

## PHSSR InsideTrack-February 2013

### Perspectives in PHSSR

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Commentaries by [Dr. Paul Erwin](#) in recent issues of *InsideTrack* have highlighted the importance of implementing training for Evidence-Based Public Health (EBPH), as well as the need to promote the real-world relevance of public health services and systems research through practitioner-academician partnerships. In this month's issue, I would like to highlight evolving efforts to meet another challenge for EBPH:

disseminating emerging research findings to the audiences who need them most. This is exactly the challenge that the [Public Health Practice-Based Research Networks National Coordinating Center](#) and I are attempting to tackle through the new [RE-ACT: Research to Action in Public Health Services and Systems Research](#) podcast.

With a primary target audience of state and local health department practitioners, each podcast provides an opportunity for researchers to discuss ongoing or recently-completed studies and to draw out the

implications of their findings for decision-makers in the field. In our first installment, PBRN Coordinating Center Director [Dr. Glen Mays](#) introduced the Public Health PBRN concept and discussed an ongoing, multi-network study that examines practice and outcome variations in public health service delivery. This month, [Dr. Justeen Hyde](#) describes the results of the Massachusetts Public Health PBRN's research into

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the results of the [Massachusetts Public Health PBRN](#)'s research into characteristics that contribute to effective cross-jurisdictional sharing activities. Growing out of practitioner-academician partnerships, these kinds of studies clearly have potential for the real-world impacts that Dr. Erwin referenced in last month's column; however, to have such impact, the practice community needs to be aware of the studies and their results.

We know that in this day of reduced resources and increasing accountability for results, public health practitioners face tough choices when it comes to choosing how they spend their time. Through the podcast, we are hoping to ease the burden by providing a quick and easy way to keep informed on topics that really matter in practice.

*RE-ACT* is just one of several new dissemination outlets for the public health services and systems field. As many of you already know, in 2012 the National Coordinating Center for PHSSR and the Public Health PBRN Program launched [Frontiers in PHSSR](#), an open-access journal that provides practitioners and researchers alike with the latest research results. The National Coordinating Center for PHSSR also recently debuted [PHSSR Matters](#) to alert audiences to emerging findings and their impacts. By providing research-related information through a single channel, we can keep that channel's particular audience informed; however, by taking a multi-channel approach to proactive research dissemination, we can reach multiple audiences, "meet[ing] our stakeholders where they are," as PBRN Coordinating Center Deputy Director Anna Hoover put it in a recent [Frontiers commentary](#). All of these information-driven efforts work together, helping to build critical mass to grow the public health services and systems research field and, subsequently, to build the evidence base for improved practice. At *RE-ACT*, we are proud to be a part of this multi-faceted, strategic communications approach. We hope you listen, and we hope you give us feedback as the podcast continues to evolve.

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## Research

**Register Now for Keeneland Conference, April 8-11 in Lexington, Ky.**

Registration is in full swing for the 2013 [Keeneland Conference](#) on PHSSR, April 8-11 in Lexington, Ky. This year's agenda is packed with informative sessions and prominent keynote speakers, as well as invaluable networking and information-sharing opportunities.

Confirmed keynote speakers include:

- Paul Kuehnert, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation senior program officer and team director for the Public Health team

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- William Roper, dean of the University of North Carolina School of Medicine; CEO, UNC Health Care
  - Joe Selby, executive director, Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

Don't miss out! Register now at [www.keenelandconference.org](http://www.keenelandconference.org)

### **Apply for Brown Scholarships to Attend Keeneland Conference**

Apply by **Feb. 28** for the 2013 Dr. E. Richard "Rick" Brown Keeneland Conference Scholarships, which will be awarded to doctoral students or post-doctoral scholars in a discipline relevant to PHSSR, who are from historically underrepresented research communities. Recipients will be scholars from minority or disadvantaged backgrounds, such as the first in a family to graduate from college.

The three scholarships are presented by the National Coordinating Center for PHSSR in recognition of the many lasting contributions of [Dr. E. Richard "Rick" Brown](#), distinguished leader, scholar and teacher in public health and the founding director of the [UCLA Center for Health Policy Research](#). These scholarships recognize Dr. Brown's role in PHSSR and his participation in the Keeneland Conference, and will offset the expense of attending the conference. [Click here](#) to apply.

### **New *Frontiers* Issue Includes Look at Weight Control Wellness Incentives; *Frontiers* Moves to Rolling Publication Schedule**

Employees much prefer "carrots" over "sticks" in employer wellness programs, according to a [pilot study](#) published in the latest issue of [Frontiers in PHSSR](#), an online, rapid-cycle journal bringing timely research to the field.

Read the full [study](#), as well as other new research in this issue of [Frontiers](#):

- [Federal and state community benefit reporting systems for tax-exempt hospitals](#)
- [Social media adoption among public health agencies](#)
- [Public health roles within systems of care for children with special health care needs](#)
- [Models of dissemination and implementation in public health](#)

Beginning with the most recent issue of *Frontiers*, the publication is moving to a rolling publication schedule for articles. That allows *Frontiers* to release articles individually as soon as they complete the production cycle, rather than waiting for a full issue to be complete. This will allow new knowledge to reach stakeholders in practice, policy and research even faster than before.

### **PHSSR Matters Offers Updates on Research**

Sign up now to receive recent issues of [PHSSR Matters](#), a new email update letting our community know about the latest research on the field. Find out about the latest findings in areas such as quality improvement and shared services in recent issues of [PHSSR Matters](#). Signing up is easy – just join our [PHSSR community](#)!

### **NCC Moves to New Software to Improve PHSSR Literature Library**

The National Coordinating Center for PHSSR is moving to a new, freely accessible reference managing software called [Mendeley](#) to organize the NCC's reference library of literature published by PHSSR researchers and items relevant to those conducting PHSSR. The new software replaces EndNote, a reference managing software that organized and distributed the library.

The reason behind the change is simple: In addition to being costly, EndNote doesn't allow for collaboration, and users are only able to access their libraries on one computer. Not only does Mendeley do nearly everything EndNote does, it also allows for collaboration, tagging of references, and integrates social networking into both its platforms. Your Mendeley account is accessible anywhere you have internet access and even offers an iPad app. Check out Mendeley today, look for the "Public Health Services and Systems Research" group, and stay tuned for a full roll-out this spring.

### **AcademyHealth Accepting Nominations for Awards**

[AcademyHealth](#) is now accepting nominations and applications for three awards:

The [Article of the Year](#) award recognizes the most notable scientific PHSR work published in 2012. The awardee will receive complimentary registration to both the [PHSR Interest Group Annual Meeting](#) and AcademyHealth's [Annual Research Meeting](#), travel assistance, and a \$1,000 cash award. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise the visibility of the field. Find further details [here](#).

Applications are also open for [PHSR IG Student Scholarships](#) for those who demonstrate potential to contribute to the field of PHSR. AcademyHealth will award 10 graduate student scholarships, which include registration for AcademyHealth's Annual Research Meeting and the PHSR Interest Group, as well as travel support and a presentation opportunity. Find details and applications [here](#).

The [Presidential Scholarship for New Health Services Researchers](#) provides financial support for five early career health services researchers to attend AcademyHealth's Annual Research Meeting. The scholarship will allow individuals relatively new to the field to benefit from unique networking and mentoring opportunities with

AcademyHealth leadership and staff, and distinguished leaders in the field. Applications and eligibility can be accessed [here](#).

### **Dr. Carolyn Clancy to Step Down as AHRQ Director**

Last week, [Dr. Carolyn Clancy](#) announced that she will step down as director of the [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality](#) after 10 years of service. As director of the lead agency for health services research, Dr. Clancy has been a tireless advocate for the use of evidence in policy-making. She launched the first annual report to Congress on health care disparities and health care quality, led the development of the Affordable Care Act's National Quality Strategy, and collaborated with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to launch the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) provisions on assessing children's quality of care. A clinician and health services researcher, Dr. Clancy has been a key voice on the importance of building the data infrastructure to conduct HSR. She will remain at AHRQ until a successor is named.

### **Leveraging Mobile Health (mHealth) Solutions for Public Health Research**

Mobile devices are now a mainstay of our culture, with new uses identified daily. Last fall, the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization](#) (HCFO) program sponsored a four-part webinar series that identified opportunities to leverage mHealth tools to solve practical needs of researchers, addressed potential challenges and barriers to using mobile devices to support studies, and examined how using a mobile solution can result in rigorous, publishable findings. While the series targeted the health services research community, the featured tools and best practices discussed have direct application for PHSSR, and for the broader public health research community. [Free access to the series is available](#). If you would like to learn more about how to reach out to the faculty featured in this series, contact HCFO Deputy Director Bonnie Austin at [bonnie.austin@academyhealth.org](mailto:bonnie.austin@academyhealth.org) or 202-292-6756.

### **New Issue Brief Examines CER Methods and Ways to Use Electronic Clinical Data**

Increasing availability of electronic clinical data (ECD) presents new opportunities to answer research questions that can drive improvement in patient outcomes. The [EDM Forum's](#) new issue brief, ["Getting Answers We Can Believe In: Methodological Considerations When Using Electronic Clinical Data for CER and PCOR,"](#) outlines important research design considerations when using ECD for comparative effectiveness research (CER) and patient-centered outcomes research.

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This brief provides practical orientation to study designs, highlighting the importance of thinking critically about which methods are best suited to answer particular research and quality improvement questions. Differences between observational studies and randomized controlled trials (RCTs), specific challenges, and analytic approaches that can be used with observational ECD for CER, and ways of making information obtained from ECD more useful to clinical and policy decision-makers are discussed. Find more information and additional issue briefs from the EDM Forum [here](#).

### **New, Open Access Journal Turns Peer-Review Lens on ‘Learning How to Learn’ from Electronic Clinical Data**

[AcademyHealth’s EDM Forum](#) is pleased to announce the official launch of [eGEMs](#), a free, peer-reviewed e-publication that publishes innovative ideas and practices using electronic clinical data (ECD) to advance health systems research, quality improvement (QI), and improve patient and community outcomes.

Rapid growth in the availability of electronic clinical data (e.g. electronic health records) is supporting widespread innovation and use of these data for research and practice. However, traditional peer-reviewed publications focus on research results and may limit rapid dissemination of innovations - particularly with respect to how to use these data. As a result, stakeholders have called for complementary strategies to accelerate the dissemination of innovative approaches. *eGEMs* (Generating Evidence and Methods to improve patient outcomes), will help fill this need by facilitating exchange of strategies to advance the science of comparative effectiveness research, patient-centered outcomes research, and QI using ECD.

Learn [more](#) about *eGEMs* and instructions for authors. Submissions may be in the form of papers, visualizations, or other media. Don’t wait to learn more about this new resource and opportunity. Visit [eGEMs](#) today!

### **New Interactive Map on Injury Prevention: Find Out How Your State Rates**

Injuries are the third-leading cause of death nationally, and the leading cause of death for Americans between the ages of 1 and 44. A new interactive map on [rwjf.org](#) tracks state injury death rates and the policies that states have in place to reduce harm from automobile accidents, recreational activities, intimate partner violence and other common causes of injury across the United States.

### **2013 ASPH Annual Meeting: Call for Abstracts Opening in Late February**

The [Association of Schools of Public Health](#) is pleased to announce

that it will launch a call for abstracts in late February for its 2013 ASPH Annual Meeting, Better Together: The Future of Academic Public Health Education. The meeting will include the third annual Summit on Undergraduate Education for Public Health.

The 2013 ASPH Annual Meeting will be held at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, November 2-4, 2013, in Boston, MA.

A call for abstracts for oral and poster presentations will open in late February and will be announced in the Friday Letter.

More information on the 2013 ASPH Annual Meeting will be available soon at [www.asph.org/annualmeeting](http://www.asph.org/annualmeeting).

### **Recently Published Research**

#### [Better health requires partnerships and a systems approach.](#)

Jarris PE, Monroe JA, Pestronk RM.

Am J Public Health. 2012 Nov;102(11):e4; author reply e4-5. doi: 10.2105/AJPH.2012.301018. Epub 2012 Sep 20. No abstract available. PMID: 22994284 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

#### [Related citations](#)

#### [Integration of primary health care and public health during a public health emergency.](#)

Wynn A, Moore KM.?

Am J Public Health. 2012 Nov;102(11):e9-e12. doi: 10.2105/AJPH.2012.300957. Epub 2012 Sep 20. PMID: 22994249 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

#### [Related citations](#)

#### [The raising of minimum alcohol prices in Saskatchewan, Canada: impacts on consumption and implications for public health.](#)

Stockwell T, Zhao J, Giesbrecht N, Macdonald S, Thomas G, Wettlaufer A.

Am J Public Health. 2012 Dec;102(12):e103-10. doi: 10.2105/AJPH.2012.301094. Epub 2012 Oct 18. PMID: 23078488 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

#### [Related citations](#)

#### [Public health workforce training: application of the Council on Linkages' core competencies.](#)

Stewart KE, Halverson PK, Rose AV, Walker SK.

J Public Health Manag Pract. 2010 Sep-Oct;16(5):465-9. doi: 10.1097/PHH.0b013e3181ce4f0b. PMID: 20689397 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]

#### [Related citations](#)

#### [Collaboration Between Local Health Authorities, Hospitals, Residents, and Community-Based Organizations in Boston.](#)

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Ferrer B, Aronstein D, Conley L.

Am J Public Health. 2013 Jan 17. [Epub ahead of print]

PMID: 23327255 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]

[Related citations](#)

[Salaries and Compensation Practices in Public Health, Environmental, and Agricultural Laboratories: Findings From a 2010 National Survey.](#)

Deboy JM, Boulton ML, Carpenter DF.

J Public Health Manag Pract. 2013 Jan 17. [Epub ahead of print]

PMID: 23313901 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]

[Related citations](#)

[State-Level Tobacco Control and Adult Smoking Rate in the United States: An Ecological Analysis of Structural Factors.](#)

Morley CP, Pratte MA.

J Public Health Manag Pract. 2013 Jan 17. [Epub ahead of print]

PMID: 23313900 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]

[Related citations](#)

[Critical Systems for Public Health Management of Floods, North Dakota.](#)

Wiedrich TW, Sickler JL, Vossler BL, Pickard SP.

J Public Health Manag Pract. 2013 Jan 23. [Epub ahead of print]

PMID: 23348522 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]

[Related citations](#)

[Environmental Factors and Quality Improvement in County and Local Health Departments.](#)

Yeager VA, Menachemi N, Ginter PM, Sen BP, Savage GT, Beitsch LM.

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PMID: 23348521 [PubMed - as supplied by publisher]

[Related citations](#)

[Building infrastructure to document the u.s. Food stream.](#)

Gortmaker SL, Story M, Powell LM, Krebs-Smith SM.

Am J Prev Med. 2013 Feb;44(2):192-3. doi:

10.1016/j.amepre.2012.11.003. No abstract available.

PMID: 23332339 [PubMed - in process]

[Related citations](#)

[Taxes on sugar-sweetened beverages: results from a 2011 national public opinion survey.](#)

Barry CL, Niederdeppe J, Gollust SE.

Am J Prev Med. 2013 Feb;44(2):158-63. doi:

10.1016/j.amepre.2012.09.065.

PMID: 23332333 [PubMed - in process]

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## PBRN

### Stat of the Month

The number of people with diabetes who attended disease self-management sessions on a monthly basis increased by 14 percent, and the number of people who completed an entire self-management course increased by more than 100 percent, following implementation of a quality improvement intervention delivered by Kentucky local health departments to improve delivery of evidence-based diabetes self-management support in community settings. The Kentucky Public Health PBRN's Community Outreach and Change for Diabetes Management (COACH 4 DM) Quality Improvement intervention also found that more than half of participating health departments initiated additional QI projects, while 82 percent of all program staff indicated that additional QI projects were under consideration in their organizations. Preliminary findings from the study were presented during the Research-in-Progress segment of the January 2013 Public Health PBRN Virtual Meeting. An archive of the presentation will be available on the PBRN website.

### RE-ACT Podcast Examines Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing with the Massachusetts Public Health PBRN

[The latest episode of the RE-ACT](#): Research to Action in Public Health Services and Systems Research podcast is now available online. Host Dr. Paul Halverson speaks with Dr. Justeen Hyde about recent research conducted by the Massachusetts Public Health PBRN to identify characteristics related to successful cross-jurisdictional sharing (CJS) partnerships formed between local health departments. This podcast comes on the heels of a recent [PHSSR Matters](#) from the National Coordinating Center for PHSSR that highlights additional CJS-related Quick Strike research from the [Wisconsin Public Health PBRN](#). This PBRN research promises to add momentum to the work of the recently-launched [Center for Sharing Public Health Resources](#).

### New Tool Helps Locate Training Opportunities

The [Northwest Center for Public Health Practice](#) (NWCPHP) out of the University of Washington recently released a new Training Finder Tool that searches NWCPHP's nearly 200 online courses, webinars, toolkits and guides, in-person trainings, as well as their Institute and Certificate programs. Find details [here](#).

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## Policy

### Washington Update

As part of the collaborative effort between the National Coordinating Center for PHSSR and [AcademyHealth](#), AcademyHealth offers a Washington update on federal activities relevant to the field of PHSSR.

**Senator Harkin to Retire.** The Associated Press recently reported that Sen. [Tom Harkin](#) (D-IA) would not seek a sixth term in 2014. Harkin, 73, serves as Chair of the [Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee](#), as well as the [Senate Labor, Health and Human Services](#) (HHS), and Education Appropriations Subcommittee. He is a longstanding champion of public health and research, and is the “father” and most dedicated protector of the [Prevention and Public Health Fund](#), established by the [Affordable Care Act](#). Politico reports on the politics of his announcement [here](#).

**Fiscal Cliff Averted, for Now.** On Jan. 1, Congress passed and the President signed the [American Taxpayer Relief Act](#) (ATRA) to avert the “fiscal cliff.” The bill extended the “Bush tax cuts” for the vast majority of American families, and delayed sequestration’s across-the-board spending cuts until March 1.

The \$24 billion price tag of delaying sequestration two months was offset by \$12 million in new revenue, and \$12 million in discretionary spending cuts, split evenly between defense and nondefense programs over fiscal years 2013 and 2014. While ATRA provides a brief reprieve for public health programs, we now face an even greater threat later this winter just as the continuing resolution for FY 2013 expires March 27, 2013.

**Cuts Ahead.** The House last week passed, and the Senate is expected to take up this week, the [No Budget, No Pay Act](#). Crafted by House Republicans, the bill extends the debt limit without offsets until May 18. In addition, the bill requires that Congress members’ pay be held in escrow if both chambers fail to adopt budgets by April 15.

In exchange for extending the debt limit without commensurate levels of spending cuts, Republicans have promised their conservative wing that they will seek even deeper spending cuts through other vehicles, namely, allowing sequestration to take effect March 1, allowing the government to shut down March 17 without entitlement reform, and passing a fiscal year 2014 budget resolution that balances the budget in 10 years. For frame of reference, the draconian budget passed by the House last year balanced the budget in 30 years, and to do so cut discretionary spending by 20 percent.

**POTUS Budget.** Due to the fiscal cliff calamity, the President’s fiscal year 2014 budget request will be significantly delayed. Typically, the budget is released on the first Monday of February, as required by the Budget Impoundment and Control Act of 1974. However, the [Office of Management and Budget](#) has still not provided its feedback on the

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departments' funding requests back to the agencies. This process, known as "passback," typically occurs before Thanksgiving. It will take at least 40 days for the agencies to review and resubmit, which means a mid- to late-March budget release, at best. In the meantime, the President's State of the Union address on Feb. 12 may provide some insights into his funding priorities.

**HeLP America Act.** On Jan. 22, Chairman Harkin introduced legislation that would establish critical public health and prevention initiatives to fight chronic disease, encourage healthier schools, communities and workplaces, and improve physical activity opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The [Healthier Lifestyles and Prevention America](#) (HeLP America) Act includes wellness provisions in a broad range of areas, including expanded access to fresh fruits and vegetables for all low-income elementary schools, tax incentives for businesses that offer comprehensive workplace wellness programs to their employees, improved physical activity and athletic opportunities for individuals with disabilities, and greater oversight with regard to food and tobacco marketing. There is no public health service research or evaluation component to this legislation.

**Preparedness Bill.** Also on Jan. 22, the House passed the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Reauthorization Act (PAHPRA, [H.R. 307](#)) by a vote of 395-29. The bill reauthorizes several federal programs designed to counter the effects of biological, chemical and nuclear attacks against the United States for five years, at fiscal year 2012 funding levels. (The original legislation marked the first time that public health services and systems research was written into federal law.)

### **ASTHO Releases 2013 State Legislative and Regulatory Prospectus**

To provide an overview of the issues affecting state health agencies and public health, ASTHO has reviewed available prefiled bills and surveyed the state health agency legislative liaisons regarding priorities and issues they expect their legislatures to address in the coming year. Find out more [here](#).

### **Public Health Spending Falls for First Time**

Hit by recession and tight budgets, spending on public health by federal, state and local governments fell in 2011 for the first time since analysts started tracking the numbers in 1960. Read more [here](#).

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## **Funding**

**Health Resources and Services Administration** [Telehealth Network Grant Program](#)

Proposal Due: Feb. 13, 2013

**Proposal Due: Feb. 15, 2013**

This announcement solicits applications for the Telehealth Network Grant Program (TNGP). The primary objective of the TNGP as noted in Section 330I(D)(1) is to demonstrate how telehealth programs and networks can improve access to quality health care services in rural, frontier, and underserved communities. TNGP networks are used to: (a) expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of health care services; (b) improve and expand the training of health care providers; and/or (c) expand and improve the quality of health information available to health care providers, and patients and their families, for decision-making. To further elaborate on the program's statutory requirements noted above, applicants are encouraged to develop innovative applications that meet new and emerging needs in a changing health care delivery system with a focus on value and improved health care outcomes.

**Public Health Law Research**

[Strategic and Targeted Research Program Dissertation Grants](#)

**Deadline for receipt of proposals: Feb. 15, 2013**

Public Health Law Research (PHLR), a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, seeks to build the evidence for and strengthen the use of regulatory, legal and policy solutions to improve public health. As part of this effort, PHLR is offering dissertation grants to train doctoral students in public health law research methods, including the development of legal datasets. PHLR invites current PhD students in accredited doctoral degree programs to apply.

[Building Capacity of the Public Health System](#)

Deadline: March 7, 2013

Funds for national, nonprofit organizations to strengthen the infrastructure and improve the performance of the U.S. public health system through the provision of capacity building assistance.

[California Breast Cancer Research Program \(CBCRP\)](#)

[Community Research Collaboration Awards](#)

**Proposals Due: March 28, 2013**

The CBCRP is accepting applications for Cycle 19 Community Research Collaboration (CRC) Awards. A full description of the awards can be found in the [Call for Applications](#) and on the [Community Research Collaboration pages](#).

[AHRQ Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity](#)

[Announcement \(FOA\) for the Developing Evidence to Inform Decisions about Effectiveness \(DEIDE\) Network for Patient-Centered Outcomes Research \(U19\)](#)

**FOA Anticipated Release Date: Late Winter 2013**

**First Estimated Application Date: Spring 2013**

AHRQ intends to publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

to fund the activities and operations for research centers to participate in the

to broadly solicit applications for research centers to participate in the “Developing Evidence to Inform Decisions about Effectiveness” (DEiDE) Network, a component of [AHRQ’s Effective Health Care Program](#). AHRQ plans to continue the collaborative research network that it established in 2005 with a specific focus on comparative effectiveness and patient-centered outcomes research (CER/PCOR) and methodologies that are designed to support evidence-base decision-making in patient communities served by (1) Medicare; or (2) State Medicaid and/or Children’s Health Insurance (CHIP) programs. Overall FOA objectives are to conduct original research and appropriately disseminate the results to stakeholders.

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## Events

### [The Data and Informatics Needs of the Recent Meningitis Events Webinar](#)

Feb. 12, 2013

[Click here](#) for more information and to register for the webinar.

### [Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships \(MAPP\) Training](#)

Feb. 26-28, 2013

Alexandria, Va.

Free Winter MAPP Training to learn how to take action steps toward a healthier community.

### [Environmental Health 2013: Science and Policy to Protect Future Generations](#)

March 3-6, 2013

Boston, Mass.

### [PHSSR Keeneland Conference](#)

April 8-11, 2013

Lexington, Ky.

### [Network Leadership Academy Focuses on Addressing Challenges of Effective Interorganizational Networks](#)

May 29-31, 2013

Denver, Co.

If you’re interested in collaboration and/or network leadership, learn more about a leadership training opportunity. The Research Program on Collaborative Governance at the [University of Colorado Denver’s School of Public Affairs](#) invites you to participate in the [2013 Network Leadership Training Academy](#), a three-day comprehensive workshop geared for program directors, coalition leaders, and middle to senior managers to learn how to address the challenges of building, managing, and evaluating effective interorganizational networks.

Space is limited so register early. Get more information [here](#).

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[Applications Now Being Accepted for Training Institute for Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health](#)

Deadline for Applications: Feb. 22, 2013  
June 3-7, 2013  
St. Louis, Mo.

Applications are being accepted through Feb. 22, 2013, for the Training Institute for Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health to be held June 3-7, 2013, at [Washington University in St. Louis](#), which is sponsoring the training, with support from the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Designed for investigators at any career stage, the five-day training institute will provide participants with a thorough grounding in conducting dissemination and implementation research in health. Find more information [here](#) on eligibility requirements and instructions on how to apply.

[AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting](#)

June 23-25, 2013  
Baltimore, Md.

[AcademyHealth PHSSR Interest Group Meeting](#)

June 25-26, 2013  
Baltimore, Md.

[NACCHO Annual Conference to Feature Session Track on Public Health Research](#)

July 10-12, 2013  
Dallas, Texas  
Learn more and register [here](#).

[2nd Annual National Health Impact Assessment Meeting](#)

Sept. 24-26, 2013  
Washington, DC

[APHA 2013 Annual Meeting](#)

Nov. 2-6, 2013  
Boston, Mass.

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