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## Public Health PBRN Review | April 2013

**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](mailto:publichealthpbrn@uky.edu) or (859) 218-2094. Past issues are available in the [newsletter](#) archive.

### PBRN NEWS

**Highlights from the 2013 Public Health PBRN Grantee Meeting:** More than 60 attendees made this year's grantee meeting (April 8-9, Lexington, KY) the largest to date. Coordinating Center Director Glen Mays launched the meeting with an [overview](#) of the past years' activities, with highlights including 21 published or in-press journal articles from PBRN research and more than 70 scientific presentations at national meetings. Additionally, policymakers have taken notice of Public Health PBRN research, with policy briefings provided to more than a dozen federal agencies, including the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, the Congressional Budget Office, the Government Accountability Office, and the White House Office of Management and Budget.

The meeting featured a dialogic session in which attendees shared experiences and strategies for research network development, growth, and sustainability. This session provided opportunities to share lessons learned and to explore the wide variation in network structures, fostering information exchange and, where applicable, adoption or adaptation of tried-and-true methods used by other networks. Following the discussion, Nancy Winterbauer of the North Carolina Public Health PBRN discussed an ongoing study of the intersection of practice-based research and community-based participatory research ([CBPR](#)) that she is conducting in collaboration with the Washington network's Betty Bekemeier, the Colorado network's Lisa VanRaemdonck, and the Coordinating Center's Anna Hoover. The team is seeking PBRN participants for an online focus group that will feature a discussion of preliminary findings with key input provided by members of the wider PBRN community. Individuals interested in participating in the focus

group should contact [Anna.Hoover@uky.edu](mailto:Anna.Hoover@uky.edu) to be included in the roster.

Participants examined an array of emerging research opportunities for PBRN networks. Grant Baldwin, director in the CDC's Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention, discussed possible collaborations with CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, specifically highlighting the overlap between Public Health PBRNs, CDC Core Violence and Injury Prevention Programs, and CDC Injury Control Research Centers. Potential collaborative opportunities include state partnerships, investment impacts, policy analysis, counseling/screening-impacts, and workforce capacity assessments. The Public Health PBRN National Coordinating Center will continue working with CDC to build upon these preliminary discussions and generate opportunities for member networks to engage in injury prevention research.

Opportunities in dissemination and implementation science research received considerable attention during the meeting discussions. Elisia Cohen and Margaret McGladrey of the University of Kentucky's Rural Cancer Prevention Research Center provided a lunch presentation about an emerging opportunity for PBRNs to engage in pilot work involving the dissemination of evidence-based, targeted health behavior change materials to regional audiences via the creation and distribution of DVDs that promote completion of the full HPV vaccination series. The intervention has proven efficacious with Appalachian audiences and can be tailored for other populations. Partnering with this PRC project will allow networks to develop implementation studies with support for technical assistance, implementation, and dissemination from the PRC. Networks interested in participating in this opportunity should contact [Margaret.McGladrey@uky.edu](mailto:Margaret.McGladrey@uky.edu).

Recent progress in multi-network research initiatives were examined during the meeting, including the Public Health Services and Activity Tracking Study (PHAST) led by Betty Bekemeier and colleagues in the Washington PBRN, and the Multi-network Practice and Outcome Variation Examinations Study (MPROVE) that engages PBRNs across seven states. Small group discussions of technical assistance mechanisms and PBRN infrastructure development needs rounded out the first day of the grantee meeting. The following morning, grantees participated in a translation and dissemination session presented by AcademyHealth with

grantees from multiple Robert Wood Johnson Foundation PHSSR programs.

Thanks to all who participated in the grantee meeting. Stay tuned for follow-up activities and next steps from these productive discussions.

**PBRN Research Features Prominently at 2013 Keeneland Conference:** A total of 39 oral and poster presentations from PBRN research projects were featured at the [2013 Keeneland Conference on Public Health Services and Systems Research](#), held April 9-11 in Lexington, KY. These sessions examined a broad range of issues in public health policy and practice, including evidence-based practice adoption, agency consolidation and service-sharing arrangements, service integration models, quality improvement and accreditation strategies, and public health responses to health inequities. Materials from these presentations will be available on the conference [website](#).

**Skill-Building Webinar Examines Cost Estimation Methods:** The PBRN Program recently hosted a skill-building webinar to review research methods used for conducting cost studies in public health settings, including strategies for estimating the financial and economic costs of delivering public health services, and analytic approaches to identifying factors that influence delivery costs. These types of studies are of increasing importance to policy and practice stakeholders given the need for evidence about the return-on-investment (ROI) generated through public health delivery. Speakers included Michael Morris of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Patrick Bernet of Florida Atlantic University, and Glen Mays of the PBRN Coordinating Center. Slides from the webinar are available [here](#), and an archive recording will be available on the PBRN program website.

**AcademyHealth Webinar Examines New Strategies for Research Dissemination:** A recent webinar organized by AcademyHealth helped researchers “identify publication opportunities for public health research and explore options for expediting the process by which evidence is disseminated. The session examined opportunities for influencing policy and practice, such as new media vehicles, open access publications, and commentaries. Speakers described techniques to present research for different audiences and to improve its use in decision-

making. Specific methods of dissemination were highlighted (traditional journals/media, e-journals, blogs, and other new media) along with a discussion of potential barriers and strategies for overcoming them.” The session featured the Washington Post’s Sarah Kliff as [WonkBlog](#) author and curator; the PBRN Coordinating Center’s Glen Mays as Editor-in-Chief of [Frontiers in PHSSR](#); and University of Wisconsin Professor David Kindig as creator of the [Improving Population Health Blog](#). The archived session is available [here](#).

**Keep up with PBRN News and Conversations Online at:**

**Our website:** [www.publichealthsystems.org/pbrn.aspx](http://www.publichealthsystems.org/pbrn.aspx)

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

**Public Health PBRN Twitter:** [@PH\\_PBRN](#)

## RELATED NEWS

**Updating Public Health Workforce Competencies:** The [Council on Linkages Between Linkages](#)) a program of the [Public Health Foundation](#), held a March conference call to future efforts. A coalition of 19 national public health organizations, the Council ( collaboration to assure a well-trained, competent workforce and a strong, evidence-based the public health system since the last approval in May 2010, the [Core Competencies fo](#) revised to reflect changes such as decreases in health department budgets and workforc the increasing focus on coordination of public health and healthcare. You can post your in [the Future of the Public Health Workforce with Your Comments on the Core Competencies](#)

**Supporting Academic Health Departments:** Another program of the Public Health Fou [Learning Community](#) is a national community of practice centered around the [AHD conc](#) professionals engaged in knowledge sharing and collaboration to support use of the AHD this group, ideas and suggestions are being sought on how to best meet the diverse need are planned in May to introduce new members to AHD concepts and the AHD Learning ( identify activities, topics, and resources of interest to members, with the possibility of e interest, enhancing the [AHD Learning Community Profiles](#) to better facilitate connection events, developing a case story of successful collaboration, and establishing a mentorship suggestions are welcome by email to Kathleen Amos at [kamos@phf.org](mailto:kamos@phf.org)

## ON THE HORIZON

**May PBRN MPROVE Monthly Virtual Meeting.** Thursday, May 9, 2013 2:00-3:00 ET

**May PBRN Monthly Virtual Meeting.** The May 2013 edition of the Public Health PBRN Virtual Meeting will be conducted on Thursday, May 16, from 1:00-2:30pm ET and will feature the Connecticut Public Health PBRN.

## 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 sessions including: Twitter and LinkedIn, Slideshare, Gaming and Mobile, and Facebook and Image Sharing (Instagram, Pinterest and Flickr). Upcoming sessions are 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](#).

### **CES4Health: A Tool for Enhancing the Impact of Community-Engaged Scholarship webinar**

[CES4Health.info](#) is a free, online mechanism for peer-reviewing, publishing and disseminating products of health-related community-engaged scholarship that are in forms other than journal articles such as videos, manuals, policy briefs, websites, instructional DVDs, and other products developed through service-learning, community-based participatory research and other community-engaged work. An archived [webinar](#) from April 9, presented by Editor, Cathy Jordan to the Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program highlights the use of this online mechanism for peer-reviewing, publishing and disseminating diverse products of community-engaged scholarship for faculty, academics and community partners.

## RESOURCES

The National Academy Press releases [The Childhood Immunization Schedule and](#)

***Safety: Stakeholder Concerns, Scientific Evidence, and Future Studies.*** This publication reviews scientific findings and stakeholders concerns related to the safety of the recommended childhood immunization schedule. Drawing on data from existing surveillance systems, such as Vaccine Safety Datalink, this report can be used to inform ongoing research efforts regarding the safety of the recommended childhood immunization schedule and to identify potential research approaches, methodologies and study designs.

**Glen Mays Selected Works 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***

**Notice of RFP Withdrawal:** The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Request for Proposals entitled, “Building Partnerships for Public Health Services & Systems Research” (released April 2013 with deadline of May 22) has been withdrawn. The National Coordinating Center for Public Health Services and Systems Research and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation remain committed to facilitating translational research in public health settings. Please stay tuned for information about future PHSSR funding opportunities on these topics.

### **National Institutes of Health**

#### **Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy**

(R01): <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-130.html>

(R03): <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-131.html>

(R21): <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-132.html>

#### **Proposal Due: Standard R series deadlines**

(<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>)

The goal of this program announcement is to encourage methodological, intervention and dissemination research for understanding and promoting health literacy. Health literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions (Ratzan and Parker, 2000).

## **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

### **National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Public Health Conference Support Program**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=227473>

**Proposal Due: May 2, 2013**

To provide partial support for specific non-Federal conferences in the areas of environmental public health.

## **Food and Drug Administration**

### **Food Protection Rapid Response Team (U18)**

**RFA-FD-13-006**

**Letter of Intent Due Date: May 15, 2013**

**Application Due Date: July 1, 2013**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is being issued to announce the availability of up to nine (9) cooperative agreements to be awarded under a Limited Competition.

These cooperative agreements are intended to develop, implement, maintain and sustain multi-jurisdictional Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) that operate using Incident Command System (ICS)/National Incident Management System (NIMS) principles and a Unified Command structure to support integrated all-hazards preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery/prevention efforts for food/feed within the national integrated food safety system.

The goal of these cooperative agreements is to facilitate long-term improvements to the national integrated food safety system by unifying and coordinating federal/state/local food/feed emergency response efforts including:

- 1) Strengthening the link among epidemiology, lab and environmental health components;
- 2) Improving States' regulatory and surveillance food/feed protection programs (with a focus on manufactured foods) to include foodborne illness/outbreak investigations, removing tainted food from commerce, and root cause investigations; and
- 3) Addressing supporting components, such as training, data sharing, data analysis and communications.

This will be accomplished through the provision of funding for program

improvement and will require extensive cooperation and coordination with FDA District Offices and other FDA program offices.

Effective leveraging of resources and harmonization of efforts will require collaboration with relevant initiatives, including those of federal partners (e.g., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service), national initiatives (e.g., the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, the Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS), the National Response Framework, and the Partnership for Food Protection (PFP), and relevant associations, state, and local partners.

### **Food Protection Rapid Response Team (U18)**

**[RFA-FD-13-028](#)**

**Letter of Intent Due Date: May 15, 2013**

**Application Due Date: July 1, 2013**

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), issued by the Food and Drug Administration, is intended to improve the national food protection system by facilitating the development and implementation of food protection projects within existing Food Protection Task Forces. It is intended that these projects will have national significance and be able to be adopted and utilized by other federal, state, local and Tribal organizations in their food protection efforts.

### **Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention Feasibility Projects Program in Agricultural Safety & Health**

**Application Due Date: July 15, 2013**

In collaboration with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the [Southeast Center for Agricultural Health and Injury Prevention](#) announces the availability of awards for 12 month feasibility projects that focus on improving occupational safety and health among workers in production agriculture, forestry, and commercial fishing/aquaculture. Priority will be given to applicants from Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, Virginia, and West Virginia. The Southeast Center emphasizes stakeholder engagement, measurable outcomes, and the translation of research to practice (r2p). More details [here](#).

### ***Previous Listings***



## **Johnson and Johnson Community Health Care Program Grant Funding Opportunity**

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.

## **National institutes of Health**

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

### **Response Date: extended to April 30, 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.

## **Call for Proposals: Credentialing Research in Nursing**

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](#).

### **Call for Proposals: Healthy Eating Research**

[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](http://www.healthyeatingresearch.org). Last deadline for concept papers is July 10, 2013.

### **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 Department of Health Services Management and Policy, [College of Public Health at East Tennessee State University](#), is inviting applications for two new tenure-track faculty positions. As a part of a comprehensive Academic Health Sciences Center (AHSC) with strong ties to the health care and public health communities, the successful candidates will have the opportunity for extensive inter-professional and practice-based collaborations in research and teaching. For more information please contact Dr. Amal Khoury, [Khoury@etsu.edu](mailto:Khoury@etsu.edu).

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.rwjf.org/files/publications/RWJF_GranteeReportingInstructions.pdf)

RWJF guidelines for financial reports:

[http://www.rwjf.org/files/publications/RWJF\\_FinancialGuidelinesReporting.pdf](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](http://www.rwjf.org/files/publications/RWJF_ElectronicSubmissions.pdf)

## **COORDINATING CENTER CORNER**

*The Coordinating Center Corner strives to highlight one policy or procedure per issue. Please let us know if there are specific topics you would like us to address by writing [PublicHealthPBRN@uky.edu](mailto:PublicHealthPBRN@uky.edu).*

## **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**

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**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.](#)