

# Current Projects

## March 2012

Description	Status
<b>Cancer Prevention and Control</b>	
<p><b>Alliance for Reducing Cancer NW (ARC NW)</b> Part of PRC Cancer Prevention and Control Research Network (CPCRN), ARCNW conducts translational research related to healthcare and workplace settings</p>	<p><i>Vicky Taylor (CDC, 9/09-9/14, \$300,000/yr)</i> Preparing Yr 4 continuation application; completing pilot project analyses (re: assessing clinic system characteristics relevant to cervical cancer control among Latina women); ARC NW investigators leading two cross-center CPCRN research projects (re: CRC screening and FQHCs)</p>
<p><b>American Cancer Society Technical Assistance Project</b> Assist American Cancer Society Great West Division to implement two projects in 12 western states, one with community health centers and one with employer aggregators</p>	<p><i>Jeff Harris (ACS, 9/09-8/12, \$75,000/yr)</i> Conducted 11 interviews with employer aggregators; analysis complete and report underway complete; developing project approach and research tools for community health centers project; interviews underway</p>
<p><b>Colorectal Cancer Screening</b> Study of patient/provider colorectal cancer screening discussions and decision-making</p>	<p><i>Laura-Mae Baldwin (CDC, funding ended)</i> Article published in Feb <i>Medical Care</i></p>
<p><b>Follow-Up of Elevated PSA Tests Among AI/AN Men in Urban Health Clinics</b> Study of barriers to care for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) urban men without adequate follow-up after abnormal PSA screening for prostate cancer</p>	<p><i>Scott Ramsey (ASPH/CDC, 9/08-9/11, \$186,000/yr)</i> Project officially ended 9/30/11; final manuscript completed</p>
<p><b>Ovarian Cancer Screening, Testing, and Management</b> Survey of family physicians, general internists, and gynecologists re: ovarian cancer screening, diagnosis, and management</p>	<p><i>Laura-Mae Baldwin (CDC, 9/07-9/10, \$344,819/yr)</i> Three papers published, three papers under review by journals, three other papers in draft</p>
<p><b>WA Cancer Action Network Ambassadors</b> Led by the American Cancer Society, in collaboration with the American Heart Assn. and the American Lung Assn., this group educates the WA legislature about cancer prevention</p>	<p><i>Jeff Harris (ACS, ongoing, in-kind)</i> Testified in 2012 legislative session and met with key legislators re: a tobacco tax increase that would provide funding for the DOH tobacco control program</p>
<p><b>WA CARES About Cancer Partnership Projects</b> Assist WA DOH with: evaluation of the overall WA CARES Partnership, evaluation of the Partnership-funded community-based projects re: prostate cancer treatment and informed decision-making, and training to Healthy Communities grantees</p>	<p><i>Peggy Hannon (DOH, 7/09-6/12, \$75,000/yr)</i> Providing evaluation technical assistance to two community grantees re: prostate cancer treatment and informed decision making (IDM); starting collaboration with Prostate Cancer Task Force on survey of survivor support groups in WA</p>
<p><b>WA CARES (Comprehensive Cancer Control Partnership)</b> A statewide coalition that guides the WA DOH in cancer prevention and control, largely funded by CDC</p>	<p><i>Vicky Taylor (CDC, ongoing, in-kind)</i> Assisting DOH with comp cancer competitive renewal grant application; conducted informant interviews with Partnership stakeholders to obtain WA Plan feedback; providing evaluation technical assistance to community grantee re: prostate cancer treatment and informed decision making (IDM); providing data analyses support to Skin Cancer Task Force</p>
<b>Depression Management</b>	
<p><b>Literature Review of Older Adult Emotional and Cognitive Health</b> A systematic literature review of interventions to improve older adult emotional and cognitive health, funded by the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors and CDC</p>	<p><i>Mark Snowden (CDC, 5/08-9/09 funding ended)</i> Manuscript published in <i>JAGS</i> April 2011 on the effect of physical activity interventions on cognition; manuscript for emotional health review received CDC clearance and in process of PCD submission</p>
<p><b>PEARLS Dissemination (Program to Encourage Active, Rewarding Lives for Seniors)</b> Working with local, state, and national partners to disseminate PEARLS, a depression management program</p>	<p><i>Mark Snowden (ongoing, in-kind)</i> Facilitating monthly technical assistance conference calls with PEARLS providers; King County PEARLS partners meeting April 20; revising program brochure, toolkit and training materials</p>

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<p><b>PEARLS Dissemination Study</b></p> <p>In collaboration with Aging and Disability Services (ADS), testing an implementation management team (IMT) approach to improve program reach to depressed older adults</p>	<p><i>Mark Snowden (CDC, 9/07-9/11, funding ended)</i></p> <p>Submitted final technical report Dec 2011; preparing manuscripts on the IMT approach, reaching hard-to-reach populations, fidelity instrument, and delivering PEARLS using interpreters; resubmitted PEARLS R01 03/05/12</p>
<p><b>Fall Prevention</b></p>	
<p><b>Core Fall Prevention Project</b></p> <p>Testing an at-scene intervention, delivered by EMTs when responding to a 9-1-1 call for a fall, to educate about the preventability of falls and community fall prevention resources, and encourage older adults to seek follow-up preventive care to reduce their risk of future falls</p>	<p><i>Elizabeth Phelan (CDC, 9/09-3/12, \$127,754/yr)</i></p> <p>Manuscript in prep; “backer” diffusion survey in progress; conference call with MaineHealth to discuss possible future collaborations; “falls messaging” grant(s) in preparation</p>
<p><b>The Economics of Falls</b></p> <p>Using a longitudinal dataset, evaluated the costs of fall-related injuries and the potential savings from fall prevention</p>	<p><i>Elizabeth Phelan (ongoing, in-kind)</i></p> <p>Manuscript published in May 2011 issue of <i>Journal of Aging Research</i>; manuscript reporting physical activity program data submitted to <i>Journal of Primary Prevention</i></p>
<p><b>Falls Prevention Qualitative Study</b></p> <p>In-depth audience research with older adults enrolled in falls prevention programs and those who declined or dropped out</p>	<p><i>Elizabeth Phelan (CDC, 9/06-9/10, funding ended)</i></p> <p>Preparing a second manuscript reporting physical activity program data ‘in review’ at <i>Journal of Primary Prevention</i></p>
<p><b>Senior Falls Prevention</b></p> <p>Collaboration between ADSA/DSHS and WA State DOH to pilot-test a program to prevent subsequent falls among elders who went to emergency dept for a fall-related complaint</p>	<p><i>Elizabeth Phelan (WA DOH, 10/09-12/09, \$33,000)</i></p> <p>Submitted manuscript to <i>BMC Geriatrics</i>; program model incorporated into intervention study for grant proposal submitted to NIH</p>
<p><b>Older Adult Health Promotion</b></p>	
<p><b>CDC Healthy Aging Research Network (HAN)</b></p> <p>HPRC is the coordinating center of this PRC thematic research network. Among other goals, HAN develops and evaluates policies and programs that promote healthy aging. Current focus areas are: brain health, mobility, nutrition, environmental and policy change, and translation and evaluation. For more info, see: <a href="http://www.prc-han.org">www.prc-han.org</a></p>	<p><i>Basia Belza (CDC, 9/09-9/14, \$286,000/yr)</i></p> <p>Newly funded work in community way-finding.; continue work with new partners Easter Seals &amp; Pan-American Health Organization; exploring project opportunities with Cancer Prevention and Control Network.; conducted two-day, national web-based meeting in March, featuring: technology &amp; aging; National Alzheimer’s Project Act; healthy aging and cancer survivorship</p>
<p><b>Enhance Wellness Dissemination (EW)</b></p> <p>Evaluation and dissemination of older adult client-directed health promotion program</p>	<p><i>Elizabeth Phelan (ongoing, in-kind)</i></p> <p>EW profiled on the AHRQ Health Care Innovations Exchange website (since October 27, 2010) <a href="http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov">www.innovations.ahrq.gov</a></p>
<p><b>Healthy Aging Partnership</b></p> <p>Coalition of King County nonprofit and public organizations that collaborate to promote healthy aging</p>	<p><i>Sheryl Schwartz (ongoing, in-kind)</i></p> <p>Focus is “aging at home”; providing \$18K in grants to four teams of older adults to implement Aging at Home projects in their communities</p>
<p><b>WA Alliance for Healthy Aging</b></p> <p>Statewide alliance of public health, aging services, health and social services</p>	<p><i>Sheryl Schwartz (ongoing, in-kind)</i></p> <p>Held a statewide conference in Sept 2010 titled “Healthy Aging in Healthy Communities”</p>
<p><b>Physical Activity</b></p>	
<p><b>EnhanceFitness Dissemination (EF)</b></p> <p>Partner with Senior Services to disseminate and evaluate EF, an evidence-based physical activity program for older adults</p>	<p><i>Basia Belza (ongoing, in-kind)</i></p> <p>Tracking EF national reach and health outcomes; developing and piloting online EF instructor training modules; developing improved data entry and collection methods</p>
<p><b>Physical Activity Policy Research Network</b></p> <p>A PRC national thematic research network evaluating the impact of policies to increase physical activity among community members</p>	<p><i>Sheryl Schwartz (ongoing, in-kind)</i></p> <p>HPRC funding ended 9/29/09; still on active PAPRN listserv and occasionally participating in monthly network conference calls</p>

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<b>Physical Activity Rapid Assessment Tool (RAPA)</b> Disseminating RAPA, an instrument to measure physical activity among older adults	<i>Kristen Hammerback (ongoing, in-kind)</i> Being used in research and community projects in US; Web site collects user info and authorizes use; validation study completed
<b>WA Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity (WCPPA)</b> Supports local physical activity coalitions	<i>Lesley Steinman (ongoing, in-kind)</i> HPRC continues to support listserv; participating in projects as needed
<b>Workplace Health Promotion</b>	
<b>Communities Putting Prevention to Work</b> Funded by Public Health-Seattle & King County to promote healthy eating, physical activity, and tobacco cessation at small worksites with ACS HealthLinks; working with the Puget Sound Health Alliance to improve the health care purchasing environment for small employers	<i>Peggy Hannon (CDC, 7/10-2/12, \$180,000/yr)</i> 47 worksites completed HealthLinks workplace wellness program; completed 22 interviews with employer aggregators and wellness vendors; developed and disseminated tool to assist small employers in purchasing wellness services for employees; analyses complete; final reports submitted to Public Health-Seattle & King County
<b>Community Transformation Grant</b> Funded by the WA DOH as part of their Community Transformation Grant from CDC. HPRC and ACS will (a) deliver HealthLinks to worksites in rural counties in WA State and (b) develop & implement a volunteer delivery model to expand HealthLinks' reach	<i>Peggy Hannon (CDC, 2/12-6/13, \$300,000/yr)</i> HealthLinks materials are under revision; engaging in meetings with ACS and stakeholders in Grays Harbor County to determine worksite and volunteer recruitment
<b>National Dissemination of ACS Workplace Solutions</b> Partner with the American Cancer Society to develop and pilot-test approaches to increasing the dissemination of ACS Workplace Solutions to mid-sized, low-wage workplaces	<i>Peggy Hannon (CDC, 9/09-3/12, \$165,304/yr)</i> Manuscript describing follow-up survey of employers who received ACS Workplace Solutions Assessment being revised for <i>American Journal of Preventive Medicine</i> ; manuscript underway describing results from national survey of mid-sized, low-wage employers assessing current workplace health promotion practices, needs, and barriers
<b>Promoting Employee and Couple Health (PEACH)</b> Develop an approach for and determine the feasibility of including employees' partners as a dissemination strategy for Workplace Solutions	<i>Peggy Hannon (NIH, 7/10-6/12, \$142,000/yr)</i> Manuscript in press describing results of 5 focus groups with mid-sized, low-wage employers; manuscript underway analyzing nationwide employer survey results; developing manuscript describing interviews with 42 couples about behavior and attitudes around workplace health promotion aimed at both employees and partners
<b>WA State Health Care Authority (HCA) Employee Survey</b> Help WA HCA evaluate workforce health, and help several WA state agencies obtain a WA Wellness designation; Conduct an assessment of employee health behaviors, perception of workplace support, and work productivity	<i>Kristen Hammerback (WA DOH, 4/10-6/11, funding ended)</i> Administered baseline health behavior surveys (5,259 paper surveys and 2,873 electronic surveys) to employees from 8 WA state agencies; completion rates were 57% and 44% respectively; submitted final reports; developing manuscripts for publication
<b>Worksite Immunization Project</b> Evaluating the feasibility of increasing worksite adult vaccinations, using key informant interviews, a survey, and a pilot study	<i>Jeff Harris (CDC, 9/09-9/12, 175,000 yr1, \$269,000 yr2, \$250,000 yr3)</i> Published a "letter" in <i>Emerging Infectious Diseases</i> on immunization vendor research; completed in-depth interviews with employers and analyzing data; national phone survey of ~500 employers in field; developed materials /measures for a pilot study with 20 large companies
<b>Other Projects</b>	
<b>Examining Cognitive Impairment on Co-Occurring Chronic Diseases</b> Three-phase study: 1) systematic literature review, 2) data-base inventory, and 3) secondary data analysis based on information from phases 1 and	<i>Snowden, Fitzpatrick (CDC, 9/10-9/13, \$200,00/yr)</i> 1) Lit review screening completed; abstracting articles through May 2012; completed evidence table for mortality outcomes; 2) Contacting DB owners to review inventory; advisory panels will meet March – May 2012
<b>Fire Prevention Evaluation</b> Evaluate a program to increase the number of homes in high-risk neighborhoods with working smoke alarms and provide residents with fire safety info; implemented in 5 cities	<i>Allen Cheadle (CDC, 9/09-12/11, \$200,00/yr)</i> Fire departments completed Community Risk Reduction projects; currently finishing up final report and program brief for submission to CDC at the end of March

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<b>Global Health Systems Strengthening: Partnership Frameworks</b> Examining implementation of Partnership Frameworks, agreements between PEPFAR countries and the US government to reform national level policies to control HIV and TB	<i>Scott Barnhart (CDC 9/11 -9/12, \$217,000 yr)</i> We are holding workshops in eastern and southern Africa in 2012 with country representatives to improve implementation and track progress
<b>Global Health Systems Strengthening: Uganda PEPFAR effects on health system</b> Investigating impact of PEPFAR on delivery of non-HIV health services in Uganda 2005 -2010; partnering with Makerere University and the Ministry of Health	<i>Scott Barnhart (CDC 9/10 -9/12, \$600,000 yr 2)</i> District-level data were collected October through November, 2011, and facility-level data will be collected May through October, 2012, using a team of Ugandan professionals who travel cross-country
<b>Healthy Communities Partnership</b> DOH and the Association of Washington Businesses formed a public/private partnership to promote healthy communities, with a focus on worksites and schools	<i>Jeff Harris, Peggy Hannon, Lydia Andris (CDC, 10/10-2/12, in-kind)</i> In conjunction with the Partnership steering committee, we developed a program funded by the Community Transformation Grant to deliver ACS HealthLinks to mid-sized and small employers in rural WA counties
<b>Institute of Medicine Committee on Living Well with Chronic Disease</b> One-year study, funded by CDC and the Arthritis Foundation, to summarize what's known about preventing further chronic disease among those who are already chronically ill	<i>Jeff Harris (CDC, 1/11-1/12, in-kind)</i> Final meeting was in September 2011; full report was released on-line in January 2012 and will be in print soon
<b>Managing Epilepsy Well (MEW)</b> PRC national thematic research network partners include UW Depts. of Rehabilitation Medicine and Neurology, the Epilepsy Foundation, and Swedish Hospital Neurosciences	<i>Bob Fraser (CDC, 8/09-9/12, \$133,000/yr)</i> Developed a consumer-generated self-management model; recruiting participants for an RCT to evaluate outcomes of self-management intervention; finished 2 (of 6) group intervention trials; finalizing manuscript that compares professional and consumer perspectives
<b>Marketing &amp; Tailoring Hypertension Control via 911 Responders</b> Testing effectiveness of direct mail intervention to increase blood pressure monitoring among high-risk people	<i>Hendrika Meischke (CDC, 9/06-9/10, funding ended)</i> Baseline paper in print in Preventing Chronic Disease, outcome paper in preparation, intervention adapted by King County EMS for patient education at scene by firefighters/EMTs
<b>Mental Health Wellness Project</b> Focused review of interventions suitable for public health networks to promote mental health	<i>Mark Snowden (CDC, 9/09- 9/10, funding ended)</i> Reviewed validation studies on 7 target mental health instruments for potential use in public health practice and research
<b>Native Women's Wellness</b> Testing the efficacy of a culturally tailored Contingency Management intervention to promote cigarette abstinence and weight loss among A/I & A/N women of reproductive age	<i>Dedra Buchwald (CDC, 9/10-9/14, \$275,000/yr)</i> Received approval from the UW IRB and from both clinical project sites and established subcontracts; installing a data mining tool at one clinical site and developing training materials for interventionists
<b>Nutrition &amp; Obesity Policy and Evaluation Research Network (NOPREN)</b> PRC national thematic research network of academic, public health, agriculture, and community stakeholders to plan and conduct research that will inform the policy activities of state and local nutrition and obesity prevention programs	<i>Donna Johnson (CDC, 9/09-9/12, \$70,000/yr)</i> Collecting data for a case study on King County healthy vending guidelines; convening and developing a pilot "concept mapping" project with national colleagues in a new rural food access research workgroup; submitting papers for publication re: a feasibility study of healthy food access policies, a case study of cross-sector advocacy efforts involved in passing 2008 Local Farms Healthy Kids legislation, and the application of policy development theory to local menu labeling policy development
<b>Oregon PRC Research Advisory Committee</b> Advises the Center for Healthy Communities, which is the PRC at Oregon Health & Science University	<i>Jeff Harris (ongoing, in-kind)</i> Attend quarterly meetings
<b>Translating Nutrition Standards for Foods in Schools</b> Analyzing and disseminating effective strategies for school nutrition policies	<i>Donna Johnson (CDC, 2/10-9/11, funding ended)</i> Submitted final draft of guide to CDC 11/27/10; document now in CDC review/clearance process; will provide feedback to CDC as requested
<b>WA Tobacco Program Design and Evaluation Advisory Group</b> Advises on programmatic direction and evaluation activities of the WA DOH Tobacco Prevention and Control Program	<i>Jeff Harris (ongoing, in-kind)</i> Chairing the committee, which held annual meeting in November 2011 to review progress; program suffered 100% cut in state funding from 2008 to 2012