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PBRN Grantees: Please circulate relevant information to network members. To request additional information or make suggestions for future items, please contact the Public Health PBRN National Coordinating Center (NCC) at publichealthpbrn@uky.edu or (859) 218-2094. Past issues are available in the [newsletter](#) archive.

STAT OF THE MONTH:

While more than **84%** of local health departments (LHDs) in Nebraska indicate a strong organizational culture of commitment and collaboration toward quality improvement (QI) initiatives, only slightly more than half (**53%**) of LHD directors feel that their staffs have the training in basic methods for evaluating and improving quality, according to findings from a Nebraska Public Health PBRN study that examined the relationship between QI and accreditation strategies for regional LHDs in Nebraska. Even with staff capacity challenges, slightly less than one-half (**47%**) of LHD directors indicated the use of a QI model such as Lean, Model for Improvement, Baldrige or Six Sigma for a QI program or intervention in their departments, and **47%** of LHDs indicated the use of QI techniques for any QI program or intervention with Brainstorming, Prioritization Matrix, and Run Charts being the most common techniques. The use of such QI strategies, agency commitment to QI, and length of time engaged in QI were positively associated with attitudes towards seeking voluntary national accreditation and belief that national standards are a good idea that would strengthen the agency. Furthermore, a commitment to QI is positively associated with both the commencement of preparation for accreditation and the use of QI strategies, while the integration of QI policies and practices within the agency also are positively associated with confidence in the agency's capacity to obtain accreditation.

PBRN NEWS

Public Health PBRN Annual Grantee Meeting. At press time, we are just a little over one week away from the Public Health PBRN Grantee Meeting, to be held August 8-9 in beautiful Lexington, KY. As always, this year's agenda is jam-packed, with Monday featuring sessions on The State of the Public Health PBRN Program, Emerging Opportunities for PBRNs (including potential collaborative opportunities in injury prevention and dissemination and implementation), and topic-driven Breakout Discussions. After breakfast on Tuesday, the Public Health PBRNs will join other PHSSR grantees for a joint workshop in research translation, featuring subject matter experts from AcademyHealth. Monday's agenda is available [online](#) now.

Can't Make It to the Meeting in Person? On Monday, log on to the AdobeConnect simulcast at: <https://connect.uky.edu/phpbrngranteemeeting2013/> and/or join by phone: 877-394-0659. (Reference Meeting Number: 6891851467#.) To join the presentation portion of Tuesday's Translation Workshop, visit: <https://connect.uky.edu/tndworkshop/> and/or call 877-394-0659. (Reference Meeting Number: 7754838037#.)

PBRNs to Present at Keeneland Conference in PHSSR, April 9 – 11. As always, the Public Health PBRN program promises to have a strong presence at this year's Keeneland Conference, with presentations spanning all three days. PBRN-related presentations include:

Tuesday

Oral Presentations 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Describing and Evaluating the Feasibility Assessment Process for Local Health Department Consolidations. Aimee Budnik, Ohio PBRN

Executives' Reflections on Success in Priority-Setting. Beth Resnick, Maryland PBRN.

Consolidation in Ohio Local Public Health: Differences in Expenditures, Staffing & Service. Michael Morris, Arkansas Health PBRN

Insights and Issues Relating to Assessing the Impacts of Health Department Consolidation. John Hoornbeek, Ohio PBRN

Local Health Department Expenditures on Maternal/Child Health impact Health Outcomes: Findings from PHAST and for Advancing Policy Discussions. Betty Bekemeier, Washington PBRN

Shared service arrangements among local and tribal health departments in Wisconsin. Kusuma Madamala, Wisconsin PBRN

Using Expert Panels to Elicit Potential Indicators and Predictors of EBPH in Local Health Departments. Robert Aronson, North Carolina PBRN

Poster Presentations 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Influences and Barriers to Rural Health Department Accreditation in Missouri. Kate Beatty, Missouri PBRN

Integration of HIV and STD Field Services: Findings from Staff and Supervisor Focus Groups. Kristi McClamroch, New York PBRN

Leadership and Gender Inequality: Are Local Health Departments an Exception in Gender Equality? Gulzar Shah, Georgia PBRN

Quality Improvement and Accreditation Strategies in Regional Local Health Departments in Nebraska. Janelle Jacobson, Nebraska PBRN

Toward More Disciplined Translation Practices: Interdisciplinary Lessons for Public Health Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRNs). Patricia Atwater, Washington PBRN

Validity and Reliability of the Direct Observation Methodology: A Focus on Ohio Local Public Health. Michelle Menegay, Ohio PBRN

Wednesday

Oral Presentations 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Are the Principles of Partnership for Community-Based Participatory Research Useful for Practice-Based Participatory Research? Lisa VanRaemdonck, Colorado PBRN

Community Health Assessments and Improvement Plans: A Quality Analysis. Julie Willems Van Dijk, Wisconsin PBRN

Discerning Workforce Composition With Incomplete Estimates. Beth Resnick, Maryland PBRN

Engaging Local Public Health Practitioners in Data Analysis and Interpretation: The PHAST Experience. Betty Bekemeier, Washington PBRN

Leadership and its Effects on Team Performance in Public Health Emergency Response. William Riley, Minnesota PBRN

Pracademics as Culture Brokers in Practice-Based Participatory Research. Nancy Winterbauer, North Carolina PBRN

Predictors of Evidence-Based Decision Making and Population Health Practice in LHDs. Kay Lovelace, North Carolina PBRN

Oral Presentations
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Clarifying and Expanding Concepts of Cross-Jurisdictional Sharing: Early Lessons Learned from Conducting QI With Georgia's Health Districts. William C. Livingood, Georgia PBRN

Dissemination and translation of public health systems and services research through the lens of local public health: multi-faceted approaches to reach diverse audiences. Renee Frauendienst, Minnesota

PBRN

Factors associated with local public health performance on a statewide health system reform initiative: does quality improvement (QI) culture matter? Beth Gyllstrom, Minnesota PBRN

The Future of Teaching in Local Health Departments: Implications for Academic Public Health and Workforce Development. Scott Frank, Ohio PBRN

Implementation of a statewide health system reform initiative: lessons learned on factors that facilitate and impede local public health performance. Kim Gearin, Minnesota PBRN

Using PBRNs to Spur Innovation: Measuring Quality in New York's HIV/STD Field Services Program. Britney Johnson, New York PBRN

Oral Presentations 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Addressing Health Inequities – the Role of Local Health Departments in Minnesota. Melanie Peterson-Hickey, Minnesota PBRN

California Health Equity Initiative: Promising Practices from the Field. Sarah Ramirez, California PBRN

Examining the influence of the interpersonal interaction between public health sanitarians and food service establishment personnel on the outcome of food safety inspections. Scott Frank, Ohio PBRN

Evidence-Based Strategies: How Do We Know If Something Works and Does It Matter? Bridget Catlin, Wisconsin PBRN

Local health departments' plan to seek voluntary national accreditation and its association with PHAB accreditation prerequisites. Gulzar Shah,

Georgia PBRN

Kate Beatty, Organizational and Structural Factors Related to Voluntary Accreditation of Local Health Departments in Missouri. Kate Beatty, Missouri PBRN

Retail Food Safety Programs: What Factors Are Associated With Best Practices in Massachusetts? Justeen Hyde, Massachusetts PBRN

The Use of Audience Response Systems (ARS) to Spark Practitioner Involvement in Practice-Based Research. Gianfranco Pezzino, Kansas PBRN

Variation in Food Safety Inspections Based on Local Health Department and Food Service Establishment Structural, Social, and Demographic Characteristics. Scott Frank, Ohio PBRN

Thursday

Oral Presentations 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Factors Leading to Successful Implementation of Policy, Systems and Environmental Change Interventions within Minnesota Local Health Departments. William Riley and Beth Gyllstrom, Minnesota PBRN

Implementing Evidence-Based Strategies in Public Health in North Carolina. Colleen Bridger and Lisa Harrison, North Carolina PBRN

Integrated HIV/AIDS and STD Service Delivery in New York: A Natural Experiment. Chris Maylahn and Britney Johnson, New York PBRN

The Public Health Activities and Services Tracking (PHAST) Study: Providing a Comprehensive, Accessible Database for Answering Practice-Based Research Questions. Marie Flake and Betty Bekemeier, Washington PBRN

Presenting at Keeneland but don't see your session listed? Please let us know by emailing it is included in our site materials at the conference. See you in Lexington!

***Frontiers in PHSSR* Highlighted in AcademyHealth Translation Webinar.** On March 26, Director Glen Mays profiled *Frontiers in PHSSR* as a case study for accelerating and platforms during AcademyHealth's *Traditional and New Methods for Disseminating W* discussed the role of *Frontiers* and other open-access journals in helping ensure that eme makers who can use them in real-world settings.

Check out the latest issue of *Frontiers* for the latest in PHSSR research, including PBRN-dri and community asset identification. Or learn how to submit your own emerging findings [h](#)

RTI Research Collaboration Opportunity: Measuring Integration Between Primary Care
As discussed during our February virtual meeting, RTI is seeking a PBRN collaborator fo studies aims are to: 1) use social network analysis (SNA) methods to examine, in four cor primary care, and community organizations work together as a system to identify, er whether characteristics of the systems (networks) are associated with county- or reg develop a resource for HIV systems of care improvement, and engage participating local provide network-specific findings and recommendations. If your PBRN would like to part Center at PublicHealthPBRN@uky.edu.

Keep up with PBRN News and Conversations Online at:

Our website: www.publichealthsystems.org/pbrn.aspx

LinkedIn Group: [Public Health PBRN National Coordinating Center LinkedIn Group](#)

Public Health PBRN Twitter: [@PH_PBRN](#)

RELATED NEWS

Congratulations to Dr. Paul Halverson for being named [founding dean](#) of the Indiana Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health. Dr. Halverson, the Arkansas State Health D Management at the University of Arkansas Medical School, currently serves as a mem Advisory Committee and hosts the [RE-ACT: Research to Action in Public Health Delivery](#) agency and other audiences. We wish him well as in continuing his tremendous public hea

Accreditation Committee recognizes high-performing health departments. Eleven hea

accreditation status by the [Public Health Accreditation Board](#) (PHAB). Jointly funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the PHAB was created to serve as the national accreditation, a health department must undergo a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-review process that exceeds a specific set of quality standards and measures. The peer-review process provides feedback on their strengths and areas for improvement so that they can better protect and promote the public health of the community they serve. These high-performing health departments are:

- Comanche County Health Department (Lawton, OK)
- Franklin County Health Department (Frankfort, KY)
- Livingston County Department of Health (Mt. Morris, NY)
- Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department (Edgewood, KY)
- Oklahoma City-County Health Department (Oklahoma City, OK)
- Oklahoma State Department of Health (Oklahoma City, OK)
- Spokane Regional Health District (Spokane, WA)
- The Public Health Authority of Cabarrus County, Inc. d/b/a Cabarrus Health Alliance
- Three Rivers District Health Department (Owenton, KY)
- Washington State Department of Health (Olympia, WA)
- West Allis Health Department (West Allis, WI)

National Public Health Week is April 1-7. This year's [National Public Health Week](#) theme is "Public Health: The Power of Prevention." The American Public Health Association, this yearly week-long campaign aims to recognize public health issues that are important to improving our nation's health. The topics for the first five days of the week are on the move and within the community. Please visit the [website](#) for a toolkit, resource list, and activities.

How healthy is your county? [The 2013 County Health Rankings](#) and Roadmaps Project, a partnership between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, has released the 2013 County Health Rankings for nearly every county in the nation, thus allowing comparison of residents' overall health. Among the findings, unhealthy counties have more than twice the rate of premature deaths compared to healthy counties.

APHA Leadership Appointments. The American Public Health Association is seeking nominations for its committees. The deadline for nominations is March 29. Elections for Executive Board positions will be held in November. Nominations for the president-elect, treasurer, three honorary vice presidents, and three members of the Executive Board will be accepted until March 29.

submitted by March 29. For more information about the leadership appointments or Ex governance manager, at governance@apha.org or 202-777-2496.

Edmundo Granda Ugalde Leaders in International Health Program 2013. The Organization has opened the call for applications for the [Edmundo Granda Ugalde L](#) recognition of the multiple and evolving challenges facing leaders today, the LIHP aims effectively analyze, define, advocate and project their national health interests within th professionals in the Americas working in public health, international relations or related fi March 15.

ON THE HORIZON

- **April 1, 2013: AcademyHealth ARM and PHSR IG [PBRN Scholarships](#) applications due**
- **April 8-9, 2013: Public Health PBRN Program Annual Grantee Meeting, Lexington, KY**
- **April 9-11, 2013: [PHSSR Keeneland Conference](#), Lexington, KY**

WEBINARS

CDC National Prevention Information Network ([NPIN](#)) Public Health Social Media Webinar Series. “In the Know: Social Media for Public Health” is a series of six webcasts, each focusing on a different social media channel and providing basic information, tips and hints for how to use them to meet your needs. Archives are available for the past two sessions, Twitter and LinkedIn and Slideshare. Upcoming sessions are Gaming and Mobile, April 2, 2-3pm ET, Facebook and Image Sharing (Instagram, Pintrest and Flickr), April 23, 2-3pm ET, Google+ and YouTube, May 14, 2-3pm ET, and Measurement and Evaluation, June 4, 2-3pm ET. Visit the CDC National Prevention Information Network online for [more information](#) and to [register](#).

APHA and RWJF offer free access to TEDMED 2013 for their members and grantees. APHA members or RWJF grantees can have exclusive access to one of the world’s great events for health and medicine at no cost. TEDMED, April 16-19 in Washington, D.C., will bring together 50 of the world’s most creative minds

along with thinkers and doers from across society to inspire innovation in health and medicine. Normally, a corporate site license to receive a high-definition simulcast of TEDMED can cost \$50,000. But thanks to APHA's and RWJF's partnership with TEDMED, you and your organization can experience the entire program over the Internet at no cost. Register your organization and learn more about it at www.tedmedlive.com. When describing your organization, be sure to mention that you are an APHA member or RWJF grantee when describing your organization to secure approval at no cost.

RESOURCES

The National Academy Press releases *U.S. Health in International Perspective: Shorter Lives, Poorer Health*. While the United States is among the wealthiest nations in the world, it is far from the healthiest and is continuously lagging behind other high-income countries in terms of life expectancy and illness and injury outcomes. At the request of the National Institutes of Health, the National Research Council (NRC) and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) convened a panel of experts to study this issue. Findings from this Panel of Understanding Cross-National Health Differences among High-Income Countries include detailed evidence and possible explanations for the shorter and less healthy lives of Americans, as well as recommended actions for both government and nongovernment agencies and organizations to address this U.S. health disadvantage.

Glen Mays SelectedWorks in PHSSR: online repository for posting new papers, presentations, and works in progress related to PBRN and PHSSR research by Glen Mays.

FUNDING

New Listings

National institutes of Health

Request for Information (RFI): FY 2013-2018 Strategic Plan for the Office of Disease Prevention

Response Date: April 14, 2013

This RFI is intended to gather broad public input on the strategic priorities to be included in the plan and other suggestions on how to enhance the prevention research portfolio at the NIH. The ODP invites input from prevention researchers in academia and industry, health care professionals, patient advocates and advocacy organizations, scientific or professional organizations, federal agencies, and other interested members of the public. Organizations are strongly encouraged to submit a single response that reflects the views of their organization and membership as a whole.

Your perspectives can include, but are not limited to, the following topics as they relate to the six draft strategic priorities listed below:

- Suggested changes, additions, or deletions to the list of strategic priorities
- Recommended measurable objectives associated with an individual priority
- Appropriate benchmarks for gauging progress toward each recommended objective.

Department of Health and Human Services

[Limited Competition: Training for Examination, inspection, and investigation of food manufacturing, processing, packing, holding, distribution, and importation, including retail food establishments \(U18\)](#)

Letter of Intent Due Date: April 11, 2013

Application Due Date: May 16, 2013

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is issued to announce the availability of cooperative agreements to be awarded under Limited Competition. The goal of the FDA/Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA) Cooperative Agreement Program is to facilitate long-term improvements to the national food safety system by training food regulatory officials to the standards for examination, inspection, and investigation of food manufacturing, processing, packing, holding, distribution, and importation, including as related to retail food establishments.

Johnson and Johnson Community Health Care Program grant funding opportunity **Submission Deadline: May 15, 2013**

The Johnson & Johnson Community Health Care Program, in partnership with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, has announced a [grant funding opportunity](#) "for non-profit community health care organizations implementing

evidence-based, community-education programs that promote wellness and healthy lifestyle choices to prevent and reduce the impact of obesity in children." Up to eight \$200,000 grants will be awarded for activities in Louisville, Ky. Chicago, Ill.; Las Vegas, Nev.; Charlotte, N.C; and Washington, D.C. The deadline for grant submissions is May 15.

Previous Listings

Call for Proposals: Healthy Eating Research Concept Paper Deadlines: April 24 and July 10, 2013

[Healthy Eating Research](#) has released its 2013 Call for Proposals (CFP). This CFP is for two types of awards aimed at providing advocates, decision-makers, and policy-makers with evidence to reverse the childhood obesity epidemic. The award types are Round 8 grants and [RWJF New Connections](#) grants awarded through the Healthy Eating Research program for early-career investigators from historically disadvantaged and underrepresented communities. For more information and to download the CFP, please visit www.healthyeatingresearch.org. April 24 and July 10 deadlines for concept papers.

Call for Proposals: Credentialing Research in Nursing Applications Due: May 1, 2013

Up to \$25,000 is available from the Margretta Madden [Styles Credentialing Research Grants Program](#). Named for a past president of the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the American Nurses Association, and the International Council of Nurses, the program focuses on understanding the relationship of credentialing individuals or organizations to quality outcomes in health care. Credentialing programs of interest include certification, accreditation, and recognition programs such as the Magnet Recognition Program[®] and the Pathway to Excellence Program[®]. Applications are due May 1, 2013, through the [American Nurses Foundation](#).

National Institutes of Health [Obesity Policy Evaluation Research \(R01\)](#) Proposal Due: [Standard R series deadlines](#)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Research Project

Grant (R01) applications that propose to evaluate large scale policy or programs that are expected to influence obesity related behaviors (e.g., dietary intake, physical activity, or sedentary behavior) and/or weight outcomes in an effort to prevent or reduce obesity.

School Nutrition and Physical Activity Policies, Obesogenic Behaviors, and Weight Outcomes (R01), (R03) and (R21)

Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is issued by the National Institutes of Health's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), and the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR). The FOA encourages Research Project Grant (R21) applications that propose to: (1) foster multidisciplinary research that will evaluate how policies (federal, state and school district levels) can influence school physical activity and nutrition environments, youths' obesogenic behaviors (e.g., nutrition and physical activity behaviors), and weight outcomes; (2) understand how schools are implementing these policies and examine multi-level influences on adoption and implementation at various levels (e.g., federal, state, school district, and school); and (3) understand the synergistic or counteractive effect of school nutrition and physical activity policies on the home and community environment and body weight.

mHealth Tools to Promote Effective Patient–Provider Communication, Adherence to Treatment and Self Management of Chronic Diseases In Underserved Populations (R01), (R03) and (R21)

Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines

The purpose of this initiative issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) and the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) is to stimulate research utilizing Mobile Health (mHealth) tools aimed at the improvement of effective patient-provider communication, adherence to treatment and self-management of chronic diseases in underserved populations. With the rapid expansion of cellular networks and substantial advancements in Smartphone technologies, it is now possible and affordable to transmit patient data digitally from remote areas to specialists in urban areas, receive real-time feedback, and capture that

consultation in a database. mHealth tools, therefore, may facilitate more timely and effective patient-provider communication through education communication around goal setting, treatment reminders, feedback on patient progress and may improve health outcomes. This announcement encourages the development, testing and comparative effective analysis of interventions utilizing mHealth technologies in underserved populations.

National Institute on Aging

Implications of the Economic Downturn for Health, Wealth, and Work at Older Ages (R01)

Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites research on the implications of exogenous shocks, such as those produced by the recent economic downturn, for health, economic circumstances, and planning throughout the life-cycle.

National Institute on Aging

Regional and International Differences in Health and Longevity at Older Ages (R01), (R03) and (R21)

Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations proposing to advance knowledge on the reasons behind the divergent trends that have been observed in health and longevity at older ages, both across industrialized nations and across geographical areas in the United States. This FOA is intended to capitalize on provocative findings in the literature which have been insufficiently understood and addressed. This FOA is also intended to capitalize on NIA's investment in the development of cross-nationally comparable datasets that can be harnessed to study these research questions; these include the Health and Retirement Study (HRS), the English Longitudinal Study on Ageing (ELSA), the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE), and the Human Mortality Data Base. Applications proposing secondary analysis, new data collection, calibration of measures across studies, development of innovative survey measures, and linkages to administrative sources are encouraged. Applications are not restricted to projects using the NIA-supported datasets above and may propose research

using any relevant data.

Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children (R01) and (R21)

Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institute on Alcohol, Alcoholism, and Alcohol Abuse (NIAAA), and National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages Research Project Grant (R21) applications from institutions/organizations that propose to conduct research to reduce health disparities among minority and underserved children. Specifically, this initiative focuses on ethnic and racial minority children and underserved populations of children such as: children from low literacy, rural and low-income populations, geographically isolated children, hearing and visually impaired children, physically or mentally disabled children, children of migrant workers, children from immigrant and refugee families, and language minority children. Specific targeted areas of research include biobehavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (physical and family environments), social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known illness and/or disability; and studies that test and evaluate the comparative effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in traditional and nontraditional settings.

National Institutes of Health

Epidemiology and Prevention in Alcohol Research (R01), (R03) and (R21)

Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), encourages the submission of investigator-initiated research grant applications to support research investigating the epidemiology of alcohol use, alcohol-related harms, and alcohol use disorders and the prevention of underage drinking, alcohol-related harms, and alcohol use disorders.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

AHRQ Conference Grant Program (R13)

Application Due: February 1, May 1, August 1, and November 1, 2013

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), announces its interest in supporting conferences through the AHRQ Conference Grant Program. AHRQ seeks to support conferences that help to further its mission to improve the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of health care for all Americans. The types of conferences eligible for support include: research development, research design and methodology, dissemination and implementation conferences, research training, infrastructure and career development.

This funding opportunity announcement supersedes previous AHRQ Conference Grant FOA's, including [PA-09-231](#) (the AHRQ Small Grant Program for Conference Support) and [PAR-09-257](#) (the AHRQ Grant Program for Large or Recurring Conferences).

AHRQ Notice of Intent ☐ Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Funding Opportunity Announcements

On December 5, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) published a notice of its intention to post several new Funding Opportunity Announcements related to Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) in Calendar Year 2013. Forthcoming opportunities include:☐

- **Enhancing Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) Data Resources**
- **Institutional Mentored Career Development Award Program in PCOR**
- **Researcher Training and Workforce Development in Methods and Standards for Conducting Patient-Centered Health Outcomes Research**
- **Individual Mentored Career Development Award Program in PCOR**
- **Electronic Data Methods (EDM) Forum: Phase II**
- **Bringing Evidence to Stakeholders for Translation (BEST) to Primary**
- **Disseminating Patient Centered Outcomes Research to Improve Healthcare Delivery Systems**
- **Deliberative Approaches for Patient Involvement in Implementing Evidence-Based Health Care**

View the full Notice of Intent [online](#), and watch for actual funding announcements

in future issues of *Public Health PBRN Review*.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Public Health Foundation. The Public Health Foundation (PHF) has an immediate opening for a Project Analyst to support the [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) (Council on Linkages). The ideal Project Analyst will have an interest in workforce development within public health, demonstrated communication and project management experience, and excellent writing and organizational skills. The successful candidate will gain experience working with all activities of the Council on Linkages, with a particular focus on the [Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#). A full [position description](#) is available on PHF's website.

2014 APHA Public Health Fellowship in Government.

Applications Due: April 8, 2013.

The American Public Health Association is looking for candidates with strong public health credentials who are interested in spending one year in Washington, D.C., working in a congressional office on legislative and policy issues related to health, the environment or other public health concerns. The fellowship will begin in January 2014 and continue through December 2014. The fellowship provides a unique learning experience for a public health professional to gain practical knowledge in government and see how the legislative and public policy process works. Electronic applications, including a CV and three letters of recommendation, are due to APHA by April 8, 2013.

ADMINISTRATION

Remember to Route All Questions on Grant Budgeting, Reporting, and Administration to the Public Health PBRN Coordinating Center: The PH PBRN National Coordinating Center is your one-stop source for information and assistance on the administrative aspects of your Public Health PBRN grants, including budgeting, expenditures, subcontracts, and reporting. Please make sure that you send your network's questions to the Coordinating Center (email publichealthPBRN@uky.edu or telephone **859-218-2094**) to ensure the fastest response. All requests for no-cost extensions, budget modifications, and other

changes regarding your network's Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Public Health PBRN grants must be submitted to and reviewed by the PH PBRN National Coordinating Center before they can be considered by the Foundation.

Remember to Route all PBRN Grant Reports and Products to the Coordinating Center and the Foundation: Your network's narrative and financial reports should be submitted electronically to the Public Health PBRN National Coordinating Center and to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation following the Foundation's reporting guidelines. All products from your network should be submitted electronically as well, as soon as they are completed. Remember to follow these reporting guidelines:

RWJF guidelines for annual and final narrative reports & bibliography:

http://www.rwjf.org/files/publications/RWJF_GranteeReportingInstructions.pdf

RWJF guidelines for financial reports:

http://www.rwjf.org/files/publications/RWJF_FinancialGuidelinesReporting.pdf

RWJF guidelines for electronic submission of grant products and reports

www.rwjf.org/files/publications/RWJF_ElectronicSubmissions.pdf

PBRN OVERVIEW AND GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

[Overview of the Public Health PBRN Program.](#)

[Current Research Projects of the Public Health PBRN Program.](#)

[Designing a Successful PBRN in Public Health: Key Concepts](#)

[Start-Up Activities for Public Health PBRNs.](#)

[Building a Sustainable Public Health PBRN: Securing Ongoing Funding](#)

[Using PBRN Research to Inform Policy and Practice](#)

[Initial Research and Evaluation Concepts for Public Health PBRNs](#)

[Finding Order in Complexity: a Typology of Public Health Delivery Systems](#)

CALENDAR

Public Health PBRN Program Annual Grantee Meeting. Lexington, KY, April 8-9, 2013.

2013 Keeneland Conference in PHSSR. Lexington, KY, April 9-11, 2013. [More information.](#)

AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting. Baltimore, MD, June 23-25. [More information.](#)

AcademyHealth PHSR Interest Group Meeting. Baltimore, MD. June 25-26. [More information.](#)

NACCHO Annual Sharing Session. Dallas, TX, July 10-12, 2013. [More information.](#)