

Issue #110**Public Health PBRN Review | February 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 or (859) 218-2094. Past issues are available in the [newsletter](#) archive.

STAT OF THE MONTH:

The use of Maternity Care Coordination Services (MCC) in North Carolina was associated with an approximate **2%** reduction in the probability of delivering a premature infant, along with modest increases in health care service utilization, according to preliminary findings from a North Carolina Public Health PBRN study of the program. MCC is a formal case management approach provided to Medicaid eligible pregnant women during and after pregnancy to improve birth outcomes. The program consists of outreach, assessment of maternal assets and needs, service planning, coordination and referral, follow-up and monitoring, and education and counseling. The PBRN study used an innovative, quasi-experimental research design with propensity-score weighting to control for systematic differences between Medicaid recipients who did and did not receive MCC services. It is interesting to note that despite the possible benefits of MCC services in reducing preterm birth; only one-third of Medicaid eligible women received these services during the study period. In light of North Carolina's move away from MCC and toward a medical home model, future research should investigate whether services delivered through this system structure have similar advantageous effects on preterm birth.

PBRN NEWS

New funding initiative on Delivery and Cost studies: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Public Health PBRN Program have released the Public Health Delivery and Cost Studies Award (DACS), which will support selected public health PBRNs in implementing studies designed to identify the costs of delivering high-value public health services, and to elucidate the delivery system characteristics

that influence the effectiveness, efficiency, and equity of these services. This solicitation is open only to registered networks of the Public Health PBRN Program. Two categories of awards are available, and the deadline for submitting applications is March 20, 2013 at 5pm ET. For more information, contact your PBRN network leadership or the national coordinating center at publichealthPBRN@uky.edu.

***Frontiers in PHSSR* and *RE-ACT*: Reaching Diverse Stakeholders to Improve Research Translation.** Ensuring that emerging research findings are transmitted to decision-makers who can use them in real-world settings can be challenging. Too frequently, standard academic dissemination approaches like high-impact journal publications and national conference presentations limit potential audiences to those who can find room in increasingly tight budgets to cover expensive subscriptions and/or conference travel. With the current state of public health funding, it therefore is increasingly important to leverage communication resources that can provide important information to practice and policy audiences. The open-access journal [*Frontiers in PHSSR*](#) and the [*RE-ACT: Research to Action in Public Health Delivery*](#) podcast both remove cost barriers to making research-derived information more accessible to diverse audiences. Both channels offer opportunities to provide brief descriptions of preliminary findings from ongoing or recently completed studies or quality improvement projects. Through these outlets, findings that have the potential to guide future public health practice, health policy, and research are better positioned to reach the audiences who need them most. Further, an agreement between *Frontiers* and the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* ensures that publications in the former are not precluded from future full-length journal publications. The Coordinating Center encourages you to consider submitting to *Frontiers* or to contact us directly with *RE-ACT* podcast ideas.

Latest issue of *Frontiers* Examines Public Health and Hospital System Collaborations, Evidence-Based Public Health, and Learning Collaboratives to improve PHEP Services. The newest issue of [*Frontiers in PHSSR*](#) highlights evidence-based decision making and collaboration. Lillian Shirley and colleagues describe an innovative partnership between seven hospital systems and four county public health departments in Washington and Oregon, and their

collaborative efforts in conducting community health assessments and community health improvement plans that fulfill the needs of hospital systems, local public health and coordinated care organizations. Also in this issue, Washington University's Ross Brownson, with Jonathan Fielding and Christopher Maylahn review the concept of Evidence-Based Public Health and highlight the importance of adopting EBPH strategies to improve the practice of public health. Finally, Michael Stoto and colleagues describe the use of learning collaboratives as a quality improvement tool in public health emergency preparedness (PHEP). Download your [copy](#) and subscribe today.

Funding Sources and Public Health Performance. Bill Livingood and colleagues in the Florida PBRN have published results of their study examining the association between funding sources and local performance of essential public health services. The study finds considerable variability in funding sources across Florida's local agencies, and a heavily reliance on discretionary local sources for performing cross-cutting, non-categorical services. The paper is available early online in the [Journal of Public Health Management and Practice](#). Related new articles of interest from Dr. Livingood include an instructive commentary on the new IOM report regarding methods for valuing community-based prevention activities in the journal [Health Education and Behavior](#), and an examination of a new model for combining quality improvement and evaluation activities for health programs, published in [Health Promotion Practice](#).

NACCHO Extends Survey Deadline of National Profile of Local Health Departments to March 8, 2013. Thanks to all the Public Health PBRNs who have encouraged local health department partners to complete their Profile surveys. The success of Profile depends on participation from the diverse mix of LHDs in the U.S. The deadline has been extended and responses are requested by March 8, 2013. NACCHO would greatly appreciate the continued assistance of Public Health PBRNs, as well as others from across Public Health Services and Systems Research who utilize the data collected, in promoting and encouraging local health departments to complete the Profile. More information can be found on the Profile website.

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

Keeneland Conference Registration Continues. Online registration is available for the 2019 – 11 in Lexington, KY. As outlined in the travel policy highlighted in this newsletter Grantee Meeting who have abstracts accepted for the Keeneland Conference *may* be availability of funds. Please see the Coordinating Center Corner near the end of this news

AcademyHealth Launches Translation and Dissemination Institute. To address the le decision-making and action, AcademyHealth has announced the launch of its Translatic incubator for new and innovative approaches,” the Institute conducts multidirectional more about how AcademyHealth plans to support translational goals in Health Services your own dissemination efforts at the Translation and Dissemination Institute [website](#).

The [Center for Sharing Public Health Services](#) announces list of grantees in New Pilot Health departments in 16 states will explore how “cross-jurisdictional sharing” might h promoting the health of the communities they serve. More than 75 local public health de work as a learning collaborative for the next two years to explore ways to share resour effective public health services.

Improving Population Health in US Cities. Authors, Nicholas Stine, Dave Choksi and N opportunities to improving population health in urban settings in the [February 6 Issue](#) Americans living in urban environments, building durable strategies to improve p collaboration between local health care systems, public health departments, and commur

Primary Care and Population Health: As part of the New York Academy of Medicine Pri Stine and Choksi also blog about their conversations with thought leaders in primary ca leaders, including the Public Health PBRN’s Director, Glen Mays had to say in a five part bl

AHRQ Director to step down later this year. After a decade of service to the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, AHRQ Director David Asch plans to step down. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius praised Dr. Asch for having improved the quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness of the nation's health care delivery system. Dr. Asch's successor is named.

The New Public Health: Rewiring for the Future. A new APHA report based on the 2012 APHA survey of public health practice aims to rewire public health for the future. Based on the positive outcomes from the Community Transformation Grants programs funded through the Affordable Care Act, key recommendations were made. Read the seven recommendations and see the full report [here](#).

ON THE HORIZON

March PBRN MPROVE Monthly Virtual Meeting. Thursday, March 14, 2013 2:00-3:00 ET

March PBRN Monthly Virtual Meeting. The March 2013 edition of the Public Health PBRN Virtual Meeting will be conducted on Thursday, March 21, from 1:00-2:30pm ET and will feature the Nebraska Public Health PBRN.

WEBINARS

Using the American Community Survey (ACS) for Health Services Research: Opportunities, Best Practices and Expert Advice. This webinar, presented by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Changes in Health Care Financing and Organization initiative and the State Health Access Data Center will present best practices for using the ACS to analyze issues on health insurance and other topics in health care financing and organization. To register, please visit this [AcademyHealth](#) website. March 7, 2013 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET.

PHSR Webinar: Traditional and New Methods for Disseminating What Works. Do you want to identify key markets and avenues for PHSSR publication, create tailored messages so that your findings are easily understood by media and policymaker users of research, and identify and strategically address challenges and barriers to PHSSR publication? Then you will not want to miss this webinar. Moderated by Washington Post reporter Sarah Kliff with presentations by the

Public Health PBRN National Coordinating Center Director, Glen Mays, and Improving Population Health blog Editor, David Kindig. To register, please visit this [AcademyHealth](#) website. March, 26, 2013 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. ET.

RESOURCES

The National Academy Press releases *Contagion of Violence: Workshop Summary*. This publication highlights the topics covered during the April 30-May 1, 2012 workshops convened by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Forum on Global Violence Prevention. With the intention of understanding the contagious nature of violence, the Forum engaged multisectorial, multidirectional dialogue to explore crosscutting, evidence-based approaches to violence prevention, focusing on exploring the epidemiology of the contagion, describing possible processes and mechanisms by which violence is transmitted, and examining how contextual factors mitigate or exacerbate the issue.

The National Academy Press releases *Environmental Decisions in the Face of Uncertainty*. At the request of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Institute of Medicine (IOM) convened a committee to provide guidance to decision makers and their partners in states and localities on approaches to managing risk in different contexts in the presence of uncertainty. Given that the EPA's charge is not limited to human health risk assessment and includes broad questions about managing risks and decision making, the committee examined uncertainty in other areas in addition to human health risks. *Environmental Decisions in the Face of Uncertainty* explains the statement of tasks and summarizes the findings of the committee.

CTSA Tool Shop Webinar: Harvard Catalyst Profiles Research Networking Software. Do you need help finding collaborators? Would you like to create a research portfolio of your institution? The Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Consortium Coordinating Center recently hosted a webinar on the [Profiles Research Networking Software](#), an NIH-funded open source tool to speed the process of finding researchers with specific areas of expertise for collaboration and professional networking. A video recording of this presentation can be found [here](#).

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

New funding initiative on delivery and cost studies: The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Public Health PBRN Program have released the Public Health Delivery and Cost Studies Award, which will support selected public health PBRNs in implementing studies designed to identify the costs of delivering high-value public health services, and to elucidate the delivery system characteristics that influence the effectiveness, efficiency, and equity of these services. This solicitation is open only to registered networks of the Public Health PBRN Program. Two categories of awards are available, and the deadline for submitting applications is March 20, 2013 at 5pm ET. For more information, contact your PBRN network leadership or the national coordinating center at publichealthPBRN@uky.edu

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.

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**Electronic Data Methods (EDM) Forum: Second Phase (U18)****Letter of Intent Due: March 15, 2013****Proposal Due: April 18, 2013**

This FOA solicits Research Demonstration and Dissemination grant (U18) applications from organizations that propose to continue and expand the work of the Electronic Data Methods (EDM) Forum. The Forum will convene investigators from projects similar in scope and capability to those in three programs: PROSPECT (Prospective Outcome Systems using Patient-specific Electronic data to Compare Tests and therapies), scalable distributed research networks, and enhanced registries for QI and CER (for further details please visit: <http://www.edm-forum.org/publicgrant/About/projectprofiles/>), experts in health information technology and in outcomes research, practicing clinicians, patients, representatives from relevant organizations, and other relevant stakeholders.

Health Resources and Services Administration**MCH Knowledge to Practice Program****Proposal Due: March 26, 2013**

In addition to supporting graduate training of maternal and child health (MCH) professionals, the Maternal and Child Health Bureau is committed to advancing the knowledge and skills of practicing MCH professionals. Knowledge to practice (KP) education methodologies, including distance learning and blended methods (some in-person meeting time with distance follow-up), provide effective and efficient means by which MCH professionals in practice enhance and advance their analytic, managerial, and clinical skills while continuing to meet their daily on-site responsibilities. This program strongly supports HRSA goals to improve

access to quality health care and services, strengthen the health workforce and improve health equity. Current barriers to continuing education include ever-tightening travel restrictions, capacity shortages, difficulty in taking time away from work, and the cost of trainings. Distance learning and/or blended learning methods can help address these barriers[1]. In addition, in times of severely limited resources, innovation assists in reaching MCH populations, including busy professionals. Therefore, both KP and MCH Navigator projects should be designed to implement new and emerging technologies.

Previous Listings

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Funding Announcement

Improving Methods for Conducting Patient-Centered Outcomes Research

Letter of Intent Due Date: January 15, 2013

Application Deadline: March 13, 2013

Every day, patients and their caregivers face crucial healthcare decisions while lacking key information that they need. The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) has addressed this lack of information in its National Priorities and Research Agenda and has issued funding announcements requiring a comparative clinical effectiveness approach that engages patients in collaboration with their clinicians. To support the conduct of meaningful patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) and to produce valid findings, it is critical to continue developing stronger research methods in a number of areas.

Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)

Third Cycle Funding Announcements

Letter of Intent Due Date: February 15, 2013

Application Deadline: April 15, 2013

PCORI has launched the third cycle of funding requests to support \$96 million in comparative clinical effectiveness research that will give patients and those who care for them the ability to make better-informed health care decisions. The new PCORI Funding Announcements (PFAs) correspond to four of the five areas of focus outlined in its National Priorities for Research and Research Agenda:

- Assessment of Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment Options - for

projects that address critical decisions that patients, their caregivers and clinicians face with too little information.

- Improving Healthcare Systems - for projects that address critical decisions that face health care systems, the patients and caregivers who rely on them, and the clinicians who work within them.
- Communication and Dissemination - for projects that address critical elements in the communication and dissemination process among patients, their caregivers and clinicians.
- Addressing Disparities - for projects that will inform the choice of strategies to eliminate disparities.

An additional PFA that addresses PCORI's fifth priority, Accelerating Patient-Centered and Methodological Research, Improving Methods for Conducting Patient-Centered Research, is mentioned above.

PCORI is an independent, non-profit organization authorized by Congress in 2010 to fund research that will provide patients, their caregivers and clinicians with evidence-based information needed to support better-informed health care decisions. PCORI is committed to continuously seeking input from a broad range of stakeholders to guide its work. More information is available at www.pcori.org.

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

AcademyHealth is seeking a Grants Manager and Marketing and Communications Manager. For more information, please visit this [AcademyHealth](#) website.

The RWJF *Roadmaps to Health* Community Grants Team at Community Catalyst is seeking a Technical Assistance Coordinator and an Associate Project Director. For more information, please visit the [Community Catalyst](#) website.

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

COORDINATING CENTER CORNER

Travel Policy for Annual Public Health PBRN Program Grantee Meeting.

In conjunction with Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and University of Kentucky policies, the Public Health PBRN Program National Coordinating Center is implementing new policies and procedures for travel the Annual Grantee Meeting, scheduled to be held in Lexington, KY on April 8-9, 2013.

While we welcome widespread and diverse meeting attendance, the Coordinating

Center can cover the costs of travel and lodging for only **one representative** from each PBRN that has had **active RWJF funding in Calendar Year 2013** either through the PBRN Program's RACE, MPROVE, or QuickStrike funding mechanisms or through other eligible RWJF sources. Center-covered travel costs for each designated representative will include airfare, a **two-night** stay at the conference hotel, cab fare, and a small per diem to cover meals not provided during the meeting. The Center has already been advised of each network's designated representative.

Center-funded travelers who have one or more abstracts accepted for presentation at the annual Keeneland Conference (April 9-11) *may* be eligible for support for one additional night's stay on a first-come, first-served basis, pending availability of funds. Travel arrangements for designated network representatives are in the process of being completed and we will soon communicate availability of funds for an additional night for those who qualify.

Additional PBRN representatives are welcome to attend the meeting; however, the Coordinating Center can only fund travel for the designated representative. The meeting will be simulcast online so that those unable to travel will be able to participate.

For questions and additional information, contact Nicole.Howard@uky.edu (phone: 859-218-0113) or Lizeth.Fowler@uky.edu (phone: 859-218-2089).

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.

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

MPROVE Monthly Meetings. Thursdays, 2:00-3:00pm, ET. March 14, 2013, 2:00-3:00pm, ET.

March PBRN Monthly Virtual Meeting. Public Health PBRN, Thursday, March 21, 2013, 1:00-2:30pm, ET.

Environmental Health 2013: Science and Policy to Protect Future Generations. Boston, MA, March 3-6, 2013. [More information.](#)

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.](#)