease, health outcomes, and access to health care across racial, ethnic, sexual orientation and socioeconomic groups
- Provide a platform to disseminate health equity and minority health research results to students, faculty, organizations and community members
- Explore successful partnerships and how they might ultimately contribute to elimination of health disparities
- Examine legal, social and ethical responsibilities of research with under-served populations

April 23-24, 2012

**Keynote Speaker:**
**Kweisi Mfume**  
Former United States Congressman 1987-1996  
Former President of NAACP

**Plenary Opening Speaker:**
**Jane Delgado, Ph.D., M.S.**  
President and CEO, National Alliance for Hispanic Health
The Community Research Institute was established in fall 2012. The institute was developed in response to a need expressed by community organizations for the University of Minnesota to provide research training for community organizations. Participants in the six-week program worked toward developing their skills in relevant research methodologies, developing an understanding of appropriate resources available to assist them with carrying out health research, applying these skills and knowledge to a real-world project, and networking with other community-based and university-based researchers.

Participating organizations:
- ACER
- Becker County Human Services
- Canvas Health
- Capernaum Pediatric Therapy Inc.
- Children’s Defense Fund
- Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES)
- Family Tree Clinic
- Lao Assistance Center of Minnesota
- Minnesota Department of Education
- Minnesota AIDS Project
- SoLaHmo Partnership for Health and Wellness

Program in Health Disparities Research members spent an afternoon painting in a high-quality affordable apartment building in downtown Minneapolis for the 2012 annual volunteer event
Masonic Cancer Center Health Disparities Summer Internship Program

Nine undergraduate students were selected to conduct summer research internships with faculty in the 4th annual Masonic Cancer Center’s Health Disparities Summer Internship Program. Funding from the Cancer Center’s Sylvia H. Lam Endowed Cancer Research Fund, the University of Minnesota Medical School Program in Health Disparities Research, and Minnesota Future Doctors allowed the students to participate in a six-week program of mentored research with faculty in a wide variety of cancer-related disciplines. Students and their mentors are as follows:

- **Billy Moua & Elder Atum Azzahir**, Director, Cultural Wellness Center
- **David Koffa & Deepali Sachdev, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine
- **Erick Marigi & Janet Thomas, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
- **Tony Yang & Troy Lund, Ph.D., M.D.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics
- **Nicholas Geagan & Kola Okuyemi, M.D., M.P.H.**, Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health
- **Sasha Orange & Janet Thomas, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
- **Ahmed Bashier & Anja Bielinsky, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biophysics
- **Tou Sue Thao & Michele Allen, M.D., M.S.**, Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health
- **Karen Ndagui & Janet Thomas, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
Community Dialogue Series

The Community Dialogue Series is a series of discussion events conducted in partnership with local community organizations to address health topics identified by community members. The goal of this program is to bring community members together with health experts for genuine dialogue on health disparities-related topics while providing tangible resources to enhance the discussion.

Speaker: Jessie Kemnick-Pintor
Topic: Immigrants and the Health Care Law: Critical Information
Community Group: Circulos Comunitarios
October 27, 2012

Travel Awards

Student Travel Award
Recipient Name: Eunice Arebra, Ph.D.,
School of Nursing
Oral Presentation Title: “Testing a Community Coping Intervention for Somali Refugee Women”
Conference: American Public Health Association Annual Meeting,
October 27-31, 2012

Community Scholar Travel Award
Recipient Name: Susan Gust
Symposium Presentation Title: “Innovations in Peer Review: Expanding the Boundaries for Community-Engaged Scholarship”
Conference: International Association for Research on Service-learning and Community Engagement, September 23, 2012
Community Engagement

Clipper Clinic

The primary goal of Clipper Clinic is to provide quality health care to our community in a comfortable and trusted environment. Each Clipper Clinic is conducted in, and partnered with, a local barbershop or beauty salon. At each location, there are free preventive health care services provided for anyone in the community who would like it.

Examples of services and screenings offered:
- Flu shot
- Height and weight
- Blood pressure
- Blood glucose
- Cholesterol
- HIV/STD

Clipper Clinic partners include: UCare, Southside Health Services, and the Hue-MAN Partnership Project: Healthy Men, Healthy Families and Healthy Communities. Additional support is provided by Fremont Clinic, Broadway Clinic, Minnesota Black Nurses Association, and NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center.

The Connection Newsletter

The Connection is the official newsletter of the Program in Health Disparities Research. Published quarterly, each issue provides information on health disparity topics from many different perspectives, from researchers at the University to organizations working within the community. The goal of this publication is to inform readers and promote cutting-edge strategies that make a difference in the lives of others.