VA Visit Update:

On May 11, 2014, six faculty members namely, Dr. Blanchette (Research), Dr. Elnitsky (SON), Dr. Warren-Findlow (PHS), Dr. Howden & Dr. Arthur (KNES), Dr. Lee (SWOK), Vikki and 2 PhD students, Joshua Noone & Deb Roy, met with Dr. Robin Hurley and Dr. Kathy Taber, at the VA in Salisbury. The discussions focused on how to build and strengthen research collaborations. The Salisbury VA researchers, have ten core areas of focus: Hypertension, Diabetes, Hyperlipidemia, Post-Traumatic Stress Syndrome (PTSD), Depression, Esophageal Reflux, Anticoagulation, Tobacco addiction and related problems, Atrial Fibrillation and Alcohol Dependence. Given the variety of research interests among CHHS Faculty, establishing partnerships and research collaboration is exciting and feasible. Additional details about the visit and steps in setting up collaborations, are available in the Moodle site, hosted by the Veterans and Military Health Academy. Contact Vikki for more information on collaborations with the VA V.Cherwon@uncc.edu


Presentations


Poster presented at the Experimental Biology meeting. Reuben Howden1, Heidi Heimer1, Samantha Cividanes1, Emily Zacherle1, Susan Arthur1, Hindrik Mulder2, Annika Bagge2, Yvette Huet1. Differential Cardiac Responses to Prolonged Hyperoxia vs. Hypoxia Exposures. 1Laboratory of Systems Physiology, Dept. of Kinesiology, UNC Charlotte, Charlotte, NC, USA. 2Unit of Molecular Metabolism, Lund University Diabetes Centre, Department of Clinical Sciences, Malmö, Sweden.


Publications


ST Arthur*, KA Zwetsloot, MM Lawrence, DC Nieman, MA Lila , MH Grace, R Howden, ID Cooley, JF Tkach, MD Keith, JL Demick, SE Blanton, RS Greiner, AM Bradley, ME Davenport, V Badmaev, RA Shanely. Ajunga turkestanica increases Notch and Wnt signaling in aged skeletal muscle. The European Review for Medical and Pharmacological Sciences. Accepted 2014.


New Awards

NA

Research Office Updates

Mentor Research Series

Research Mentor Speaker #3

Speaker Dr. Bill Brandon
Title: A Fox, Not a Hedgehog: My Career in Health Policy Research
Date: May 8, 2014 - Time: 9:00am –11:30
Venue: CHHS #131

Mock Reviews

Next due date for proposals to be mock reviewed is June 1, 2014. Please send your proposals to Vikki Cherwon.

Concept Papers

On the morning of April 23, Dr. Joshua Noone gave a concept project presentation for the work done so far on a project to assess healthcare utilization in alpha one antitrypsin deficient patients. The presentation included a short power point followed by a round table discussion pertaining to the project. Much insight into the potential future directions of the project was gained along with potential future collaborating partners.

If you have interest in getting feedback on the early development of a study or proposal, contact Vikki V.Cherwon@uncc.edu to schedule your concept project presentation.

Academy Updates

ARCHES

The Academy for Research on Community Health Engagement and Services, held a general meeting on Friday, April 4th. Dr. DeHaven addressed research related barriers that were raised at the previous meeting. ARCHES received its first donation of $10,000, which will be used to support the creation and development of the ARCHES infrastructure. Candidates for the Community Advisory Board were also discussed as well as collaborative grant funding opportunities. The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. in the Dean’s Conference Room - there will be a presentation about the Charlotte Action Research Project (CHARP), an initiative for understanding and improving the health outcomes related to place-based determinants in several neighborhoods throughout Charlotte. This will be the last meeting of the academic year – the ARCHES team wishes to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of all participating faculty, staff, and partners in making the first formative year of the ARCHES academy a great success. We look forward to hitting the ground running when we reconvene in September! Contact information: Dr. Mark DeHaven at Mark.DeHaven@uncc.edu

HINORA

The Health Informatics and Outcomes Research Academy will meet on May 22 from 1-2 in CHHS 472. At our last meeting we discussed expanding our alerts for funding opportunities, adding information about professional scientific meetings on our Moodle site, as well as selected current projects and project interests. Contact information: Dr. Bill Saunders wsunde6@uncc.edu

Healthy Aging

Contact Information: Dr. Scott Gordon Scott.Gordon@uncc.edu

VMH Academy

The Veteran and Military Health Academy held its first meeting on March 28. Participants identified our mission: to develop partnerships for excellence in research, service, health services and education for veterans, military and their families. Unique goals of this Academy include developing health services programs and a Certificate in Veteran Studies. At the April 25th CHHS & FO meeting we recognized the original kick-off event “Boots to Books” by Sue Marchetti in Fall 2013, the 20+ CHHS faculty currently expressing interest in developing the Academy, and an interest in all interested faculty participating. At the Academy’s second meeting on May 2 we continued visioning for an integrated approach to research collaborations. Contact information: Dr. Christine Elnitsky celnitsk@uncc.edu
In the future, we would like to add your new publications when they occur and other research activities, speaking engagements, etc. to this weekly newsletter. Please forward this information to Vikki or Elizabeth for addition to the next edition.

Collaborative Council for Statusboiz/Statusgurlz Research Team on May 3, 2014 at Charlotte AIDS Walk

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