

From the Director's Desk

Welcome to the winter 2013 edition of the WREN Review

The last few months have been busy with both projects and several transitions within WREN.

We are very pleased to announce that Dr. David Hahn has accepted the position of WREN Director as of November 1. We anticipate a transition that will take 6-12 months as Dr. Hahn learns about all the WREN projects, administration and how we do our work with all of our partners. I will continue as the WREN Associate Director and I am looking forward to pursuing my own research interests as we transition various director tasks to Dr. Hahn.

With regrets, we said good bye to WREN Regional Research Coordinator, Mark Remiker. Mark accepted a position with the Oregon Research Practice-Based Research Network. We thank him for all his contributions to WREN during his time with us and wish him well as he enters the next phase of his career.

The list of transitions continues as we welcome two new Regional Research Coordinators, Amy Irwin and Erin Leege. They both bring a variety of skills and experience that will expand our capacity to conduct research and clinical quality improvement projects. Look for the articles about each of our new staff in this newsletter.

We had a wonderful 25th Anniversary celebration in September with lots of new and old friends reminiscing about the past and looking toward the future. The celebration was followed by another successful Fall Forum with over 22 presentations, 20 posters, and over 100 attendees. Mark your calendars for next year's meeting that will be held at the new UW Union South in Madison September 12-13, 2013.

Lastly, I want to thank Dr. Valerie Gilchrist for serving as Interim WREN director for the last year. Her support and guidance has been critical during the many recent transitions.

Happy New Year

Paul

WREN's New Director

WREN is pleased to announce that David Hahn, MD, MS has accepted the position of WREN Director, effective November 1, 2012. Dr. Hahn's Directorship is a 30% position; he will be at the WREN offices one and one-half days per week, generally on Wednesday and Friday.

Dr. Hahn is a graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine, and completed his Family Medicine Residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. He received his Master of Science degree in Preventive Medicine & Epidemiology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dr. Hahn is very well known to members of the WREN Community. He was one of the founding members of WREN, and is a past member of the Steering Committee. Dr. Hahn's primary areas of research interest are asthma and the delivery of clinical preventive services, and he has a proven track record for obtaining grant funding, conducting clinical trials within practices, and his research productivity has resulted in 32 peer-reviewed publications

Upcoming Events

2013 Wisconsin Health Improvement and Research Partnerships Forum

September 12-13, 2013

UW- Madison Union South

More information coming soon....

5th Biennial Wisconsin Health Literacy Summit

April 9-10, 2013

UW-Madison Union South

Featured Speakers

Byron Pitts, 60 Minutes News Correspondent

and

Dr. Zorba Paster, NPR radio talk show host

Presented by:

Health Literacy Wisconsin, a division of Wisconsin Literacy, Inc and the Wisconsin Research and Education Network

For more information: <http://healthliteracywisconsin.org/>

2012 Wisconsin Health Improvement and Research Partnerships Forum

More than 100 people, representing primary care, community agencies, research networks, public health, and academia, gathered on the shores of Lake Monona for the 2012 Forum. Attendees enjoyed networking, workshops, research presentations, and posters representing projects throughout Wisconsin.

- The opening keynote presentation by Dr. Larry Green, “The Community as a Learning System” set the tone for a progressive, collaborative agenda for the forum. He highlighted items to guide future practice-based research, the potential of communities as learning health systems, and referenced several federal reports to serve as blueprints for achieving this integration.
- Plenary speaker Catherine Kolkmeier shared the La Crosse Medical Health Sciences Consortium’s real-world experience with community collaboration. She identified successful strategies for starting and maintaining collaborations, as well as how to disseminate results to key stakeholders.
- Pascale Carayon was the forum’s closing plenary speaker. She shared her renowned expertise in using a human factors approach to health care and patient safety. Human factors engineering takes into account human strengths and limitations and attempts to design systems that optimize safety and minimize errors in complex environments. Dr. Carayon led a lively discussion on areas of primary care and human factors collaboration.

For more information click on this link to view the slide presentations and photos from the forum:

<http://www.fammed.wisc.edu/research/wren/meetings/archive/2012-forum-media>

WREN is pleased to recognize the following clinics for promoting excellence in health care through participation in WREN practice-based research in 2011 and 2012. Clinics were recognized at the 2012 WREN Annual Meeting on September 21, 2012.

Leveraging Practice Based Research Networks to Accelerate Implementation and Diffusion of Chronic Kidney Disease Guidelines in Primary Care Practices

Aurora Health Center - Plymouth

Aurora Sheboygan Clinic - Howards Grove

Aurora Sheboygan Clinic - Sheboygan Falls

Bread Of Healing Clinic

Group Health Cooperative East
Isaac Coggs Heritage Health Center
Martin Luther King Heritage Health Center
Muscoda Health Center
Richland Center Medical Center
Scenic Bluffs Community Health Center
Spring Green Medical Center
The Lakes Community Health Center
Tomah - Mayo Clinic Health Systems
UW Health Augusta
UW Health Cottage Grove
UW Health Mt. Horeb
UW Health Odana Atrium
UW Health Sun Prairie

A Human Factors Intervention to Reduce Risk in Primary Care of the Elderly (SAFE-C)

Mile Bluff Clinic
Richland Center Medical Center
Tomah - Mayo Clinic Health Systems
Wildwood Family Clinic

Diabetes Leadership Initiative

UW Health Cottage Grove
UW Health Odana Atrium

UW Health Sun Prairie

**Collaboration among Pharmacists and
Physicians to Improve Outcomes
(CAPTION)**

UW Health Northeast

Primary Care Network Survey (PRINS 2)

Aurora Sinai Family Care Center

Aurora St. Lukes Family Practice Center

**Interaction Analysis as a Novel Approach to Understanding Patient Trust in
Physician and Patient Outcomes 2011**

Access Community Health Centers – Wingra Family Medical Center

UW Health Northeast

UW Health Verona

UW Health Yahara

Meet WREN'S Research Coordinators

Hannah Louks

Hannah Louks joined WREN in May of 2011 as a Regional Research Coordinator. She was located in Milwaukee for the past year and a half and recently relocated to the Madison office; she will remain the RRC for the full support clinics Milwaukee Health Services, Aurora St. Luke's and Aurora Sinai. Hannah is currently assisting on a number of WREN studies, ranging in topics from workflow assessment to chronic kidney disease. Hannah's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Kate Judge

Kate Judge began her work as a Regional Research Coordinator with WREN in January of 2011. Before joining WREN, Kate worked as a Research Specialist for the Department of Family Medicine. Kate has a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She supports ongoing quality improvement and research activities with WREN clinics in Dane county and southwest Wisconsin. She serves as the WREN liaison to the Richland Center full-support clinic. She is currently working on the Chronic Kidney Disease project, CAPTION project and SAFE-C.

Erin Leege

Erin Leege joined WREN in November 2012, formerly working in pediatric research at the Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine. While in St. Louis, she supported both community-based and clinical research on a variety of topics, including asthma, croup, RSV, obesity, and adolescent depression. Erin's other research interests include methodology, implementation feasibility, usability, infectious disease, and global health. Erin earned her BS in Zoology from the University of Wisconsin – Madison and an MPH from Washington University in St. Louis.

Amy Irwin

Amy Irwin is new to WREN but not the Department of Family Medicine. She began working on DFM studies in central and northern Wisconsin 10 years ago. Five years ago, she moved to the clinical arm of DFM and began providing quality improvement and project management support to primary care clinics throughout the state. Amy is a Regional Research Coordinator based in the Wisconsin Rapids area and works primarily with clinics in western and northern Wisconsin. Amy has a Master of Science degree in Human & Community Resources, with an emphasis in Health Promotion, from the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point.