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Milwaukee AHEC Monthly Program Status Update—Feb 2011

Connecting Students to Careers, Professionals to Communities and Communities to Better Health.

March 4, 2011

A Message from the Executive Director

Gina Green-Harris, MBA

Greetings Milwaukee AHEC Board members and welcome to Milwaukee AHEC 2011. You may notice a new look to our update. Milwaukee AHEC is in the process of re-creating our public image and this is our first step! To our new board members, we are excited about the new life and leadership that you will bring to Milwaukee AHEC. To our returning board members, we are as excited about the continued energy, support and leadership that you will share with AHEC as we continue to move forward and launch out into new territories this upcoming year.

I wanted to share a brief update of activities we have embarked on during the last quarter of 2010 and the first quarter of 2011. We are extremely proud and thrilled about our journey and hope as board directors you will share our enthusiasm. The following has occurred:

- Milwaukee AHEC is planning to begin our Community Health Worker Trainings in April 2011. These trainings are in conjunction with our MAHA Project as well as our Department of Workforce Development grant. We hope to have two training classes and train at least 30 students overall. We are also looking for employers for our newly trained participants and would appreciate any leads the board can provide.
- Milwaukee AHEC is continuing to work with collaborators to increase our CHW program; we have been recently approached by the American Cancer Society to discuss the possibility of collaborating to create a CHW training program.
- Milwaukee AHEC proudly served as hosts for the Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health program (TRIUMPH) students this past week. The program integrates clinical medicine and community and public health in a combined third- and fourth-year curriculum. Suzanne and Jackie did an excellent job of coordinating the activities and ensuring that our guests felt welcomed and comfortable during their visit to the Milwaukee area.
- We are currently working on our 2011 state and federal work plan for Milwaukee AHEC. Our plan and budget will only represent one year. We anticipate minimal budget and program changes for this upcoming year. We will discuss this in more details at the March 30, 2011 board meeting.
- We welcome back Anne Kissack, the coordinator of the Wisconsin Arthritis Program, from maternity leave and we say good bye to Jeanette Gremmels who resigned from her position to accept a position with Wheaton Franciscan Hospital.



TRIUMPH Students 2011

Connecting Students to Careers

Youth Health Service Corps (YHSC) – *Students helping to creating healthier communities through volunteer service*

Suzanne Letellier, MEd Program Manager

Jackie Martin, BA, Program Assistant

- Held three YHSC meetings with various guest speakers: laboratory technologist and medical students
- Service learning project planning continues with YHSC members at Rufus King HS. They are planning a health education event for the after school program middle school students at City on a Hill.
- MCW medical students in the Urban and Community Pathway started working on a project with the James Madison Academic Campus YHSC members.
- Three YHSC members started volunteering at Aurora Sinai Medical Center.

Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH)

Suzanne Letellier, MEd Program Manager

Jackie Martin, BA, Program Assistant

- Coordinated activities for the Community and Public Health Enrichment Experience (CAPHENE).

C.N.A. Career Readiness

Suzanne Letellier, MEd Program Manager

- Conducted Introduction to C.N.A. session, nursing career session and health care skills session. Assisted with other sections of the YWCA Career Readiness Class.

Future Success Program

Suzanne Letellier, MEd Program Manager

Jackie Martin, BA, Program Assistant

- Conducted a two-hour health career session for high school students in this pre-college program at UWM.

Community Health Internship Program (CHIP)

Virginia Thomas, MS, RN, CHIP Coordinator

- Planning for CHIP 2011 is underway, recruiting students and mentor agencies.
- As of March 1, 2011, we have 20 student applications and 25 projects for students to complete during the 8-week experience this summer.

Connecting Professionals to Communities

Model AHEC Partnership Programs

Suzanne Letellier, MEd, Program Manager

- We plan to make site visits to each of the seven Model AHEC programs.

Connecting Communities to Better Health

FAM (Fight Asthma Milwaukee) Allies

Suzanne Letellier, MEd, Program Manager

Partnered with FAM and the Environmental Protection Agency Region Five to host a Healthy Homes workshop for Community Health Workers. Milwaukee AHEC sponsored the lunch.

Wisconsin Arthritis Program

Anne Kissack, MPH, RD, WI Arthritis Program Coordinator

Julie Dotson, MPH, CHES, WI Arthritis Program Communication Specialist

Jeanette Gremmels, MSW, CISW, WI Arthritis Chronic Disease Self Management Public Health Coordinator

- The Wisconsin Arthritis Program continues to work with North Central AHEC, Scenic Rivers AHEC, and Northern Highlands AHEC to help them facilitate their role within the mini-grants. We have had extensive conversations with each AHEC on how to move forward with educational materials, webinars, and/or WAP approved evidence-based interventions.
- WAP is in the process of completing our Interim Progress Report for the CDC. We will be submitting our report to the state in early March and will be sending the final draft to the CDC at the end of March.
- WAP is now working in collaboration with the Wisconsin Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program and WISCPHR to target cardiac rehab centers to participate in Living Well with Chronic Conditions. WAP presented to WISCPHR's board of directors to educate them on the Living Well program. A follow up article will be in WISCPHR's next newsletter.
- The Wisconsin Arthritis Program's Chronic Disease Self Management Public Health Coordinator resigned effective February 25, 2011. She has worked out a transition document that was emailed to all partners.
- The "Buenos Dias Arthritis" health communication campaign will be conducted in 4 counties in spring 2011. Contracts are finalized and campaign materials were delivered to system partners this month.

Wisconsin Diabetes Prevention and Control Program

Pam Geis, Health Promotion Specialist, Diabetes Prevention & Control Program, WI Dept of Health Services

- Working with DHS/EMS Bureau to survey EMS Service Directors about standard protocol for treatment of unconscious patients with hypoglycemia.
- Created flyer for DiabetesLocal.org encouraging Wisconsin organizations to populate online database with their resources; worked on verifying data from *Wisconsin Diabetes Resource Guide for Consumers and Health Professionals* to add to the online database.
- Assisted in final review for *Diabetes Self-Management Information and Record Booklet* patient companion piece.
- Applied for grant through NovoNordisk that will allow DPCP to go back on press with the popular Type 2 Diabetes Prevention Table Tents.

Diabetes Outreach to Priority Populations

Julia Means, Columbia St. Mary's Parish Nurse

- Diabetes outreach sessions and cooking classes with a CHW continue to go as planned.