Medical Education and Research Grant Outcome Report

Name: Center for Urban Population Health Public Health Development Plan

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Department: Population Health Sciences
Program: Targeted
Grant Duration: 7-01-2006 to 12-31-2009 (42 months)
Expenditures: $966,486 (99%)
Use of Funds (Taxonomy): Applied Public Health Research
Research Keywords: Research, Population, Community, Interdisciplinary, Translational

Description: The primary goal of this project was to grow capacity for conducting population health research and providing community health education in greater Milwaukee. The project sought to achieve this through: (1) Recruitment and support of faculty and scientists to UW-Milwaukee and the Aurora UW Medical Group; (2) Mentoring of students between institutions; and (3) Building community engagement.

Contributions/Results: The CUPH successfully met all of its goals, making a significant positive impact in Southeastern Wisconsin. It funded 17 UW-Milwaukee faculty and investigators and 13 students through its Center Scientist Development Program. At the Aurora UW Medical Group, it supported 50 projects, as well as participated in more than 30 infant and maternal health programs. It supported the hiring of center staff to support all of these projects. In addition it expanded relationships with more than 100 community partners. Its work also facilitated the publication of the Milwaukee Health Report, which describes the health and well-being of the city’s residents stratified by zip code socioeconomic status. These data have been used by community health groups and policymakers in formulating priorities and directing resources.

Timeline for Application of Results: Three years.

New Partnerships or Collaborations: The grant provided multiple opportunities for collaborations among researchers, as well as the formation of new community academic partnerships. As noted above, this grant strengthened more than 100 community partnerships. Furthermore, this grant forged new and stronger partnerships with multiple UW faculty and scientists.

Matched Dollars (cash or in-kind): Funding from this grant was used to leverage matching funds to support faculty and academic staff, totalling approximately $657,000 during the grant period with many of these positions continuing indefinitely.

Dissemination: Projects supported by this grant have been disseminated widely. There have been six sets of community materials produced, 17 academic publications, eight community presentations, 53 conference presentations, and an interactive website. Its work has also been followed in the news media and campus publications at UW-Milwaukee.

Additional Funding: Center Scientists have applied for 39 grants worth $17.7M, with over $10M being awarded at this time.