ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY
Working Together To Understand And Improve Health For All

Wednesday, September 7, 2016
8:00 am – 4:15 pm

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Union South, Varsity Hall
1308 W. Dayton Street, Madison WI
Welcome

Welcome to Advancing Health Equity: Working Together to Understand and Improve Health for All.

The Wisconsin Partnership Program represents a far-reaching commitment by the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health to improve the health and well-being of Wisconsin residents through investments in research, education and community partnerships. An embodiment of the Wisconsin Idea, the work of the Partnership Program supports research, education and partnerships that go beyond the classroom and laboratory to benefit individuals and communities throughout Wisconsin.

In 2015, Partnership Program leadership began strategic discussions regarding how to more explicitly focus on issues of health equity in order to positively impact the health of everyone in our state – especially those populations who disproportionately experience poorer health outcomes. As part of this long-term commitment, the Partnership Program is hosting this conference to engage national and local experts and invoke discussion about how addressing issues of health equity are a crucial part of achieving health, equity and well-being for all residents of our state.

Our overall objectives for the conference include:

1. Promoting an equity lens to address health in Wisconsin

2. Developing common language and understanding around health equity

3. Sharing information regarding efforts that are moving the needle on health equity outcomes regionally and nationally and discussing their applicability for Wisconsin

Thank you for joining us today and for your interest and work in improving health equity in Wisconsin. To learn more about the Wisconsin Partnership Program visit www.med.wisc.edu/partnership.
Conference Agenda

8:00am  Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:45am  Welcome from Robert Golden, MD  
Dean, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health; Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs, UW-Madison

9:15am  Plenary – Perspectives on Health Equity: Setting the Stage  
Presenter: David Williams, PhD, MPH, Florence Sprague Norman and Laura Smart Norman Professor of Public Health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Professor of African and African American Studies and of Sociology at Harvard University

9:45am  Panel Discussion  
Moderator: David Kindig, MD, PhD, Emeritus Professor of Population Health Sciences; Emeritus Vice-Chancellor for Health Sciences, UW School of Medicine and Public Health; Co-chair of the Institute of Medicine Roundtable on Population Health Improvement

Panelists:
• Jacquelynn Arbuckle, MD, Director of the Native American Center for Health Professions and Associate Professor of Surgery, UW School of Medicine and Public Health
• Ricardo Diaz, Executive Director for the United Community Center, a comprehensive social service agency serving Milwaukee-area Latinos
• Cheryl Maurana, PhD, Professor and Vice President for Academic Outreach and Director of the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Program, Medical College of Wisconsin

10:35am  Break

10:45am  Health Equity and the Role of Health Care Practice and Education  
Presenter: Susan Skochelak, MD, MPH, Group Vice President for Medical Education, American Medical Association

11:10am  Panel Discussion  
Moderator: Elizabeth Petty, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor of Pediatrics, UW School of Medicine and Public Health

Panelists:
• Tracy Downs, MD, Associate Professor of Urology and Associate Dean of Multicultural Affairs, UW School of Medicine and Public Health
• Cindy Haq, MD, Professor of Family Medicine and Population Health Sciences; Director, Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH), UW School of Medicine and Public Health
• John Meurer, MD, MBA, Professor/Director of the Institute for Health and Society, Medical College of Wisconsin

Noon  Lunch and Table Discussions
1. What does the term “health equity” mean to you and your community, your work?
2. How are you addressing health equity in your community, your work?
3. What guidance would you offer to the Partnership Program and other funders to make an impact in this work?
1:15pm **Health Equity and the Role of Partnerships**  
Presenter: Edward Ehlinger, MD, MSPH, Minnesota Commissioner of Health, Minnesota Department of Health; Chair of the Committee on Institutional Cooperation’s (CIC) Health Equity Initiative, an 11-state collaborative of the 14 Big Ten universities and the University of Chicago

1:40pm **Panel Discussion**  
Moderator: Patrick Remington, MD, MPH, Associate Dean for Public Health; Professor of Population Health Sciences, UW School of Medicine and Public Health  
Panelists:  
- Eloise Anderson, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families  
- Brenda González, Diversity Manager, Agrace Hospice; Director, Urban League of Greater Madison  
- Karen Timberlake, JD, Director of the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute

2:30pm **Break**

2:45pm **Health Equity and the Role of Research**  
Presenter: Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, MD, PhD, Director of the University of California - Davis Center for Reducing Health Disparities

3:10pm **Panel Discussion**  
Moderator: Richard Moss, PhD, Senior Associate Dean for Basic Science, Biotechnology and Graduate Studies, and Rennebohm Research Professor, UW School of Medicine and Public Health  
Panelists:  
- Dorothy Farrar-Edwards, PhD, Director of the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research’s (ICTR) Collaborative Center for Health Equity; Chair of the Department of Kinesiology, UW-Madison  
- Gina Green-Harris, MBA, Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Institute; Director of Regional Program Office, Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families  
- David Pate, Jr., PhD, School of Social Welfare, UW-Milwaukee; Affiliate, ICTR Collaborative Center for Health Equity; Institute for Research on Poverty, UW-Madison

4pm **Concluding Remarks and Next Steps from Dean Golden**

4:15pm **Adjourn**
Our Speakers, Moderators and Panelists

Plenary – Perspectives on Health Equity: Setting the Stage

David Williams, PhD, MPH
David R. Williams is the Florence and Laura Norman Professor of Public Health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Professor of African and African-American Studies and of Sociology at Harvard University. His prior academic appointments were at Yale University and the University of Michigan.

Williams is an internationally recognized authority on social influences on health. The author of more than 375 scientific papers, his research has enhanced our understanding of the complex ways in which socioeconomic status, race, stress, racism and religious involvement can affect health. The Everyday Discrimination Scale that he developed is one of the most widely used measures of discrimination in health studies. He is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was ranked as one of the top 10 most cited social scientists in the world in 2005, as the most cited black scholar in the social sciences in 2008 and as one of the world’s most influential scientific minds in 2014.

David Kindig, MD, MPH
David Kindig is Professor Emeritus of Population Health Sciences and Vice Chancellor Emeritus for Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. He currently co-chairs the Institute of Medicine Roundtable on Population Health Improvement and co-directs the Robert Wood Johnson Health & Society Scholars Program-Wisconsin.

He was Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1980 to 1985, Director of Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center from 1976 to 1980, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Health Manpower, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare from 1974 to 1976, and the First Medical Director of the National Health Services Corps from 1971 to 1973.

Jacquelynn Arbuckle, MD
Jacquelynn Arbuckle is the Director of the Native American Center for Health Professions (NACHP) and an Associate Professor of Surgery at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. She is a lecturer and surgical instructor active in the Department of Surgery's Women and Surgery Club, where she advises, mentors and offers support to current and future female surgeons. She has implemented diversity initiatives at the institutional level and served as a mentor by introducing pre-college American Indian students from Wisconsin to health professions.

Ricardo Diaz
Ricardo Diaz is the Executive Director for the United Community Center, a comprehensive social service agency serving Milwaukee-area Latinos. It is the 17th largest Hispanic non-profit in the country. Diaz has more than 30 years of non-profit management experience. Throughout his career he has demonstrated his commitment to education as well as neighborhood and economic development, providing leadership and technical assistance to Milwaukee-area agencies. Diaz previously served as Milwaukee Commissioner of City Development and the Executive Director of the Milwaukee Housing Authority.

Cheryl Maurana, PhD
Cheryl Maurana is the Senior Associate Dean and Director of Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin (AHW) Endowment in the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). Created as a result of the Blue Cross/Blue Shield conversion, AHW is dedicated to advancing health across Wisconsin through investments in community partnerships, biomedical, translational and population health research and education. Maurana serves as one of nine board members of the Medical College of Wisconsin Consortium on Public and Community Health that oversees AHW.
Health Equity and the Role of Health Care Practice and Education

Susan Skochelak, MD, MPH
Susan Skochelak serves as the Group Vice President for Medical Education at the American Medical Association (AMA). She leads the AMA’s Accelerating Change in Medical Education initiative, promoting innovation to align physician training with the changing needs of our health care system. Since 2013, the AMA has awarded more than $12.5 million dollars in grant funding to 32 medical schools to transform medical education through bold, rigorously evaluated projects to create the medical school of the future.

A nationally recognized authority in medical education, Skochelak pioneered new models for community based interdisciplinary medical education and initiated new programs in rural, urban, global and public health. Skochelak previously served as the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health and as the director of Wisconsin Area Health Education System. Skochelak has been the principal investigator for more than $18 million in grant awards for medical education research.

Elizabeth Petty, MD
Elizabeth Petty is the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and a professor of pediatrics at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. Prior to joining the faculty at the School of Medicine and Public Health in 2011, Petty was a professor of Internal Medicine and Human Genetics at the University of Michigan.

Petty oversees all of the health professions educational programs at the school, including those for MD, PA, PT, GC, and MPH students, as well as the academic missions of GME and CME programs.

Cindy Haq, MD
Cindy Haq is a Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She has been a champion for health equity, primary health care, community health and family medicine throughout her career. She designs and leads socially accountable medical education programs and research initiatives to prepare health professionals to promote health equity in medically underserved communities.

Haq currently leads Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH) in Milwaukee to prepare medical students at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health to become community-engaged physician leaders. She was the founding director of the UW Center for Global Health and has practiced full-spectrum family medicine in Wisconsin and beyond.

Tracy Downs, MD
Tracy Downs is an Associate Professor of Urology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, where he specializes in the surgical treatment of urologic cancers. He also is the school’s Associate Dean for Multicultural Affairs. In this role, he works with students struggling with adjustment to Madison and/or to medical school and to close the well-known gap in test scores between majority students and students of color.

John Meurer, MD, MBA
John Meurer is a professor of general pediatrics and director of the Institute for Health and Society at the Medical College of Wisconsin. The institute’s mission is to improve health and advance equity through partnerships and to integrate medicine and population health. It includes research and education programs in biostatistics, epidemiology, bioethics and population health.

Meurer directs research, expertise and methods including diverse workforce development for the Clinical Translational Science Institute of Southeast Wisconsin. With Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program support, he is co-investigator of projects in Milwaukee and Green Bay to improve child developmental care systems. For 21 years, Meurer has cared for low-income families and taught residents at the Children’s Downtown Health Center.
Health Equity and the Role of Partnerships

Edward Ehlinger, MD, MSPH
Edward Ehlinger is Minnesota’s Commissioner of Health and President of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). As commissioner, Ehlinger is responsible for directing the work of the Minnesota Department of Health – the state’s lead public health agency dedicated to protecting, maintaining and improving the health of all Minnesotans.

Prior to his appointment as health commissioner in January, 2011, Ehlinger was director and chief health officer at Boynton Health Service at the University of Minnesota. From 1980 to 1995, Ehlinger served as Director of Personal Health Services for the Minneapolis Health Department. Ehlinger is also an Adjunct Professor in the Division of Epidemiology and Community Health at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. He is board certified in pediatrics and internal medicine.

Patrick Remington, MD, MPH
Patrick Remington is the Associate Dean for Public Health and Professor of Population Health Sciences at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. He also directs the school’s Preventive Medicine Residency Program and the PRIME Program — a federally-funded educational program to enhance public health education of medical and physician assistant students. Remington worked as an epidemiologist at the Center for Disease Control and the Wisconsin Division of Public Health for 15 years, prior to joining UW-Madison in 1997. He has served as Associate Director of the University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center and was the founding director of the UW Population Health Institute and the Master of Public Health Program.

He is the founder of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded County Health Rankings project that ranks the health of the counties in all 50 states and examines strategies to improve population health.

Eloise Anderson
Eloise Anderson is the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. She was appointed by Gov. Scott Walker in 2010 and has served since January, 2011. Anderson is known both nationally and internationally as a creative and effective leader in public policy creation, implementation and management. For six years, Anderson led the largest welfare system in the country as Director of the California Department of Social Services. She has overseen such diverse programs as adoptions, child abuse prevention, child support enforcement, child care, foster care, emergency assistance, mental health and AODA services.

Anderson began her career in Milwaukee as a social worker before serving four years as an administrator for Dane County, Wisconsin. She then served in state government, including as Administrator of the Division of Community Services for the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services.

Brenda González
Brenda González is the Diversity Manager for Agrace Hospice. She has worked extensively on access to health care for linguistically isolated groups, community outreach and partnerships. She has a wide of experience in providing training and technical assistance on issues of cultural competence and community building.

Her previous work included coordinating leadership to the Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin’s Better Together project team and new-member enrollment enterprise, and serving as the Health Equity Career Development Coordinator for the UW-Madison Collaborative Center for Health Equity. In this role she provided overall coordination to the annual Health Equity Leadership Institute (HELI) to increase the number of investigators engaged in health equity research within Wisconsin and nationally.

Karen Timberlake, JD
Karen Timberlake is the Director of the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute and an associate professor in the UW School of Medicine and Public Health’s Department of Population Health Sciences. The Population Health Institute advances health and well-being for all by developing and evaluating interventions, and promoting evidence-based approaches to policy and practice, at the local, state and national levels. The institute works across the full spectrum of factors that contribute to health.

Prior to joining UW-Madison, Timberlake spent 15 years in Wisconsin state government, including serving as secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in the administration of former Gov. Jim Doyle.
Health Equity and the Role of Research

Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, MD, PhD
Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola is the Director of the University of California-Davis Center for Reducing Health Disparities and an internationally renowned expert on mental health in ethnic populations.

As principal investigator of the Mexican American Prevalence and Services Survey – the largest mental health study conducted in the United States on Mexican Americans – he identified the most prevalent mental health disorders in the Mexican-origin population in California’s central valley. He is the coordinator for the Latin America-Caribbean World Health Organization’s Mental Health Survey, and coordinates the work of the National Mental Health Institute surveys in Mexico, Columbia, Brazil, Peru, Costa Rica and Portugal.

Richard L. Moss, PhD
Richard L. Moss is the Rennebohm Research Professor and Senior Associate Dean for Basic Research, Biotechnology and Graduate Studies at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. Moss received his PhD from the University of Vermont and followed with postdoctoral studies at the Boston Biomedical Research Institute before joining the faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1979. Moss has been Chair of the Wisconsin Partnership Program’s Partnership Education and Research Committee since 2009.

Moss served as chair of the UW-Madison Department of Physiology from 1988 until becoming Senior Associate Dean in 2009. He is also founder and director of the UW-Madison Cardiovascular Research Center and co-founder and executive director of the Master of Science in Biotechnology Program.

Dorothy Farrar-Edwards, PhD
Dorothy Farrar-Edwards is the director of the Collaborative Center for Health Equity in the UW-Madison Institute for Clinical and Translational Research, and a professor in the School of Education with appointments in the Departments of Medicine and Neurology at the School of Medicine and Public Health. Her multidisciplinary research addresses the effects of aging on functional independence and quality of life. She is particularly interested in the aging process in African-Americans and the development and implementation of more effective interventions for persons with cognitive loss and their families.

Gina Green-Harris
Gina Green-Harris is the Director of Milwaukee Outreach and Program Services at the Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Institute (WAI) at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She provides leadership and governance to guide and build the capacity of the WAI Milwaukee office, which is designed to provide outreach services, programs, resources and to recruit African-Americans into research using culturally tailored methods.

The Wisconsin Alzheimer’s Institute program has more than doubled the number of African-Americans enrolled in the Wisconsin Registry for Alzheimer’s Prevention (WRAP). Green-Harris was instrumental in collaboration between the university and Milwaukee Health Services, Inc. (a Federally Qualified Health Center) to establish a minority specific memory clinic in the heart of Milwaukee. Green-Harris was recently appointed as the Director of the Regional Program Office for the Lifecourse Initiative for Heathy Families.

David Pate Jr., PhD
David Pate Jr. is an Associate Professor of Social Work at UW-Milwaukee’s Helen Bader School of Social Welfare and an Affiliated Associate Professor for the Institute for Research on Poverty at UW-Madison.

Pate is a leading expert on low income African-American men, fatherhood and child support and studies how black men are affected by the social welfare system and the challenges that impede their ability to attain economic security. His currently funded research from the National Science Foundation (with Principal Investigator Tonya Brito of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School) examines and compares how attorney representation and more limited forms of legal assistance shape legal access for low-income civil litigants with child support debt and the threat of incarceration.
Discussion Questions

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