CEPH Reaccreditation Update

In November 2009, the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) conducted a site visit as part of the reaccreditation process for the MPH program. Many faculty, alumni, students, college officials and community representatives were involved with the site visit activities. We thank everyone for taking time out of their busy schedules to participate in this process.

Based on the outcome of this review, our program may receive reaccreditation for up to seven years. The preliminary report from the CEPH site visit team provided positive feedback in terms of meeting the accreditation criteria.

The final decision will be rendered at the CEPH Board of Councilors meeting on June 17-19, 2010. If interested, you may access the self-study on the MPH website at http://www.mcw.edu/mphprogram/CurrentStudents/Accreditation.htm. Please contact Kim Contardi at 414-456-4510 or mph@mcw.edu with any questions related to the reaccreditation process.

Students Make a Difference in Local Health Departments

For their Field Placements, many students are electing to work with local departments of public health. In this way, they’re generating a positive impact in their community, fulfilling program requirements, and gaining experience in the field of public health. Below are a few of the students who have made a difference in their local health department.

- Amir Nicknam, MD, worked with the Southern Nevada Health District in Las Vegas on their Childhood Lead Prevention Program. He helped evaluate the childhood lead poisoning health disparity in terms of ethnicity (Hispanic vs. non-Hispanic groups) in Clark County.
- Michael Rosenberg, MD, worked with the Erie County Department of Health in New York to survey pharmacists regarding the expanded syringe access program (ESAP). He examined pharmacists’ attitudes and experiences regarding ESAP to help determine barriers to the program.
- Amanda Ruth Phillips-Savoy, MD, worked with the Office of Public Health for Region IV in the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) on their crisis communication. She researched mass communication systems and helped DHH utilize its current system to send information to local physicians, clinics, and hospitals during public health emergencies.
- Michael Schmalz worked with Nancy Kreuser, PhD, and the Wauwatosa Health Department in Wisconsin on the immunization status of the city’s two-year olds. He determined the current immunization rate, identified barriers to immunization programs, and made recommendations to help the department achieve the Healthy People 2010 benchmark.
Our sincerest thanks to our alumni who supported the school with gifts. A special thanks to the alums who have designated the MPH Degree Program on their alumni gift cards.

A Special Thanks to the MPH Alumni

John Rhee, MD, MPH '04, Professor of Otolaryngology and Communications Sciences, has been named Deputy Editor-in-Chief for the *Archives of Facial Plastic Surgery* Journal. This is a semi-monthly professional journal published by the American Medical Association (AMA).

Jennifer Thomas, MD, who has worked as a pediatrician in Racine, WI, for the past 11 years, has recently become the official Chief Coordinator for the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Breastfeeding. In this position, she oversees all 78 national coordinators of the Chapter for Breastfeeding. Her volunteer activities include presenting at local, state and national conferences, grand rounds, satellite radio shows, and testifying at the state and national level. She is also involved with developing and teaching mini-courses for the Biomedical Sciences program at St. Thomas More High School in Milwaukee, WI. Three of the developed courses include How to Tell Families about Diabetes, The Role of Public Health, and Prevention of Chronic Illness.

Many of you volunteer your time and services, and we’d love to hear about and share your adventures. Please send information to mph@mcw.edu.

Congratulations to Students & Alumni Passing Their Certification Exams!

American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM) 2010

| Dubuc, Serge, MD, MPH ’08 | Hoffman, Rachel A., DO, MPH ’08 |
| Eichelberger, Deborah A., MD, MPH ’03 | Laurino, James A., MD |
| Fraser, Richard Steven, MD | Lukcso, David G., MD, MPH ’05 |
| Garvin, Gregory M., MD, MPH ’05 | Rasmussen, Richard S., MD, MPH ’08 |

Congratulations to MPH Graduate Who Completed a Residency Program

Rachel Hoffman, DO, MPH ’08 graduated in 2009 from the University of Maryland Residency Program in Public Health.
Manuel H. Enriquez, MD, MPH ‘04 has a new position. He is the Chief, Pulmonary Disease and Medical Director of Respiratory Therapy at the Hampton, Virginia VAMC. Laura Fadrowski has a new position. She is the Health Educator for the Rock County Health Department in Janesville, WI.

Racquel Racadio, currently a MPH student, has just been accepted into the Medical College of Wisconsin Medical Program.

Sidney Shindell, MD, LLB, former Chairman and Professor of Preventive Medicine, passed away last fall. Ernest E. Sullivent, MD, MPH, FACEP, ’09, Commander, U.S. Public Health Service, has been accepted to the CDC Preventive Medicine Residency Program. His practicum site will be Texas DSHS Region 7 (30 county Central Texas region, headquartered in Temple, TX), with some work at the State Health Department in Austin. His supervisors will be Tom Betz, MD, MPH, and Rich Taylor, PhD. He will spend July in Atlanta teaching epidemiology in the EIS Summer Course and then the remaining 11 months in Texas.

Jennifer Thomas, MD, who has worked with others for more than five years to get the bill for the Right to Breastfeed in Public passed, was asked to attend the official signing by Wisconsin’s Governor. Wisconsin now joins 44 other states that have similar laws in place.

Avi Whiteman, MD, MPH ‘05 has been elected President of the Canadian Board of Occupational Medicine for the 2009 - 2011 term. CBOM is the standards and examination body for Canadian physicians who wish to obtain certification in Occupational Medicine. More information is available at http://www.oemac.org under the CBOM tab. Dr. Whiteman is the Director of Occupational Health Services for Merck in Canada, and he holds the position of Assistant Professor, Department of Family Medicine at McGill University.

Lisa Ellen Woody, MD, MPH ‘96, passed away earlier this year after a 22-month battle with lung cancer.

**MCW Alumni News**—Winter 2010 includes an article entitled “Masters of Disaster Readiness” that features two MPH Alumni. Clare Helminiak, MD, MPH ’98 is the Deputy Director for Medical Surge, which is in the U.S. Office of Preparedness & Emergency Operations, a component of the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS). Dr. Helminiak works to identify local disasters that will need federal medical resources when the local communities have been maxed-out due to the disaster. She is also the Chief Medical Officer for the U.S. Public Health Services reporting to the Surgeon General.

Vivian C. Rush, MD, MPH ‘96, is president of JVR Health Readiness, Inc., a health care consulting and service firm in Texas that focuses on preparing healthcare organizations and public health departments for future disasters. Dr. Rush proposes an inventory system where governments and hospitals team up to purchase disaster levels of supplies, and the hospital pulls from the disaster stock to fulfill its daily needs. By using the older supplies first and restocking what was used, the supplies would be ready when a disaster hits. She also works to evaluate the protection of first-responders and health care workers during a disaster. The full article and history of each alumni disaster experts can be viewed at http://www.mcw.edu/disastermasters.

The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) is an international organization of over 5,000 physicians, who champion the health and safety of workers, workplaces, and communities. ACOEM has elected the following four alums to serve. House of Delegates: Speaker, William G. Buchta, MD, MPH ‘90 and Recorder, Daniel M. Janiga, MD, MPH ‘93. Director, Charles M. Yarborough III, MD, MPH ‘92. Officer, President-elect, Natalie P. Hartenbaum, MD, MPH ‘93.

Robert L. Goldberg, MD, FACOEM, FFOM RCPI (Hon) has been promoted to Clinical Professor of Medicine, Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine at the University of California - San Francisco. Dr. Goldberg teaches 18205 Practice of Occupational Health and Medicine.

Dr. Goldberg will be presenting the UCSF research study on Workplace Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) at the national American Occupational Health Conference (AOHC) in May. The study is part of the NIOSH funded National Collaborative study.
18212 Behavioral Science and Public Health - team taught by Drs. Lynch and Nelson

Behavioral Science and Public Health surveys the influence of biological factors, family, state of development, ethnic and cultural factors, community factors and stressors on health and well-being. Both faculty bring a rich background of experience and education to this exciting course.

N. Timothy Lynch, PhD, Associate Clinical Professor, Departments of Anesthesiology and Neurosurgery-Spine Care; Associate Adjunct Professor, Department of Population Health

Education: PhD, University of Wisconsin, 1973; BS, St. Francis Seminary, 1968
Research Interests: psychogenic illness; advocagenic disability

David A. Nelson, PhD, MA, Instructor, MPH Program, Department of Population Health and Community Based Research Fellow, Department of Family and Community Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Education: PhD from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville; MA, University of Northern Colorado-Greeley; BS, University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana.
Research Interests: increasing physical activity; food access; social support; process of community engagement

18213 Clinical Prevention

Clinical Prevention prepares health care professionals to interpret and update clinical preventive services guidelines and to judiciously put them into practice. This goal is pursued by thorough review of the current methodology and guidelines of the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF), reading selected relevant articles from websites and journals, participation in discussions, and completing Activity Assignments that apply the methodology and guidelines to your personal current or anticipated clinical or administrative practice.

Leslie F. Martin, MD, MPH, Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Population Health

Education: MD, University of Lille Medical School, Lille, France, 1985; MPH, Columbia School of Public Health, 1991; BA, William Penn College, 1973
Research Interests: workplace tobacco reduction; respiratory protection, train-the-trainer methods

18221 Public Health Law

Public Health law examines the basic legal knowledge a public health professional should have, including worker’s compensation laws; laws/regulations governing public health safety and health; environmental laws/regulations; food, drug, device, and cosmetic laws/regulations; and medical malpractice and the medical malpractice system, including legal sources of public health powers, the administrative law system, public health law as it relates to individual rights, control of property, substance abuse, and the bioterrorism.

Jay A. Gold, MD, JD, MPH, Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Population Health

Education: MD, Texas A&M University, 1986; JD, New York University, 1974; MPH, Harvard University, 1977; BA, St John’s College, 1971
Research Interests: quality improvement; medical-legal issues; bioethics