Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to provide you with this annual report of the research and educational activities of the Center for Health Policy and Research (CHPR). We have changed our reporting timeframe to match the calendar year and this report covers a 12-month period from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

This report provides descriptions of the 24 funded research projects housed in the Center. Affiliated with CHPR are 13 Center Associates, including faculty in the Department of Health Management and Policy and other Principal Investigators who use CHPR as their base for research activities. CHPR-based projects provided salary support to an additional 19 Center Affiliates and 19 Graduate Research Assistants. Also listed are other research projects, housed outside CHPR, that support Center Associates. We have listed the 33 publications and 21 presentations during 2007 involving our Center Associates. In addition, we show 26 forthcoming publications for Center Associates.

The Center supports the Department of Health Management and Policy doctoral program and offers weekly educational activities. This annual report lists the Seminar Series, Research Updates, and Methods Workshop presentations during 2007. We also list the 14 publications during 2007 that were co-authored by HMP doctoral students and several that are forthcoming.

As you will see from this report, the CHPR Associates, Affiliates, and Graduate Research Assistants are actively engaged in important work focused on health policy and research issues. We enjoy sharing news of our research and educational activities and hope you find this report interesting.

Sincerely yours,

Marcia M. Ward, Ph.D.
Director
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Samuel Levey, Ph.D.  
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Marcia Ward, Ph.D.  
Fredric Wolinsky, Ph.D.

Department of Health Management and Policy

*Center Associates include faculty in the Department of Health Management and Policy and others who are principal investigators on research projects based in the Center for Health Policy and Research.*
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RESEARCH PROJECTS WITH CHPR ASSOCIATES AS PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

Title: “Upper Midwest Public Health Training Center”
Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration
Principal Investigator: Tanya M Uden-Holman
Direct Funds: $2,802,927
Period of Funding: 2001 - 2011
Description: The goals of this project include: 1) Establish an Upper Midwest Public Health Training Center (UMPHTC) with the states of Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota; 2) Assess the public health workforce and competency needs, assets and educational programming to meet the minority and underserved needs of the four-state region and delineate available resources; 3) Develop a workplan for addressing the identified gaps within the UMPHTC and develop/implement new curricula and training programs; and 4) Evaluate the overall impact of the State’s programs and the Center on an ongoing basis to assure continuous quality improvement.

Title: “Prostate Cancer Geocoding: Ensuring Fitness for Use”
Source: Association of Schools of Public Health
Principal Investigator: Barry R Greene
Key Personnel: Mark Armstrong, Claire Pavlik, Gerard Rushton
Direct Funds: $509,441
Period of Funding: 2003 - 2007
Description: This project focuses on reviewing prostate cancer geocoding issues in relation to the geographical information science principle of “fitness for use”. Key geocoding issues are being identified and discussed in an edited book as well as developing a primer on geocoding for prostate cancer prevention and control activities.

Title: “Rural Iowa Redesign of Care Delivery with EHR Function”
Source: Trinity Health
Principal Investigator: Marcia M Ward
Key Personnel: Douglas Wakefield
Direct Funds: $347,731
Period of Funding: 2004 - 2007
Description: The goal of this project is to evaluate the implementation of an electronic health record and computerized physician order entry system in a rural hospital.
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<td>The objective of this study is to continue annual follow-ups of the 865 surviving members of the original random sample of 998 middle aged African Americans living in two geographic areas of St. Louis, MO. The project focuses on three specific aims: 1) investigate further the timing, antecedents, sequence, and consequences of the disablement process; 2) study recovery from disablement; and 3) examine longitudinally the antecedents and consequences of sarcopenia.</td>
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<td>Goals of this project are to assess the current use of Health Information Technology (HIT) in rural hospitals, evaluate the potential value of HIT system enhancements, and develop a tool to assist rural hospitals when making decisions about investments in HIT system enhancements.</td>
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<td>Description:</td>
<td>This is an in-depth examination of the health and health services use of the 7,447 HRS/AHEAD respondents aged 70 years old or older at baseline, and involves the baseline (1993) and 1995, 1998, 2000, 2002, and 2004 follow-up interviews merged with Medicare claims (since 1988), the National Death Index, and household geocodes.</td>
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<td>Description:</td>
<td>This study provides a unique opportunity to evaluate how implementation of an integrated electronic health record and computerized provider order entry (EHR/CPOE) system using common tools, including decision supports, affects patient care in seven small rural hospitals throughout Mercy Health Network-North Iowa, and on a regional basis with regard to changes in access to medical specialty, pharmacy, and laboratory consultation services.</td>
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<td>Description:</td>
<td>This research examines factors that predict recommendations for care along national standards for youth with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) served in primary care settings, adherence rates, and collaboration with the mental health specialty sector. Finally, this study assesses the causal relationship between guideline-concordant care and collaboration and the impact on psychiatric and medical outcomes.</td>
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<td>Description:</td>
<td>This study examines the potentially adverse outcomes of dual use of both the VHA and Medicare among older male veterans. The overall hypothesis is that dual use increases the risk of being hospitalized for ambulatory care sensitive conditions, and increases the risk of mortality. The presumed etiologic mechanism is the lack of continuously coordinated health care.</td>
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Title: “University of Iowa College of Public Health, Department of Health Management & Policy Doctoral Student Data Analysis Projects for AHRQ Inpatient, Safety and Prevention Quality Reports”
Source: Iowa Healthcare Collaborative
Principal Investigator: Marcia M Ward
Direct Funds: $36,723
Period of Funding: 2006 - 2008
Description: This agreement involves analysis of hospital discharge data to support the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative annual report of hospital performance and website. The project also involves designing, conducting, and analyzing a survey of Iowa hospitals on priority and progress on national patient safety goals and hospital leadership.

Title: “Quality Care on Acute Inpatient Units”
Source: University of California, San Francisco
Principal Investigator: Thomas E Vaughn
Direct Funds: $31,971
Period of Funding: 2006 - 2008
Description: The purpose of this project is to determine the impact of direct care nurse staffing hours measured as recommended by the National Quality Forum (hours per patient day) on patient outcome indicators also recommended by the NQF (failure to rescue, decubitus ulcers, injury from falls, urinary tract infections, central line associated blood stream infections, ventilator associated pneumonias) and to determine the accuracy, availability, variation, and usefulness of those and other indicators of the quality of care.

Title: “Studying Governance in Community Healthcare Systems”
Source: W. K. Kellogg Foundation
Principal Investigator: Lawrence D Prybil
Key Personnel: Alison Amendola
Direct Funds: $237,000
Period of Funding: 2006 - 2008
Description: This study examines governance structures, practices, and culture in a group of non-profit community health systems. It compares the existing structures, practices, and culture to emerging standards (“best practices”) in the nonprofit field.
Title: “Baseline Survey of Governing Boards in Community Healthcare Systems”
Source: Grant Thornton LLP
Principal Investigator: Lawrence D Prybil
Key Personnel: Alison Amendola
Direct Funds: $36,000
Period of Funding: 2006 - 2008
Description: This grant supports a mail survey of the CEOs of 201 nonprofit community health systems. The purpose is to obtain the CEO’s perspectives on the structure, practices, and cultures. This survey supplements and compliments a related project funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Title: “The Development of an EBP Model of Service Delivery for Older Adults with Mental Illnesses”
Source: Iowa Department of Human Services
Principal Investigator: Brian Kaskie
Direct Funds: $72,081
Period of Funding: 2006 - 2008
Description: The goal of this work contract is to initiate a planning process that leads to the development and evaluation of an evidence-based practice for older adults with mental illnesses who present in primary health care settings.

Title: “Iowa Coalition on Mental Health and Aging (4th Phase)”
Source: Iowa Department of Human Services
Principal Investigator: Brian Kaskie
Direct Funds: $111,941
Period of Funding: 2006 - 2008
Description: This project is a continuation of the Iowa Coalition on Mental Health and Aging (ICMHA) efforts. The goal of the contract is to build on the existing efforts of the coalition. This phase continues to include staff support of ICMHA efforts.
Title: “TeamSTEPPSTM Adoption in Action”
Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality
Principal Investigator: Marcia M Ward
Key Personnel: Tim Gutshall, Thomas Vaughn, Kelli Vellinga
Direct Funds: $210,728
Period of Funding: 2006 - 2009
Description: This task order is funded through the AHRQ ACTION network. It’s purpose is to examine the implementation of TeamSTEPPS, a team building approach developed by the Department of Defense, in two community hospitals in Iowa.

Title: “The Development of an EBP Model of Service Delivery for Older Adults with Mental Illnesses”
Source: Iowa Department of Human Services
Principal Investigator: Brian Kaskie
Direct Funds: $29,975
Period of Funding: 2007 - 2008
Description: This project is a continuation of a previous award. The goal of this work contract is to initiate a planning process that leads to the development and evaluation of an evidence-based practice for older adults with mental illnesses who present in primary health care settings.

Title: “Evaluation of Multi-Dimensional Treatment Foster Care”
Source: Tanager Place
Principal Investigator: Rachel L Anderson
Direct Funds: $3,704
Period of Funding: 2007 - 2008
Description: This project evaluates Multi-Dimensional Treatment (MDT) Foster Care. Evaluation components include clinical, social and environmental outcomes of children and their families, the quantity and quality of out-of-home placements, MDT family foster care retention and satisfaction, and mental health service utilization.
Title: “Division of Mental Health and Disability Services--Technical Assistance: Policy Briefs & Data Analysis”
Source: Iowa Department of Human Services
Principal Investigator: Rachel L Anderson
Direct Funds: $100,000
Period of Funding: 2007 - 2008
Description: This project involves participation in the re-design of the children’s mental health system in Iowa by steering committee membership, conducting data analyses relative to current trends in service delivery, and the development of a white paper on the history of Iowa’s mental health system since the implementation of managed behavioral health care.

Title: “Research on Drug Exposed Newborns”
Source: Horizons - A Family Service Alliance
Principal Investigator: Rachel L Anderson
Direct Funds: $16,614
Period of Funding: 2007 - 2008
Description: The purpose of this research is to examine the level of adherence to a voluntary protocol that offered case management for drug exposed newborns and their families during the first year of life through the collaboration of health, educational, and social service agencies. This study also examines factors that predicted adherence to the protocol for infants and their families. Finally, this study examines whether participation in the protocol led to increased clinical and socio-environmental outcomes over the course of one year.

Title: “Continuity of Care and Health Outcomes: Does It Really Matter?”
Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, National Institutes of Health
Principal Investigator: Frederic D Wolinsky
Key Personnel: Michael Jones, Gary Rosenthal, Robert Wallace
Direct Funds: $225,500
Period of Funding: 2007 - 2009
Description: This is a secondary analysis of the Survey of Assets and Health Dynamics Among the Oldest Old (AHEAD) to determine whether continuity of care with a physician has beneficial effects on health status trajectories, the risk of being hospitalized for ambulatory care sensitive conditions, and mortality.
Title: “Reducing Hospital Associated Infection (HAI)”
Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality
Principal Investigator: Marcia M Ward
Key Personnel: Loreen Herwaldt, Marita Titler
Direct Funds: $268,737
Period of Funding: 2007 - 2009
Description: This task order is funded through the AHRQ ACTION network. It involves disseminating a set of tools to reduce hospital associated infections (HAI) to hospitals throughout Iowa. The project team is working with the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative’s HAI Initiative to disseminate the tools to infection control professionals throughout the state as part of an Associate Intervention Group. More intensive collaboration will occur with the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics and several other hospitals who will participate in an Intensive Intervention Group.

Title: “Activate Iowa: Connecting Resources to Enhance the Health and Wellness of Iowans”
Source: Wellmark Foundation
Principal Investigator: Tanya M Uden-Holman
Direct Funds: $10,000
Period of Funding: 2007 - 2010
Description: The project goals include: 1) Improve the health of Iowa’s communities through citizen-focused educational programs; 2) Identify grass-roots resources to enhance and benefit community-based initiatives; and 3) Promote a collaborative, linked and sustained approach based on a three-year commitment.

Title: “Strengthening WIC Nutrition Assessment Skills: Establishing a Competency-to-Training Framework in a Learning Management System”
Source: Iowa Department of Public Health
Principal Investigator: Tanya M Uden-Holman
Direct Funds: $78,985
Period of Funding: 2007 - 2010
Description: This project incorporates Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition assessment competencies and related training activities into an existing online learning management system. Nutrition assessment competency areas will also undergo extensive validity testing. This online system compliments the traditional training methods currently used by the Iowa WIC Program. The training system with a blended training approach will maximize limited training resources at the state and local levels.
OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS SUPPORTING CHPR ASSOCIATES

Title: “Hygienic Laboratory Funding”
Source: Iowa Department of Public Health
Principal Investigator: Christopher Atchison
Direct Funds: $11,898,379
Period of Funding: 1993 - 2007

Title: “Improving the Health of Rural Iowans through Nutrition and Exercise”
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Principal Investigator: John Lowe
Center Investigator: John Schneider
Direct funds: $1,357,379
Period of funding: 2002 - 2009

Title: “Public Health Preparedness and Response to Bioterrorism”
Source: Iowa Department of Public Health
Principal Investigator: Christopher Atchison
Direct Funds: $276,605
Period of Funding: 2003 – 2010

Title: “VA IPA for Tanya Uden-Holman: Center for Research in the Implementation of Innovative Strategies in Practices (CRIISP)”
Source: US Department of Veterans Affairs, Iowa City Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Principal Investigator: Tanya Uden-Holman
Direct Funds: $12,400
Period of Funding: 2004 - 2007

Title: “Center for Research in the Implementation of Innovative Strategies in Practice (CRIISP)”
Source: US Department of Veterans Affairs, Iowa City Veterans Affairs Medical Center
Principal Investigator: Gary Rosenthal
Center Investigators: John Schneider, Thomas Vaughn, Marcia Ward, Fredric Wolinsky
Direct funds: $3,600,000
Period of funding: 2004 - 2009
Title: “Gerontological Nursing Interventions Research Center”
Source: National Institutes of Health
Principal Investigator: Toni Tripp-Reimer
Center Investigator: Fredric Wolinsky
Direct funds: $1,592,741
Period of funding: 2004 – 2009

Title: “Upper Midwest Center for Public Health Preparedness”
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Principal Investigator: Christopher Atchison
Center Investigators: Barry Greene, Tanya Uden-Holman
Direct funds: $5,016,614
Period of funding: 2004 – 2009

Title: “Promoting Health and Reducing Obesity in Children: A Community-Based Planning Project in Iowa”
Source: W.K. Kellogg Foundation
Principal Investigator: Linda Snetselaar
Center Investigator: Lawrence Prybil
Direct Funds: $199,997
Period of Funding: 2006 – 2007

Title: “Foundational Public Health Nursing Training”
Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources & Services Administration
Principal Investigator: Christopher Atchison
Direct Funds: $23,148
Period of Funding: 2006 – 2007
PUBLICATIONS BY CHPR ASSOCIATES


FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS BY CHPR ASSOCIATES


Anderson RL. Finding the balance in evolving service sectors for rural youth with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders: The role of measurement and policy in matching treatment need to service delivery. Residential Treatment for Children and Adolescents. In press.


Greene BR. Ambulatory care and the six aims of the IOM report. Special Issue Journal of Ambulatory Care Management, In press.


Imhof S and Kaskie B. How can we make the pain go away? Public policies to manage pain at the end of life. The Gerontologist, In press.


Kaskie B, Imhof S, Wyatt M. Local Medicare policies: Pathways to providing mental health services to older adults. Psychological Services, In press.


HMP PhD STUDENT PUBLICATIONS


**FORTHCOMING HMP PhD STUDENT PUBLICATIONS**


PRESENTATIONS BY CHPR ASSOCIATES

Anderson RL. The state of children’s mental health in Iowa: Plans for change. Board of Directors, Tanager Place, Cedar Rapids, IA, February 2007.

Anderson RL. The state of the state in the transformation of mental health service delivery in Iowa. National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Iowa City, IA, April 2007.

Anderson RL. Bridging the mental health and educational sectors to increase identification of, access to, and quality of care for youth and families with serious emotional disturbances. Presented to Johnson County School Counselors, April 2007.

Anderson RL. Assessment of a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of drug exposed newborns and their families. Linn County Empowerment Board, September 2007.


Prybil LD. Key to effective hospital and health system governance. Iowa Hospital Association Annual Governance Forum, Des Moines, IA, 2007.

Prybil LD. A practical look at the successful use of “Balanced Scorecards”. Iowa Health System Rural Hospitals, Teleconference, 2007.


Vaughn TE. Clinical supervision: A snapshot from a national survey of U.S. outpatient substance abuse clinics. CPDD 69th Annual Scientific Meeting, Quebec City, Canada, June 2007.


## INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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<td>Roger Feldman, PhD Blue Cross Professor of Health Insurance, Professor of Economics</td>
<td>Consumer Directed Health Plans and Their Role in Healthcare Reform</td>
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<td>April 13, 2007</td>
<td>William D. Petasnick President and CEO Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital</td>
<td>Improving America’s Health: Framing the National Effort to Achieve It</td>
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<td>Anne Elixhauser, PhD Senior Research Scientist Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality</td>
<td>The Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project: Data and Tools to Support Health Services</td>
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<td>Gloria Bazzoli, PhD Professor of Health Administration Virginia Commonwealth University</td>
<td>The Effect of Financial Pressure on the Hospital Safety Net</td>
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<td>October 5, 2007</td>
<td>Yang Xie, PhD Assistant Professor College of Pharmacy University of Iowa</td>
<td>Procedures for Estimating Volume-Outcome Relationships: The Case of Coronary Angioplasty</td>
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<td>October 26, 2007</td>
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<td>Applying the Massachusetts Model for Universal Coverage in Other States: Methodological and Cost Considerations</td>
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<td>November 9, 2007</td>
<td>Baoping Shang, PhD Postdoctoral Fellow in Health Economics National Bureau of Economics Research RAND Health</td>
<td>Prescription Drug Coverage and Elderly Medicare Spending</td>
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<td>November 16, 2007</td>
<td>George Wehby, PhD Assistant Research Scientist Department of Pediatrics University of Iowa</td>
<td>Identifying Behavioral, Healthcare, and Socioeconomic Determinants and Impacts of Birth and Child Health Outcomes</td>
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<td>November 27, 2007</td>
<td>Joseph Sabia, PhD Assistant Professor Department of Housing &amp; Consumer Economics University of Georgia</td>
<td>Reading, Writing, and Sex: The Effect of Delaying Intercourse on Educational Attainment</td>
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| November 30, 2007  | Zhou Yang, PhD Assistant Professor  
Department of Health Services Research, Management and Policy  
University of Florida | Is Being Overweight a Big Deal? Body Mass Index and Health Dynamics of Elderly Americans |
| December 7, 2007   | Dana Mukamel, PhD Professor  
Department of Medicine  
University of California-Irvine | Quality Report Cards: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly                                  |
| December 12, 2007  | David Frisvold, PhD Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research  
Department of Health Management and Policy  
University of Michigan | Expanding Exposure: Can Increasing the Daily Duration of Head Start Reduce Childhood Obesity? |
## RESEARCH UPDATES and METHODS WORKSHOPS

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