Improving Health and Advancing Health Equity

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A COVID-19 Response Grant to the African American Breastfeeding Network for the project “We Rise” is helping doulas adapt their practice to better care for Black mothers and babies during the pandemic.

The COVID-19 Response grant program provides funding to UW-Madison researchers to support innovative scientific, medical and public health approaches to understand, prevent, treat and lessen the impact of COVID-19.
This year the Wisconsin Partnership Program’s 2020 Annual Report comes at a time when our country, state and university are responding to the challenges of two unprecedented public health crises – the COVID-19 pandemic and the historic public health crisis of racism. As these challenges emerged, the Wisconsin Partnership Program and the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health paid attention and took action. We have responded in rapid and innovative ways through grant programs and partnerships. Our work is far from finished, and we continue to address both problems, in addition to the other healthcare and public health needs of the people of our state.

Early in the pandemic, the Wisconsin Partnership Program developed a grant program to help researchers and communities lessen the impact of COVID-19. Grants were awarded to UW-Madison researchers to develop improved testing, treatments and vaccines, as well as to community organizations that are addressing the pandemic’s impact on the health of our state’s communities and its most vulnerable populations.

Addressing health disparities has been at the core of the Wisconsin Partnership Program’s mission since its inception. New grants awarded in 2019 support initiatives to address the impact of systemic racism on the health of Black communities, advance early childhood development for children of color, and improve African American maternal and child health. In addition, a new education grant is providing support for the recruitment of medical students who have been historically underrepresented in medicine.

This is a critical time in our nation’s history. We know that addressing and eradicating racism will take work and ongoing intentional effort. Like other public health imperatives, this is going to be a marathon, not a sprint, and we are in it for the long game.

Lastly, I am pleased to report that in accordance with the Order of the Commissioner of Insurance, the five-year financial and program audits of the Wisconsin Partnership Program were successfully completed by independent accounting firms, Plante Moran and KPMG, respectively. The results of the procedures performed by KPMG were very positive, and no exceptions were noted. Additionally, Plante Moran issued an unqualified opinion on the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the period under examination. Both reports provide assurance that the Wisconsin Partnership Program is exercising its stewardship responsibility carefully.

Thank you to all our partners across the state for your tireless dedication to improving health and advancing health equity. This work is incredibly important as we strive to attain our vision of healthy lives for all in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Robert N. Golden, MD
Robert Turell Professor in Medical Leadership
Dean, UW School of Medicine and Public Health
Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Wisconsin Partnership Program: Improving Health and Advancing Health Equity Across Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Partnership Program is a permanent endowment within the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) created to improve health and well-being in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Partnership Program invests in community partnerships, education and research aimed at improving health and advancing health equity. Our approach to grantmaking combines the tools of academic research and science with community knowledge, experience and input to address some of Wisconsin’s most pressing and complex health challenges. We have integrated our principles and practices with the time-honored concept of the Wisconsin Idea, recognizing the tremendous opportunity to bridge the knowledge and resources of the university with the state of Wisconsin. In doing so, the Wisconsin Partnership Program continues to address the healthcare and public health needs of the state, while developing an innovative and evolving approach to advancing health and health equity.

To date, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has awarded more than 500 grants totaling $254 million including 24 grants to support researchers and community organizations responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Wisconsin Partnership Program is governed by two committees comprised of faculty and community members. The Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) directs and approves funds for public health initiatives. The Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) allocates funds for medical, education and research initiatives aimed at improving population health. Their combined expertise and backgrounds guide the Wisconsin Partnership Program’s processes for reviewing and awarding grants and evaluating outcomes.

Grants Awarded by Type

2004 - June 30, 2020

- Public Health Research Grants
  $46.3 M (18%)
- Community Grants
  $80.2 M (32%)
- Clinical and Translational Research Grants
  $73.5 M (29%)
- Basic Science Research Grants
  $14.8 M (6%)
- Public Health Education and Training Grants
  $38.9 M (15%)

Grants Awarded

2004–June 30, 2020

539 grants
$254 Million

Grants Awarded

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

48 grants
$23.2 Million
Responding to the Dual Public Health Crises of COVID-19 and Racism

This past year brought unprecedented challenges to our state and communities, resulting from the dual public health crises of COVID-19 and racism. The Wisconsin Partnership Program and its grantees have taken steps to address both.

COVID-19 Response

The Wisconsin Partnership Program developed a swift, flexible and strategic response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since May 2020, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has funded 24 grants totaling $2.9 million to UW-Madison researchers and community organizations across Wisconsin. These grants support a broad range of initiatives, including innovative projects to help address the immediate health needs of vulnerable populations in Wisconsin’s urban and rural communities, and awards to UW-Madison researchers to support scientific, medical and public health approaches to lessening the impact of COVID-19.

In addition, several of our campus partners, including a strategic partnership with the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) has supported an ICTR-WPP COVID-19 Response Grant program, the Neighborhood Health Partnership program and more. The Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW), the Wisconsin Health Services Fellowship Program, have also mobilized to address COVID-19.

The Public Health Crisis of Racism

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the health disparities and systemic racism facing many individuals, families and communities in Wisconsin. The virus has disproportionately impacted historically marginalized populations in illness and death rates, as well as through economic impacts, including job loss and food and housing insecurity. The acts of racial injustices that have occurred throughout the country have further amplified the urgent need to address the health impacts of systemic racism.

The Wisconsin Partnership Program has a long-standing commitment to eliminating health disparities and advancing health equity. We understand that racism and social connectivity, along with other social determinants, are undeniable factors that influence a person’s potential to fully achieve health and well-being.

We are committed to supporting work that addresses health disparities caused by social factors, including racism. Like the COVID-19 pandemic, we recognize that racism is a public health crisis. Addressing and overcoming it will require steadfast commitment, innovation and application of both scientific and community knowledge to improve health and achieve health equity.
GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

Research: Responding to the Pandemic

The Wisconsin Partnership Program quickly mobilized to develop a grant program to help UW-Madison researchers respond to the coronavirus pandemic. “We recognized that there is a tremendous expertise and knowledge at the SMPH and across campus, including international leaders in viral research and other fields,” said Richard Moss, PhD, Chair of the Partnership Program’s Partnership Education and Research Committee. “We thought it important to open up funds to build upon existing technologies developed here and apply these to COVID.”

That approach resulted in 12 grants awarded to UW-Madison faculty, including researchers at the School of Medicine and Public Health, College of Engineering, UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Cameron Currie, PhD, professor in the UW-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Department of Bacteriology, is using one of these grants for the project COVID-19 and the Nasal Microbiome: Potential Marker of Disease Outcomes and Novel Antivirals. He and his team, including SMPH investigators Drs. James Gem, David Andes and Nasia Safdar, are studying a community of micro-organisms in the upper airway.

The team is searching for nasal-tract microbes that show anti-viral activity and will test their safety in mice. The project, if successful, has the potential to improve the process for developing treatments for viral infections.

The study is also analyzing nasal swabs from the UW BioBank of COVID-19 specimens. Dr. Currie and his team will study the data to identify any correlations between features of the biome and severity of illness. Understanding these patterns could help researchers further understand COVID-19 and the different courses it takes.

Learn more about the Wisconsin Partnership Program’s COVID-19 Response Grants: med.wisc.edu/wisconsin-partnership-program/covid-19/

Community: Lessening the Impact of COVID-19

Wello, a nonprofit organization serving Greater Green Bay, is using a COVID-19 Response grant to support an innovative partnership to help lessen the impact of COVID-19 in the region. Wello and its partners, Casa ALBA Melaleu - Hispanic Resource Center and four local farmers markets, have created a multifaceted approach to protect access to fresh foods and support the area’s farming community.

“Due to the COVID-19 crisis, more of our neighbors have found themselves unemployed and experiencing food insecurity,” said Natalie Bomstad, Executive Director of Wello. “Farmers markets are an important part of the food insecurity equation. This project aims to safeguard fresh food access by working collaboratively with our local farmers markets to ensure people can continue to use their FoodShare (EBT) dollars to purchase fresh, nutritious food. This supports families in accessing healthy food in a time of increased need and provides some financial sustainability to our local farmers.”

In addition, the project ensures that the farmers markets remain safe and accessible by providing personal protective equipment for vendors, handwashing stations and signage to promote physical distancing. The region’s four farmers markets – Downtown Green Bay, Inc., OnBroadway, Inc., Market on Military and Oneida Market – serve a combined total of more than 21,000 people each week.

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“The success of this project is built upon the strong partnerships that exist within our community,” says Bomstad. “By working together, we’ve been able to safeguard the nutritional health and well-being of our community’s more vulnerable neighbors and contribute to our region’s agricultural and economic well-being as well.”

View the full story at med.wisc.edu/wisconsin-partnership-program/meet-our-partners/wello/

Education: Promoting Diversity in Medical Education

A new four-year scholarship program established by the Partnership Education and Research Committee will support the enrollment and retention of racially and ethnically diverse medical students at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH).

The scholarship will support African American, Latin American, Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian students, who have been historically underrepresented in medicine. Funds will be provided to two or more medical students matriculating at the SMPH for up to $40,000 per year.

“Assuring a diverse physician workforce is a necessary component of the mission of the SMPH to improve the health of the people of Wisconsin through service, scholarship, science and social responsibility,” said Jonathan Temte, MD, PhD, MS, associate dean for public health and community engagement and principal investigator of this initiative. Dr. Temte is working with the Native American Center for Health Professions (NACHP), the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the SMPH Office of Admissions to identify UW SMPH students from diverse backgrounds, who have financial needs, as potential scholarship recipients. The first two scholarships have been awarded to recipients who identify as Native American and participated in an SMPH pipeline program.

A recent study published in the Journal of the National Medical Association concluded that increasing physician diversity in all specialties is essential to improving healthcare for underserved communities. In addition, students from diverse and historically underrepresented backgrounds who become providers may be more likely to practice in underserved areas, and some evidence suggests that racial and ethnic concordance between patients and providers can improve patient satisfaction and outcomes.

With this scholarship, the Wisconsin Partnership Program and the UW SMPH are working to create and sustain a physician workforce that reflects and keeps pace with Wisconsin’s diverse population, and ultimately improves health outcomes for all Wisconsinites.
Grants Awarded July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

The Wisconsin Partnership Program made 50 awards for $23.2 million for the period July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020. Full descriptions of these awards can be found on our Funded Projects web page at med.wisc.edu/wisconsin-partnership-program/funded-projects.

COVID-19 Response Grants

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wisconsin Partnership Program’s Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) and Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) quickly mobilized to create and release the COVID-19 Response Request for Proposal. The COVID-19 Response Grant Program is a strategic, flexible, rapid-response funding mechanism designed to support innovative, responsive, high-impact projects that aim to improve the health of the people of Wisconsin by lessening the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The new awards support Wisconsin community organizations and University of Wisconsin-Madison researchers in their response to the immediate challenges of the pandemic through scientific, medical or public health approaches, or by addressing the immediate needs of vulnerable communities and populations. The following 24 awards, totaling $2.9 million, were made in May 2020.

COVID-19 Response Community Grants

The OAC made 11 awards to the following organizations to support community-led initiatives aimed at addressing the immediate health needs of Wisconsin’s diverse urban and rural communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. View our website for full descriptions of these grants.

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<td>Barron County Integrated Response to Slow Community Spread of COVID-19</td>
<td>$60,630</td>
<td>Barron County</td>
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<td>Bilingual (English/Spanish) Short- and Long-term Assistance to Vulnerable Population</td>
<td>$32,290</td>
<td>Catholic Multicultural Center</td>
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<td>COVID-19 Response for Milwaukee’s Uninsured Adults</td>
<td>$129,630</td>
<td>Bread of Healing Clinic</td>
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<td>Farms to Families/De Granjas a Familias Resilience Boxes</td>
<td>$57,190</td>
<td>REAP Food Group</td>
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<td>Lo Que Debes Saber: A COVID-19 Public Health Community Education Strategy for the Latino Community</td>
<td>$150,000</td>
<td>Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers</td>
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<td>Safeguarding Fresh Food Access at Farmers Markets to Address Food Insecurity in Vulnerable Populations</td>
<td>$54,010</td>
<td>Wello</td>
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<td>Men’s Emergency Shelter Virtual Health Assessments</td>
<td>$62,000</td>
<td>Porchlight, Inc.</td>
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<td>COVID-19 Prevention and Intervention Services for Hmong and Other Refugee Communities</td>
<td>$150,000</td>
<td>The Hmong Institute</td>
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<td>WeRISE: Black Birth Workers Response to COVID-19 Project</td>
<td>$149,600</td>
<td>African American Breastfeeding Network</td>
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<td>Wood County Community Response to COVID-19</td>
<td>$143,490</td>
<td>Marshfield Child Advocacy Center, Marshfield Clinic Health System</td>
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**COVID-19 Response Strategic Grants**

In addition, the following strategic COVID-19 Response Grants were awarded:

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<td>Interferon Responses in “COVID toes,” The Link to SARS-CoV2 Infection</td>
<td>$125,000</td>
<td>Lisa Arkin, MD, UW SMPH Departments of dermatology and Pediatrics; Anne Marie Singh, MD, UW SMPH Department of Pediatrics</td>
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<td>Using Information and Communication Technology to Address Wisconsin’s COVID-19 Crisis</td>
<td>$470,000</td>
<td>David H. Gustafson, PhD, UW-Madison Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Center for Health Enhancement Systems Studies; Ryan Westergaard, MD, PhD, MPH, UW SMPH, Department of Medicine</td>
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<td>Wisconsin Real-time Emergency Department Surveillance and Responsive Training (WIRED-RT)</td>
<td>$125,000</td>
<td>Manish Shah, MD, MPH, UW SMPH, Berbee Walsh Department of Emergency Medicine; B. Patterson, MD, MPH; M. Pulia, MD; R. Thompson, MD, CHSE; J. Bouthier, PhD; R. Thompson, MD, CHSE; F. Liao, PhD, Director of Data Science and Advanced Analytics, UW Health; R. Nagarajan, PhD, Director of Center for Oral and Systemic Health (COSH), Marshfield Clinical Research Institute and A. Acharya, BDS, MS, PhD, Executive Director, Marshfield Clinical Research Institute.</td>
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**COVID-19 Response Research and Education Grants**

PERC awarded 10 grants, up to $150,000 each, for the following projects to UW–Madison researchers across campus in scientific, medical and public health approaches to lessening the impact of COVID-19 through improved testing, treatments and vaccine development, as well as projects that aim to protect the public and healthcare workforce from the virus.

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<td>A negative pressure isolation head chamber to protect healthcare workers from airborne transmission of aerosolized viruses</td>
<td>$150,000</td>
<td>Hau Le, MD, UW SMPH, Department of Surgery</td>
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<td>Alternative means to diagnose COVID-19 pneumonia</td>
<td>$150,000</td>
<td>Guang-Hong Chen, PhD, UW SMPH, Department of Medical Physics</td>
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COVID-19 and the nasal microbiome: potential marker of disease outcomes and novel antivirals  
Principal Investigator: Cameron Currie, PhD, UW-Madison College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Department of Bacteriology

Creating infrastructure to study the COVID-19 virus in Wisconsin  
Principal Investigator: Miriam Shelef, MD, PhD, UW SMPH, Department of Medicine

Genetic surveillance of SARS-CoV-2 spread in Wisconsin to inform outbreak control  
Principal Investigator: Thomas Friedrich, PhD, UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Pathobiological Sciences

Leveraging social networks and trusted community influencers to disseminate an accurate and up-to-date understanding of COVID-19 in Black, Latinx and American Indian Communities  
Principal Investigator: Carey Gleason, PhD, UW SMPH, Department of Medicine

Novel COVID-19 monoclonal antibodies for patient diagnostics, therapy and research  
Principal Investigator: David Andes, MD, UW SMPH, Department of Medicine

Role of naso-oropharyngeal antiseptic deconolonization to reduce COVID-19 viral shedding and disease transmission: SHIELD Study  
Principal Investigator: Daniel Shirley, MD, UW SMPH, Department of Medicine

Teaching the general public how to test and maintain readily available face masks  
Principal Investigator: Scott Sanders, PhD, UW–Madison College of Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering

To test the protective efficacy of whole-inactivated SARS-CoV-2 vaccine in Syrian hamsters  
Principal Investigator: Yoshihiro Kawaoka, DVM, PhD, UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Pathobiological Sciences

ICTR-WPP COVID-19 Response Grants
The UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) and the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP) have joined together to fund three 2020 faculty-led COVID-19 Response Grant Awards. These three new awards extend the 24 awards previously announced by WPP to address urgent health needs imposed by the COVID pandemic.

UW-Health COVID-19 Convalescent Plasma Program  
Amount: $50,000  
Principal Investigator: William Hartman, MD, PhD, UW SMPH, Department of Anesthesiology;  
Co-PI: Betsy Nugent, Director of Clinical Trials Development and Accreditation/Chief Clinical Research Officer, UW SMPH/UW Health

Improving and Evaluating Virtual Health to Enhance Physical Distancing Measures in Wisconsin Nursing Homes  
Amount: $75,000  
Principal Investigator: Christopher Crnich, MD, PhD, UW SMPH, Department of Medicine  
Collaborators: Elizabeth Chapman, MD, and Ann Braus, MD, UW SMPH, Department of Medicine; James H. Ford II, PhD, UW-Madison School of Pharmacy

Building a Public Health Reserve with Community Health Workers  
Amount: $75,000  
Principal Investigator: Deborah Ehrenthal, MD, MPH, SMPH Department of Population Health Sciences and Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Collaborators: Kate Gillespie, DNP, RN, UW-Madison Prevention Research Center; Jane Mahoney, MD, UW SMPH, Department of Medicine; Kate Williams, MD, PhD, UW SMPH, Department of Pediatrics; Mei Baker, MD, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene; Allen Bateman, PhD, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene; Paul Moberg, PhD, UW SMPH Population Health Institute
Community Grant Programs

The Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) directs and approves funds for public health initiatives and public health education and training. Its grant programs are designed to support projects that improve community health and advance health equity in alignment with the mission and vision of the Wisconsin Partnership Program. In 2019–2020, OAC made the following awards:

Community Collaboration Grants

Community Collaboration Grants provide organizations with training and technical assistance as well as up to $400,000 in funding over four years to support grantees’ efforts to address inequities stemming from the social determinants of health.

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<td>Creating Our Healthy Neighborhood: Reversing Disinvestment in Urban Milwaukee</td>
<td>Metcalfe Park Community Bridges, Inc.</td>
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<td>Increasing Capacity for MACH OneHealth to Improve Health Access, Equity and</td>
<td>Madison Area Care for the Homeless OneHealth</td>
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<td>Outcomes for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness and Housing Insecurity</td>
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<td>ROOTed to REAP: Latinx/Indigenous Women Advancing Health and Food Equity in</td>
<td>REAP Food Group</td>
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<td>The Good Hood: Making Meadowood a Healthy Community</td>
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Community Impact Grants

Community Impact Grants provide up to $1 million over five years and support large-scale, evidence-based, community-academic partnerships that have the potential to create sustainable changes to systems, policies and environments that impact health.

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<td>Centro Hispano of Dane County</td>
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<td>Creating a Renewed and Culturally Vibrant Healthy Food System for Kaeyes Mamaceqtawak (The Ancient Movers)</td>
<td>The Menominee Nation</td>
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<td>Evaluating the Effectiveness of One City Schools: Preparing Children for School Success and Healthy Lives</td>
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<td>Healthy Communities Through WEESSN-Milwaukee: Supporting Quality Early Learning and Family Well-Being</td>
<td>Wisconsin Early Childhood Association (WECA)</td>
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<td>Academic Partner: Stephen Quintana, PhD, UW-Madison School of Education, Department of Counseling Psychology</td>
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<td>Academic Partner: Richard Monette, JD, University of Wisconsin Law School</td>
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<td>Academic Partners: Tenah Hunt, PhD, MPH; Beth Graue, PhD, UW-Madison School of Education, Wisconsin Center for Education Research</td>
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<td>Academic Partner: Katherine Magnuson, PhD, Director, UW-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty, School of Social Work</td>
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**Improving Birth Outcomes for Black Families Through Community-Clinic Collaborations**  
United Way of Dane County with the Dane County Health Council  
*Academic Partner: Sara Lindberg, PhD, Department of Population Health Sciences, UW School of Medicine and Public Health*

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**Parenting Support Is Public Health: Reducing Health Disparities in the Child Welfare System**  
The Parenting Network  
*Academic Partner: Paul Florsheim, PhD, Zilber School of Public Health, UW-Milwaukee*

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**Research and Education Grants**

The Wisconsin Partnership Program’s Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) addresses issues of health and healthcare across basic, clinical, translational and applied public health research as well as in education and training. In 2019-2020, PERC made the following awards:

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**Collaborative Health Sciences Program**

The Collaborative Health Sciences Program recognizes that opportunities for success are greater through collaboration. The CHSP grants provide $600,000 over three years to support established UW School of Medicine and Public Health investigators’ efforts to initiate new programs of collaborative, interdisciplinary research and education aimed at addressing public health issues that have not yielded to traditional approaches.

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**Comparison of Successful Colorectal Cancer Screening Strategies in Wisconsin Rural and Urban Settings: Achieving “80 Percent in Every Community”**  
*Principal Investigator: Jennifer Weiss, MD, MS, Department of Medicine*  
*Co-Principal Investigators: Robert Greenlee, PhD, Marshfield Clinic; James Ford, PhD, UW-Madison School of Pharmacy; Collaborators: Guanhua Chen, PhD, Department of Biostatistics and Medical Informatics; Christopher Queram, Wisconsin Collaborative for Healthcare Quality*

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**Defining and Targeting Novel Anti-viral and Anti-cancer T-Cell Immunity**  
*Principal Investigator: Shigeki Miyamoto, PhD, Department of Oncology*  
*Co-Principal Investigator: Suresh Marulasiddappa, DVM, PhD, UW-Madison School of Veterinary Medicine; Collaborators: Doug McNeel, MD, PhD, Department of Medicine; Zachary Morris, MD, PhD, UW-Madison School of Human Oncology*

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**Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Therapy for Wisconsin Prison Inmates**  
*Principal Investigator: Michael Koenigs, PhD, Department of Psychiatry*  
*Co-Principal Investigator: Josh Cisler, PhD, Department of Psychiatry*  
*Collaborators: Linnea Burk, PhD, Department of Psychology and Valerie Maine, PsyD, William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital and Wisconsin Department of Corrections*

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**New Investigator Program**

The New Investigator Program is a funding program, that in alignment with other funding and support mechanisms, contributes to the career development of junior faculty in the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. Support provides opportunities for early-career faculty to initiate new, innovative educational or research pilot projects that, if successful, can lead to further support from federal or other granting agencies. The new awards provide up to $150,000 each over two years. The following five awards were made in June 2020:
Advancing Postpartum Care for Black Women in Wisconsin by Engaging Community Partners with a Home Telehealth Service for Hypertension

Principal Investigator: Kara Hoppe, MS, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology

This comprehensive community-based home remote monitoring service to postpartum women with hypertension will address barriers to postpartum care, provide blood pressure monitoring and support, as well as breastfeeding support and support for mental well-being.

Modeling Basal Forebrain Cholinergic Vulnerability in Down Syndrome

Principal Investigator: Anita Bhattacharyya, PhD, Department of Cell and Regenerative Biology

The goal of this project is to understand why a specific population of neurons is vulnerable in Down syndrome, and how this knowledge could be applied to the studies of Alzheimer’s disease. By understanding this aspect of Down syndrome, the project’s findings have the potential to lead to new targets and therapies for Down syndrome.

Molecular Basis of Immune Variations

Principal Investigator: Yun Liang PhD, Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology

This project is designed to address the urgent need to develop novel approaches for immune-associated diseases by advancing the scientific understanding of the molecular basis of immune variations. Such understanding may lead to novel, molecular targets for the treatment of autoimmunity, infection, and cancer. In addition, the researchers will work to advance health equity by addressing the therapeutic needs of historically underserved populations including women and populations of low socioeconomic status.

Non-invasive Diagnosis of Acute Kidney Injury in Premature Infants

Principal Investigator: Matthew Harer, MD, Department of Pediatrics

The project will evaluate a new method of detecting kidney injury, with the goal of identifying kidney injury before permanent damage. With early detection of kidney injury, the researchers will be positioned to design and test treatments that will result in healthier kidneys and lead to decreased chronic kidney disease as these babies become children and adults.

Vascular Effects of Precision Interventions for Severe Asthma (VASC-PreCISE)

Principal Investigator: Matthew Tattersall, DO, MS, Department of Medicine

This project aims to find the ideal precision asthma therapy to address inflammation in asthmatics, and ultimately to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease. Finding the correct, precision, novel therapy to address each asthmatics’ unique inflammation pattern has the potential to reduce patients’ cardiovascular risk. Moreover, addressing chronic inflammation at an early age may completely alter the cardiovascular risk of generations of asthmatic individuals.

UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research Grants

The Wisconsin Partnership Program provides funding to the UW Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) to support community-academic partnerships aimed at improving health in Wisconsin. Projects focus on clinical, community and patient-centered outcomes and dissemination and implementation of evidence-based, community-driven interventions.

Evaluation of Reach, Implementation and Maintenance of Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line e-Referral

Amount: $150,000
Principal Investigator: Danielle E. McCarthy, UW SMPH, Department of Medicine

Improving Hospital Nutrition Through Evidence-Based Implementation of Behavioral Strategies

Amount: $74,850
Principal Investigator: Alfonso Morales, PhD, UW-Madison College of Letters and Sciences, Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture

Investigating the Impact of Incarceration on Cancer: A Novel Collaboration Between the Institute for Research on Poverty and the UW School of Medicine and Public Health

Amount: $50,000
Principal Investigator: Farah A Kaiksow, MD, UW SMPH, Department of Medicine
New to Public Health (N2PH): Dissemination of the Southeast Wisconsin Public Health Nurse Residency Model and Toolkit  
Amount: $149,220  
Principal Investigator: Susan J. Zahner, DRPH, RN, FAAN, UW-Madison School of Nursing

Partnering with a Wisconsin Health System to Optimize Opioid Stewardship Across the Care Continuum  
Amount: $99,877  
Principal Investigator: Michelle Chui, PhD; David Mott, PhD, UW-Madison School of Pharmacy

Partnering with Peers in the Community to Improve Diabetes Medication Adherence for African Americans  
Amount: $75,000  
Principal Investigator: Olayinka Shiyanbola, PhD, UW-Madison School of Pharmacy

**Strategic Education and Research Grants**

The Wisconsin Partnership Program’s strategic grant programs support infrastructure vital to the SMPH’s research and education programs, as well as initiatives that aim to improve population health and healthcare delivery, and target challenging public health issues.

Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute  
Amount: $559,240 (OAC)  
Principal Investigator: Sheri Johnson, PhD, Director, Population Health Institute

Survey of the Health of Wisconsin (SHOW) Renewal  
Amount: $2,490,000 (PERC)  
Principal Investigator: Kristin Malecki, PhD, Assistant Professor, Population Health Sciences

Transforming Medical Education (TME) 2019–2022: Re-envisioning curriculum, technology and new programs through a health equity lens  
Amount: $2,985,725 (PERC)  
Principal Investigator: Shobhina Cheeda, MD, MPH, Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics

Wisconsin Obesity Prevention Initiative  
Amount: $544,597 (PERC)  
Principal Investigator: Vincent Cryns, MD, Professor, Department of Medicine

Wisconsin Partnership Program Scholarship Program  
Amount: $720,000 (PERC)  
Principal Investigator: Jonathan Temte, MD, PhD, MS, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health

Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship Program: Improving Health and Health Equity through Service and Training  
Amount: $2,028,748 (Jointly funded by OAC and PERC)  
Principal Investigator: Thomas Oliver, PhD, Professor, Population Health Sciences
Concluded Grants

Outcome Reports for grants that concluded July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 are posted at med.wisc.edu/wpp-funded-projects.

The following grants, funded by the Oversight and Advisory Committee, concluded in during this period:

### Community Catalyst Grant Program (6)
- Teen Leadership and Engagement
- Getting Bike Equity Right: A River Riders Bike Share Initiative
- Parent Leadership as a Catalyst for Health Equity
- Straight Forward: The Truth about Addiction
- The Dryhootch Digital Forward Operating Base (DigitalFOB)
- Working Together to Eliminate Health Inequities and Disparities
- Youth Decarceration

### Community Opportunity Grant Program (2)
- Create an Alcohol Reduction Strategies Toolkit for Community Use in Northwestern Wisconsin
- Increasing Access to Nutritious Food Through Summer Food Service Programming

### Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF) (3)
- Kenosha LIHF
- LIHF Collaborative Implementation Grant for the Milwaukee LIHF Collaborative

### Strategic Grant Program (OAC) (3)
- Community Engagement and Collective Impact: Marathon County
- Menominee Wellness Initiative
- OPI Community Organizing Initiative
The following grants funded by the Partnership Education and Research Committee concluded between July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020:

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<th>Collaborative Health Sciences Program (4)</th>
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<td>Big Data for Little Kids: The Impact of Prenatal Interventions on Birth Outcomes and School Readiness</td>
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For more information, visit our Funded Projects page at [med.wisc.edu/wisconsin-partnership-program/funded-projects/](http://med.wisc.edu/wisconsin-partnership-program/funded-projects/)
The following ICTR grants supported by the Wisconsin Partnership Program concluded during this period:

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<td>Building the Capacity of Schools to Address the Social and Emotional Needs of Latino Students and Their Families: Implementation and Evaluation of the Foralezas Familiares Program in Schools</td>
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<td>Engaging Stakeholders to Improve the Quality of Breast Cancer Follow-up: Development of a Novel Approach to Breast Cancer Follow-up Care</td>
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<td>Getting Older Patients Walking: Adaptation of MOVIN (Mobilizing Older adult patients Via a Systems-based INtervention) for Implementation in a Non-Academic Hospital</td>
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<td>Identifying Barriers to Age-Appropriate Umbilical Hernia Repair in Wisconsin Children</td>
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<td>Identifying Strategies to Provide Integrated Care for Rural Patients with Diabetic Foot Ulcers</td>
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<td>Patients’ Experiences with Breast Cancer</td>
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<td>Reach and Teach: Translating an Evidence-Based In-Person Health Promotion Program for Digital Delivery</td>
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<td>Sharing Doctors’ Notes to Improve Parent Understanding of Their Hospitalized Child’s Care Plan</td>
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<td>Testing Novel Methods for Analyzing and Correcting Root Causes of Patient Harm</td>
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Evaluation and Impact

The Wisconsin Partnership Program uses well-established metrics to evaluate and demonstrate the success of its research and education grants. To date, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has evaluated these investments and demonstrated their impact through the following indicators:

- Return on investment through leveraged funding from external funders
- Dissemination and publication of project findings
- Documented activities, outcomes and accomplishments of individual grants
- Outcomes specific to grant programs, such as the career development of new faculty through the New Investigator Grant Program or the promotion of team science through the Collaborative Health Sciences Program.

These are published annually in the outcome reports of concluded grants.

However, it is more challenging to measure the impact of community-based interventions that may be more qualitative in nature and are designed to influence and achieve long-term systems change.

In order to do this successfully, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has enlisted the nationally recognized evaluation firm of Mathematica, in collaboration with UBUNTU Research and Evaluation. This team is developing a rigorous evaluation plan to help the Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) understand the impact of its community grant programs.

The Mathematica-UBUNTU team brings experience in rigorous evaluation design, qualitative and quantitative data collection and analytics methods, and community engagement. In addition, UBUNTU brings deep knowledge of health equity and the social determinants of health in the context of systems change. The firms have worked with funders, universities, government agencies and businesses throughout the country. Their clients include the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Missouri Foundation and WK Kellogg, to name a few.

To help the Wisconsin Partnership Program answer the overarching question, “How are we having an impact on the health, well-being and health equity of the people of Wisconsin?,” the evaluation plan must answer following questions:

1. What is the evidence base around the effectiveness of community-driven strategies in addressing health and health equity?
2. How well are the Partnership Program’s community grant strategy and grants aligned to this evidence base?
3. In what ways can the community grant program better align with effective strategies within the parameters of the Partnership Program?
4. Based on identified evidence base, what is the community grant program portfolio missing in order to more effectively impact health equity?
5. What evidence are the community grants generating to demonstrate contributions to improvements in health and health equity at the community level?

This new evaluation plan will strengthen the OAC’s ability to understand, measure and report the progress and impact of its community grant awards, and in doing so, will help ensure continued transparency in its approach to grantmaking. In addition, answers to the above evaluation questions will inform the Wisconsin Partnership Program’s community grant programs to ensure they align with the Partnership Program’s goals and mission to improve health and advance health equity in Wisconsin.

Grantees have leveraged more than $621 million from funders and organizations outside the UW System to sustain or expand their work.

Grantees have produced more than 9000 peer-reviewed publications to create and disseminate knowledge.

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Achieving Our Goals: Grant Highlights

Promote Innovation

Multiple myeloma is considered an incurable cancer that forms in plasma cells in bone marrow. One of the challenges associated with treating this and other cancers is knowing how individual patients are likely to respond to different drugs.

In a project led by Shigeki Miyamoto, PhD, professor, Department of Oncology, researchers developed a suite of new capabilities to quantify patient tumor cell therapy response. This will allow them to determine how cells respond to common therapies and seek more funding to test the predictive capabilities of this approach. In the future, patients could see more effective treatment as a result of this and derivative work. Read the Outcome Report for this project on our Funded Projects webpage.

Catalyze System Change

Colorectal cancer is Wisconsin’s most preventable, yet least prevented cancer, because many patients who fall within screening guidelines are not screened. Fortunately, many lives can be saved if screening rates are improved, because treatment is often successful if colon cancer is found early.

Jennifer Weiss, MD, MS, associate professor of gastroenterology, is leading a project to improve screening rates in Wisconsin. The study focuses on understanding and leveraging the strategies of clinics with high screening rates to help improve those with lower screening rates. According to Dr. Weiss, strategies gleaned from successful clinics will help researchers learn how to reduce screening barriers elsewhere.

Advance Health Equity

A COVID-19 Response Grant to the African American Breastfeeding Network is helping black birth workers (doulas) adapt their practice amid COVID-19. The project, WeRISE: Black Birth Workers Response to COVID-19, provides supportive measures for doulas and the pregnant women and families they serve, with the goal to promote healthy birth outcomes and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The project is specifically targeted to doulas and families living in Racine, Kenosha and Milwaukee, in neighborhoods that experience high rates of infant and maternal mortality. The project’s team is training more doulas, updating their programming to a digital platform and providing safety precautions against COVID-19, including an emergency kit for new mothers.

Build Capacity and Leadership

The Wisconsin Partnership Program has established a four-year scholarship to support the enrollment and retention of racially and ethnically diverse medical students at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. Funds will be provided to two or more medical students matriculating at the SMPH for up to $40,000 per year.

The scholarship was established with the goal to increase enrollment at the SMPH from communities that are underrepresented in medicine. By supporting the recruitment and retention of medical students from underrepresented communities in Wisconsin, the scholarship program hopes to help create and sustain a physician workforce that reflects and keeps pace with Wisconsin’s diverse population. See page 4 for details.
Financial Overview

The financial resources that support the Wisconsin Partnership Program grants were provided by the conversion of Blue Cross Blue Shield United of Wisconsin and include funds generated from investment earnings. All funds are in custody of and managed by the Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association (WFAA). Every month, funds are transferred to the SMPH to reimburse expenditures in accordance with the Order of the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance and the five-year expenditure plans.

Investments

Current investments consist of participation in the WFAA Callable Pool. The primary investment objective of the Callable Pool is to preserve the capital and provide liquidity when dollars are called. The Callable Pool is invested in high-quality, short-term fixed income securities. Noncurrent investments consist of participation in the WFAA Endowment portfolio. The primary investment objective of the Endowment portfolio is to maximize long-term real returns commensurate with stated risk tolerance, thereby maximizing long-term purchasing power of the funds, net of distributions for current spending needs. Endowment fund distributions to the spendable funds are based on the WFAA spending policy, which is applied to the market value of the endowment funds.

WFAA Institutional Advancement Fee

The WFAA assesses an Institutional Advancement Fee of 1 percent on all funds participating in its endowment pool, including Wisconsin Partnership Program funds, as a primary source of revenue for WFAA operations. This assessment, and its usage, is determined by the WFAA and is not controlled by the Wisconsin Partnership Program. The Institutional Advancement Fee for fiscal years 2020 and 2019 were $3,597,260 and $3,639,740, respectively, and are shown under expenses on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets on page 19.

The WFAA decreases the Institutional Advancement Fee to 0.7 percent on cumulative fund amounts above $250 million per qualified relationship. Partnership Program funds exceed the established level, and savings from this fee reduction are fully allocated to the Oversight and Advisory Committee for public health initiatives. These savings were $329,178 and $341,922 for fiscal years ending June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Grants Payable

Grants payable amounts are recorded as of the date of approval by the Oversight and Advisory committee or Partnership Education and Research Committee. The liability reflects the total amount of the grant award, less any payments made on or before June 30, 2020. Any subsequent modifications to grant awards are recorded as adjustments of grant expenses in the year the adjustment occurs.

Net Assets

Temporarily Restricted: Funds consist of interest and investment income earned by the funds invested in the callable or endowment portfolios at the Foundation and the cumulative net gains or losses related to the permanently restricted funds that are invested within the endowment portfolio. These funds are available to support program expenditures.

Permanently Restricted: The portion of the gift proceeds originally allocated to permanently endow the Wisconsin Partnership Program. These funds have been invested in the endowment portfolio of the Foundation and the corpus is not available to support program expenditures.

OAC Review and Assessment of the Allocated Percentage of Funds

As outlined in its founding documents, the Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) annually reviews and assesses the allocation percentage for public health initiatives and for education and research initiatives. The OAC took up this matter on October 15, 2020. It was moved to retain the allocation of 35 percent for public health initiatives and 65 percent for education and research initiatives, and the motion was unanimously passed.

Distribution from Wisconsin United for Health Foundation

In October 2018, the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc. passed a resolution to initiate a process to dissolve given that it had fulfilled its obligations as specified in the Commissioner of Insurance Order and the Agreement Between the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc., the UW Foundation, and the UW System Board of Regents. In August 2019, half of the remaining assets held by the Wisconsin United for Health Foundation, Inc., $1,788,525, were distributed to the WFAA (UW Foundation) and added to Wisconsin Partnership Program endowment. The other half of the funds went to the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Supplanting Policy

Based on the non-supplanting determination made by the Senior Associate Dean for Finance, the Dean of the School of Medicine and Public Health has attested to compliance with the supplanting prohibition in this Annual Report. The UW-Madison Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration also has attested that UW-Madison and the UW System have complied with the supplanting prohibition.

Financial Statements

The following financial reports consolidate activities of the Wisconsin Foundation and Alumni Association and the School of Medicine and Public Health for the fiscal year ending June 2020 and June 2019.

The fiscal year 2019 financial statements have been restated to correct grant expenditure amounts that reflected cash basis expenditures versus total awards made during the year. The correction increased FY19 grant expenses on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets by $5,706,410. The net asset amount in the Statement of Net Assets was unchanged.
## Statement of Net Assets

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<td>UW SMPH Cash</td>
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<td>Current Investments</td>
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<td>Noncurrent Investments</td>
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<td>PERC Grants Payable</td>
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<td><strong>Net Assets</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</strong></td>
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## Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

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<td>Gifts Received</td>
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<td>Interest Income</td>
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<td>Change in Fair Value of Endowed Funds</td>
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<td>OAC Initiatives</td>
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<td>Net Assets - Beginning of year</td>
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<td>Net Assets - End of year</td>
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Grant Award Commitments for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

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<td>813,569</td>
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<td><strong>Medical Education and Research Initiatives</strong></td>
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<td>Grants awarded from Inception to FY2019</td>
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<td>FY2020 Awards</td>
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<td>889,598</td>
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<td><strong>Subtotal</strong></td>
<td>$ 158,746,297</td>
<td>136,586,254</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$ 247,114,813</td>
<td>$ 203,420,243</td>
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(1) Reflects grants awarded less any lapsed awards returned to the Wisconsin Partnership Program

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements (UW School of Medicine and Public Health)

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<td><strong>Balance, June 30</strong></td>
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Policies and Procedures

The Wisconsin Partnership Program, and its Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) and Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) conduct their operations, grantmaking processes and stewardship responsibility in accordance with program requirements, the Insurance Commissioner’s Order and Grant Agreement, as well as federal, state and local laws.

OAC and PERC follow standard Request for Proposal (RFP) guidelines, requirements, multistep review processes and selection criteria throughout the grantmaking process. In addition, the Wisconsin Partnership Program evaluates the progress and outcomes of funded grants using progress and final reports, financial status reports, presentations and site visits.

Open Meetings and Public Records

As directed by the Order of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Wisconsin Partnership Program conducts its operations and processes in accordance with the state’s Open Meetings and Public Records Laws. Meetings of the OAC and PERC and their subcommittees are open to the public. Agendas and minutes are posted at med.wisc.edu/partnership and in designated public areas.

Diversity Policy

The Wisconsin Partnership Program is subject to and complies with the diversity and equal opportunity policies of the UW System Board of Regents and UW-Madison. Furthermore, the Wisconsin Partnership Program has developed a diversity policy to ensure diversity within the Partnership Program’s goals, objectives and processes.

Learn More

The Wisconsin Partnership Program’s website provides detailed information on the following policies and procedures. Visit med.wisc.edu/partnership to learn more.

- Conflict of Interest Policies
- Diversity Policy
- How the Wisconsin Partnership Program Administers Grants
- Open Meetings and Public Records Policy
- Supplanting Policy
- Terms and Conditions for Applicants and Grantees
Wisconsin Partnership Program Leadership

The Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC) and the Partnership Education and Research Committee (PERC) serve as the Wisconsin Partnership Program’s governance committees.

Oversight and Advisory Committee

The University of Wisconsin (UW) System Board of Regents appoints four representatives from the UW School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) and four public health advocates to the nine-member Oversight and Advisory Committee. The Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance also appoints one OAC member. Members serve four-year terms and may be reappointed. The primary responsibilities of the OAC are to:

- Direct and approve available funds for public health initiatives and public health education and training
- Provide public representation through the OAC’s four health advocates
- Offer comment and advice on the PERC’s expenditures

Health Advocate Appointees

Cedric Johnson
Community Services Manager, Madison Gas and Electric
Category: Children’s Health
Appointed December 2019

Sue Kunferman, RN, MSN, CPM, Secretary
Director/Health Officer, Wood County Health Department
Category: Statewide Healthcare

Katherine Marks, BA
Outreach Specialist, City of Kenosha
Category: Urban Health

Gregory Nycz
Executive Director, Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc.
Category: Rural Health

Kenneth Taylor, MPP, Vice Chair
Executive Director, Kids Forward
Category: Children’s Health
Resigned October 2019

Insurance Commissioner’s Appointee

Jennifer Stegall
Executive Senior Policy Advisor,
Office of Commissioner of Insurance

School of Medicine and Public Health Appointees

Amy Kind, MD, PhD, Chair
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
Appointed Chair July 2019

Robert F. Lemanske, MD
Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research
Professor, Departments of Pediatrics and Medicine
Term ended November 2019

Megan Moreno, MD, MSEd, MPH
Professor, Department of Pediatrics
Academic Division Chief, Vice Chair of Digital Health
Appointed December 2019

Richard L. Moss, PhD
Senior Associate Dean for Basic Research, Biotechnology and Graduate Studies
Professor, Department of Cell and Regenerative Biology

Manish Shah, MD, MPH
Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine
The John and Tashia Morgridge Chair of Emergency Medicine Research
Appointed December 2019
Partnership Education and Research Committee

PERC broadly represents the faculty, staff and leadership at the UW School of Medicine and Public Health and includes representatives from the Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC). The PERC allocates and distributes funds designated for education and research initiatives that advance population health. The primary responsibilities of the PERC are to:

- Direct and approve available funds for education and research initiatives
- Maintain a balanced portfolio of investments in population health
- Strengthen collaborations with communities and health leaders statewide

SMPH Leadership

Richard L. Moss, PhD, Chair*
Senior Associate Dean for Basic Research, Biotechnology and Graduate Studies
Professor, Department of Cell and Regenerative Biology

Elizabeth Petty, MD*
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Professor, Department of Pediatrics

Faculty Representatives

Elaine Alarid, PhD*
Professor, Department of Oncology
Representative: Basic Science Faculty

David Allen, MD
Professor, Department of Pediatrics
Representative: Clinical Faculty

Elizabeth Cox, MD, PhD
Professor, Department of Pediatrics
Representative: Clinical Faculty

Tracy Downs, MD*
Associate Professor, Department of Urology
Assistant Dean for Diversity and Multicultural Affairs
Representative: Clinical Faculty

Ron Gangnon, PhD
Professor, Department of Population Health Sciences
Representative: Population Health Faculty
Appointed September 2019

Oversight and Advisory Committee Appointees

Amy Kind, MD, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
Chair, Oversight and Advisory Committee

Gregory Nycz*
Executive Director, Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc.

*PERC Executive Committee Member

In Memoriam

Dr. Edward Jackson
Professor and Chair, Department of Medical Physics
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Norman Drinkwater, PhD

UW System Board of Regents
Tracey Klein, JD
Member, University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents

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