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PBRN Grantees: Please circulate relevant information to your network members. To request additional information or make suggestions for future items, please contact the National Coordinating Center at publichealthpbrn@uams.edu or 501-551-0106. Newsletter archives are available [here](#).

Notable Recent Activities

- **Round I January Conference Call.** Networks discussed a revised network analysis draft instrument that included their most recent comments, along with the initial research protocol. National Coordinating Center (NCC) Staff plan to pilot test the instrument with an Arkansas health coalition by month's end prior to rolling out the finalized instrument in early to mid February. Each network will provide organization names to the NCC to prepopulate the instrument and will then distribute to their respondents electronically or in hard copy. The NCC will generate descriptive reports of network interaction from the completed surveys and will provide copies of the raw data to the PBRNs to share with members for more in-depth interpretation. Final comments on the instrument draft are due by January 21.

A networking plan is being developed to enhance communication among networks on special interest topics, such as instrument sharing, variation in local public health practice on emergent issues, measuring regionalization, generating interest in research from local public health agencies, ideas for multi-PBRN projects, and more. All twelve networks should watch for an email from the NCC on converging research topics and communication mechanisms into a useful, convenient format.

Activities on the Horizon

- **Round II Conference Call:** Thursday, January 21, 1:00 to 2:30 pm ET
- **PBRN Annual Grantee and NAC Meetings.** Plans for the Annual Meeting format are being discussed in the January conference calls with networks. The proposed plan is for the PBRN Grantee Meeting to begin on Monday morning, April 19, and conclude on Tuesday afternoon, April 20, just prior to the Keeneland Conference opening session. The NAC also would meet on Tuesday afternoon.

Related Research and Practice Activities

CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

- **APHA** is accepting abstract submissions for the 2010 Annual Meeting. The conference theme is Social Justice: Public Health Imperative. **Abstracts are due February 1-5, 2010.** [Link to details.](#)

- **AcademyHealth Interest Groups Calls for Papers.** Interest Groups (IG) issue separate [calls for papers](#) for their meetings held in conjunction with the Annual Research Meeting (ARM). **All IG abstracts are due February 15, 2010**, including the Public Health Systems Research (PHSR) IG [detailed here](#). The PHSR meeting is June 29-30 immediately following the ARM.

CONFERENCES

- **NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation: Methods and Measurement** will be in Bethesda, MD on March 15-16, 2010. [Conference Registration](#) Deadline: February 12, 2010. “Researchers and evaluators who are interested in identifying opportunities and obstacles for dissemination and implementation research/evaluation are encouraged to attend this meeting. The goal is to engage in dialog, exchange ideas, explore contemporary topics and challenge one another to identify and test research designs, methods and measurement that will advance dissemination and implementation science.” Investigators may request 15-minute individual sessions with relevant NIH program staff to discuss research ideas. To request an individual session, submit a one-page abstract by **January 29** following the instructions at the link above.
- **Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH).** The CCPH annual conference will be May 12-15, 2010 in Portland, Oregon. This is one of the earliest and best-known gatherings for community-based participatory research interests. For more information, [visit this link](#). Deadline for early registration is February 23.

COURSES

- **CDC Crisis and Emergency-Risk Communication Course.** Hosted by HHS and CDC, this 1.5-day course is designed to give emergency preparedness professionals the tools to communicate with the public, media, and stakeholders during a public health emergency, including pandemic influenza. No registration fee and a few scholarships are available. Conference dates: February 1-2 in New Orleans. [Link to information](#)

WEBINARS

- **Climate Change: Mastering the Public Health Role.** The third webinar in APHA’s series is entitled, “The Public Health Role in State and Local Climate Change Action Plans.” According to APHA, this webinar “will help public health professionals realize and act on the current opportunities to use their knowledge and expertise to impact climate action plans.” To register for the live webcast scheduled for January 25 from 12:30 to 1:30 ET, [click here](#).
- **Translating Research into Practice.** On Tuesday, January 26 at 2:00 ET, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) launches a new monthly series of cyber-seminars to involve researchers and practitioners in discussions of translating research into practice. The first session features the NCI authors of the book, *Making Data Talk*, with their ideas about how researchers and public health practitioners can better communicate data to public audiences. Registration and more information are [linked here](#).
- **A Growing Hunger: The Nation's Demand for Food Safety and Nutrition Information.** This webinar is the annual Ned E. Baker Lecture in Public Health sponsored by NALBOH and is scheduled for April 8, 2010 at 4:00 ET. [Click here](#) for registration and more information.

- **NACCHO Webcasts.** NACCHO's webcasts on QI and accreditation preparation topics are archived at their website. [Click here](#) to see the list of archived webcasts; viewing is free.

NEW LITERATURE

- **Tax Policy and Alcohol Consumption.** In the February issue of *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, the Task Force of Community Preventive Services reports its findings from a review of literature regarding the relationship between the price of alcohol and its consumption and related health outcomes. Read the [abstract](#) here.
- **Public Health and Mental Health.** The current edition of Preventing *Chronic Disease* is devoted primarily to the theme of mental health as a public health concern. NAC member **Wayne Giles** co-authors an editorial in the issue. NAC member **Patrick Remington** and colleagues report on their state report cards that give separate grades for health and health disparities. [Link to Table of Contents](#).

PUBLICATIONS

- **Oral Health.** Two new or updated information resources on oral health as part of the broader health picture are available. [Training New Dental Health Providers in the US](#), authored by Burton L. Edelstein, DDS MPH, and released by the Kellogg Foundation, focuses on provider and policy issues. CDC's Chronic Disease at a Glance brief on oral health has been updated for the past year. [Oral Health-Preventing Cavities, Gum Disease, and Tooth Loss: At a Glance 2009](#) gives an overview of oral health and hygiene issues, facts, public health interventions and success stories.
- [The Health and Well-Being of Children: A Portrait of States and the Nation 2007](#) published by HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau is now available online. To request a hardcopy, click on the title above and look for Order a Chartbook at the top of the webpage. National and state-level data on U.S. children are based on the 2007 National Survey of Children's Health.

Funding Opportunities

- **Time-Sensitive Research in Environmental Health Sciences.** NIH has announced availability of the two funding mechanisms to "support research in which an unpredictable opportunity has arisen to collect human or animal biosample baseline or exposure data (e.g., following natural or made-made disasters, health care policy changes; etc). The distinctive element of the project should be the need for empirical study for a situation that was not foreseeable and is achievable only if begun within a short time frame."
 - ❖ R03 Small Research Grants – [announcement](#)
 - ❖ R21 Exploratory and Developmental Research Project - [announcement](#)
- **Environmental Health Specialists Network (EHS-Net) Research (U01) Grant.** CDC's EHS-Net grant aims to strengthen environmental health service programs through a network of environmental health specialists who will work with epidemiologists and laboratorians in the areas of foodborne and waterborne illnesses. Note the specifics regarding eligible applicants. Deadlines: Letter of Intent due by February 12, 2010; application due by March 15, 2010. [Announcement](#)
- **Community Action for A Renewed Environment Program (CARE).** The Environmental Protection Agency has issued a RFP for its CARE program, "a unique community-based,

community-driven, multimedia demonstration program designed to help communities understand and reduce risks due to toxic pollutants and environmental concerns from all sources.” Read the [full announcement](#) to note the two types of efforts supported, the atypical application processes, and the entities eligible to apply for this highly competitive funding. Deadline for application: March 9, 2010.

- ***Finding Answers: Disparities Research for Change***. RWJF has announced a national initiative to move disparities research beyond documentation and into the implementation of efforts to eliminate racial and ethnic differences in health care. Eligible applicants are more specific than usual. Brief proposals due February 4, 2:00 pm CT. [Link to CFP](#).
- **NIH School Nutrition & Physical Activity Policies, Obesogenic Behaviors & Weight Outcomes.**
 - ❖ R01 [Announcement](#)
 - ❖ R03 [Announcement](#)
 - ❖ R21 [Announcement](#)
- **NIH Obesity Policy Research: Evaluation and Measures at the Community Level.**
 - ❖ R01 [Announcement](#): Research grants ([About R01](#))
 - ❖ R03 [Announcement](#): Small research grants ([About R03](#))
 - ❖ R21 [Announcement](#): Exploratory/developmental grants ([About R21](#))
- **State and Community Tobacco Control Policy and Media Research RFA.** The National Cancer Institute is soliciting cooperative agreement applications for research projects examining the effectiveness of state and community tobacco control policy and media interventions. Additional information about the RFA [linked here](#). **Deadline: Application due January 22, 2009**
- **Implementation of Quality Improvement Processes.** AHRQ is interested in supporting grants to rigorously study the implementation of QI strategies and provide generalizable scientific findings about the implementation of the strategy, related organizational changes, and their impact. More information is [here](#). The next application deadline is **January 25, 2010**.
- **Pfizer Fellowships in Public Health Research.** Pfizer offers career development awards for junior faculty pursuing careers in public health systems and services research. Research collaboration with state and/or local public health agencies is required. The [2010 announcement](#) is available online, and the application deadline is **January 31, 2010**. Glen Mays is on the academic advisory board for this fellowship and can answer questions.
- **Dissemination and Implementation of Evidence-based HIV Prevention.** NIH invites research to enhance the science of technology transfer, dissemination, implementation, and operational research for evidence-based HIV-prevention interventions in the United States. More information is [here](#). The next application due date is **February 5, 2010**.
- **RWJF and the Pew Charitable Trusts** have an open Call for Proposals on their collaborative [Health Impact Project](#). Letter of interest required; full proposal invited based upon letter of interest. No deadline; rolling submissions until all funding is obligated. The applicant web conference is archived at the project link above.

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Upcoming Key Dates

- January 21:** Round II PBRN Monthly Conference Call | 1:00 – 2:30 ET
- January 30:** Round I PBRNs' Annual Progress Reports to RWJF
- February 1-5:** APHA Abstracts Deadline
- February 9:** Round I PBRN Monthly Conference Call | 11:30-12:30 ET
- February 15:** AcademyHealth Interest Groups' Abstracts Deadline
- February 18:** Round II PBRN Monthly Conference Call | 1:00 – 2:30 ET
- March 9:** Round I PBRN Monthly Conference Call | 11:30-12:30 ET
- March 18:** Round II PBRN Monthly Conference Call | 1:00 – 2:30 ET

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