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Public Health PBRN Grantee Meeting • Lexington, KY • 08 April 2013
Reach of Public Health PBRNs

First cohort (December 2008 start-up)
Second cohort (January 2010 start-up)
Affiliate/Emerging PBRNs (2011-13)

New in 2012-13
PBRN funding history:
By the numbers

12 Developmental Awards, 2009-2011
10 Research Implementation Awards (RIAs), 2010-2012
12 Quick Strike Research Fund Awards (QSRFs), 2009-2013
8 Research Acceleration and Capacity Enhancement (RACE) awards, 2011-13
6 Multi-network Practice and Outcome Variation Examination (MPROVE) awards, 2012-13
2 PBRN Junior Investigator Mentored (JIM) awards, 2012-13
?? Delivery and Cost Study (DACS) awards, 2013-14
PBRN Research Trajectory

- Delivery System Organization and Structure
- Practice Variation
- Volume, Intensity, and Quality of Delivery
- Cost of Delivery
- Value and ROI of Public Health
PBRN research production: 
By the numbers 2012-13

21 Journal articles published or in press in 2012-13
- Journal of Public Health Management and Practice
- American Journal of Preventive Medicine
- Public Health Reports
- Frontiers in Public Health Services & Systems Research

72 Scientific presentations at national meetings
- American Public Health Association
- AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting
- American Society for Health Economics
- Keeneland Conference
- NACCHO Annual Meeting
- National Open Forum on QI in Public Health
PBRN research translation:
Invited policy briefings, 2012-13

☑ Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
☑ HHS Assistant Secretary for Health
☑ HHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
☑ Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences
☑ National Institutes of Health, NIDCR
☑ U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
☑ U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
☑ U.S. Congressional Budget Office
☑ U.S. Government Accountability Office
☑ U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration
☑ U.S. Food and Drug Administration
☑ White House Office of Management and Budget
PBRN research translation:
Invited lectures and presentations, 2012-13

**Academic Institutions**
- University of Chicago
- University of Michigan
- University of Alabama-Birmingham
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
- University of Texas Medical Branch
- Wright State University

**State Public Health Association Meetings**
- Arkansas
- Kentucky
- Washington
- Colorado
- Minnesota
- Connecticut
- Ohio
PBRN research:
New dissemination vehicles

**Frontiers in Public Health Services & Systems Research**
- 6 issues
- 32 articles published to date
- >1000 downloads per month
- Publication agreements with AJPM and ARPH

**Re-ACT Podcasts**
- 2 editions produced
- More in production

**Digital Commons research archive**
>27,000 downloads
PBRN research:
Special research projects

✓ Public Health Activities and Services Tracking Study
✓ PBRN Network Analysis
✓ National Longitudinal Study of Public Health Systems
PBRN research: Network Analysis

Network Structure of the Connecticut Public Health PBRN • 2011-12

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**PBRN research:**

**Network Analysis**

Local Health Departments Engaged in Research Implementation & Translation Activities During Past 12 months

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<th>Activity</th>
<th>PBRN Agencies Percent/Mean</th>
<th>National Sample Percent/Mean</th>
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<tr>
<td>Identifying research topics</td>
<td>94.1%</td>
<td>27.5%</td>
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<td>Planning/designing studies</td>
<td>81.6%</td>
<td>15.8%</td>
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<td>Recruitment, data collection &amp; analysis</td>
<td>79.6%</td>
<td>50.3%</td>
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<td>Disseminating study results</td>
<td>84.5%</td>
<td>36.6%</td>
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<td>Applying findings in own organization</td>
<td>87.4%</td>
<td>32.1%</td>
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<td>Helping others apply findings</td>
<td>76.5%</td>
<td>18.0%</td>
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<td>Research implementation composite</td>
<td>84.04 (27.38)</td>
<td>30.20 (31.38)</td>
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<td>N</td>
<td>209</td>
<td>505</td>
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PBRN research:
National Longitudinal Survey of Public Health Systems

Figure 1: Proportion of Public Health Activities Available in the Jurisdiction

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PBRN research: National Longitudinal Survey of Public Health Systems

Delivery of recommended public health activities

% of activities

1998 2006 2012

↑ 10%  ↓ 5%

PBRN research: National Longitudinal Survey of Public Health Systems

Organizations engaged in local public health delivery

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<th>Organization</th>
<th>% Change 2006-2012</th>
<th>Scope of Delivery 2012</th>
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<td>Local health agency</td>
<td>-50%</td>
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<td>Other local government</td>
<td>-30%</td>
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<td>State health agency</td>
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<td>Other state government</td>
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<td>Hospitals</td>
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<td>Physician practices</td>
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<td>Community health centers</td>
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<td>Health insurers</td>
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<td>Employers/business</td>
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<td>Schools</td>
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<td>CBOs</td>
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PBRN research: Networking and Capacity-building

✓ Monthly Virtual Meeting and Research-in-Progress Briefing
✓ Newsletter
✓ On demand technical assistance
✓ Guidance documents
PBRN research:
Guidance documents

☑ Overview of the Public Health PBRN Program
http://works.bepress.com/glen_mays/18/

☑ Leading Improvement through Inquiry: PBRNs in Public Health
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☑ Current Research Projects of the Public Health PBRN Program
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☑ Designing a Successful PBRN in Public Health: Key Concepts
http://works.bepress.com/glen_mays/40/

☑ Start-Up Activities for Public Health PBRNs
http://works.bepress.com/glen_mays/34/

☑ Building a Sustainable Public Health PBRN: Securing Ongoing Funding
http://works.bepress.com/glen_mays/20/

☑ Using PBRN Research to Inform Policy and Practice
http://works.bepress.com/glen_mays/19/

☑ Initial Research and Evaluation Concepts for Public Health PBRNs
http://works.bepress.com/glen_mays/35/

☑ Patterns of Interaction in Public Health PBRNs: Insights from Network Analysis
http://works.bepress.com/glen_mays/46/
PBRN research: Guidance documents

- Expanding Delivery System Research in Public Health Settings: Lessons from Practice-Based Research Networks
  http://works.bepress.com/glen_mays/59/
- Overview of the National Longitudinal Survey of Public Health Systems
  http://works.bepress.com/glen_mays/33/
- Finding Order in Complexity: a Typology of Public Health Delivery Systems
  http://works.bepress.com/glen_mays/39/
The End Game: A “rapid-learning system” in public health

In a learning health care system, research influences practice and practice influences research.

**Evaluate**
Collect data and analyze results to show what does and does not work.

**Implement**
Apply the plan in pilot and control settings.

**Design**
Design care and evaluation based on evidence generated here and elsewhere.

**Adjust**
Use evidence to influence continual improvement.

**Disseminate**
Share results to improve care for everyone.

**Internal and External Scan**
Identify problems and potentially innovative solutions.

For More Information

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