A unique collaboration within CHHS is the Cachexia Working Group consisting of Associate Dean of Research and Associate Professor within the Department of Public Health Sciences, Dr. Christopher Blanchette, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology, Dr. Susan Arthur, health services researcher, Dr. Joshua Noone and doctoral students Bryce Van Doren and Debossree Roy of the Health Services Research Program. The goal of our combined efforts is to use translational research approaches from basic science to population-based observational and epidemiological methods using large databases on the incapacitating condition, cachexia. We are investigating this poorly defined disease process which is associated with loss of muscle mass and functions. It impacts those with diseases such as cancer, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive lung disease, sepsis and HIV. With the combined strengths of Dr. Blanchette and Dr. Noone as health services researchers and large database mining experts and, Dr. Arthur’s expertise on the molecular regulation of pathophysiology, we are using innovative techniques to fully describe the driving factors associated with cachexia that will ultimately lead to earlier diagnosis or even prevention. The Cachexia Working Group has recently published a manuscript titled “One-year prevalence, comorbidities and cost of cachexia-related inpatient admissions in the USA”. We are developing a collaboration with the cancer-focused pharmaceutical company Helsinn from Lugano, Switzerland, to study the medical burden of cancer cachexia.

Publications


New Awards

Beth Racine, “Kids in Parks is a program” (UNCA), BCBS of NC, September 1, 2014 - May 31, 2015


Robert Herman-Smith, “Implementation evaluation of Triple P (Positive Parenting Program)” Mecklenburg County Health Department, September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015

Mark DeHaven, “Texas Center for Minority, Health, Education, Research, and Outreach” University of North Texas Health Center at Fort Worth, June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015


Michael Turner, “Mecklenburg County Senior Center-Student Support” Mecklenburg County Senior Center, August 15, 2014 - September 31, 2014


Presentations and Workshops

Ge Yong (CCI) and Donna Kazemi, School of Nursing - “Mining Patterns of Substance by Young Adults with Social Media Data” NIAA - September 1, 2014 - August 31, 2016.

Robert Herman-Smith, Social Work - “Recruitment and Retention Study” Mecklenburg County Dept. of Social Services - September 1, 2014 - April 1, 2015


Donna Kazemi participated in the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation workshop in Boston, MA on July 21-23. Hosted by Boston University School of Public Health, researchers were invited from around the country to participate in the workshop. The workshop focused on developing social media web & mobile interventions for college drinking. The Foundation has made a commitment to develop resources to address college drinking.

Policy 50.5: Tuition Remission for Graduate Students Supported by Sponsored Awards

Effective Date: July 1, 2012
Last Updated: June 30, 2012
Responsible Office: Office of Grants & Contracts Administration (GCA) Contact: Award Management

Reason for the Policy
In conjunction with 2 CFR 220 (OMB Circular A-21), tuition remission and other forms of compensation may be allowable provided the individual’s participation in the research meets the criteria of 2 CFR 220 Section J.45.

Policy Statement
All sponsored budget requests that include graduate assistantship salary must also include full tuition at the current in-state rate, unless disallowed by the sponsoring agency. Tuition at the out-of-state rate may be requested. Some awards may only request partial salary for graduate students rather than full nine-month support, and tuition costs can be prorated accordingly in the proposal.

If the sponsor’s awarded budget includes tuition, the tuition must be charged to the sponsor for graduate student(s) assigned to the project.

Exclusions/Exceptions
College deans approve proposals, and they can elect to exclude tuition expenses in the proposal at their discretion.

Effective 07/01/14 the F&A rate for organized research on campus went up from 48.5% to 51%. The rate for organized research off campus is 26%.

Training Opportunities offered by Research and Economic Development

Training: Preparing an IRB Protocol Application
The presentation will provide a detailed discussion of the IRB protocol application.

Training Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2014 - 15:30 to 16:30

Location: Cameron Hall, 303

Research & Economic Development invites you to their Open House

Save the Date
Thursday, September 18 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm
3rd floor of Cameron Hall
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.

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