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## **PBRN Week in Review | April 30, 2010**

*PBRN Grantees: Please circulate relevant information to your network members.* To request additional information or make suggestions for future items, please contact the National Coordinating Center at [publichealthpbrn@uams.edu](mailto:publichealthpbrn@uams.edu) or 501-551-0106. Newsletter archives are available [here](#).

### **Notable PBRN Activities**

- ◆ **Public Health Systems and Services Research: Current State of the Field** was the April 27th “hot topic” of UWA Northwest Center for Public Health Practice Hot Topics Webinar on Public Health Practice. Glen Mays (NCC) presented an overview of PHSSR, including the development of PBRNs, current research projects and how future research may be shaped by provisions in health care reform legislation. [Link to archived presentation.](#)

### **Activities on the Horizon**

- ◆ **Association of State and Territorial Health Officials: Annual CFO Conference** in Arlington, Virginia on May 11, Glen Mays will present on research to document return-on-investment in public health. And then, on to visit PBRN colleagues in Ohio...
- ◆ **Ohio Public Health Combined Conference** in Columbus – May 12, 2010. Mays will lead a session on the development and future of public health PBRNs at this annual meeting of the state’s public health professionals’ organizations. The **Ohio PBRN** will take advantage of this opportunity to showcase practice-based research and continue developing statewide participation in the network.
- ◆ **AcademyHealth Annual Research Meeting (ARM)** in Boston, June 27-29. Registration open until June 22. [Link to AcademyHealth website.](#)
- ◆ **AcademyHealth Methods Seminars:** [Link to more information](#)
  - Friday June 25, 1:00-7:30 p.m.
    - Qualitative Analysis
  - Saturday, June 26, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
    - Measurement Techniques and Perspectives on Quality Improvement
    - Pragmatic Trials in Comparative Effectiveness Research:
    - Propensity Score Analysis
- ◆ **AcademyHealth Public Health Systems Research Interest Group** meets June 29-30. To register and read more about this RWJF-sponsored meeting, [click here.](#)

- ◆ **NACCHO Annual Meeting** in Memphis, Tennessee, July 14-16, 2010. Lee Thielen (CO PBRN) and Glen Mays were invited to present on practice-based research. The abstract submitted by representatives of the Round II PBRNs was selected for the first-ever research track. [Link to more information.](#)

## Related Research and Practice Activities

### NEW REPORTS

- ◆ **Healthy Communities, Obesity Prevention and the Law.** Public Health PBRNs interested in how states may be using laws to address obesity will find helpful this research report from the National Conference of State Legislatures. Funded by RWJF, [Promoting Healthy Communities and Preventing Childhood Obesity: Trends in Recent Legislation](#) provides an overview of a wide variety of state legislation enacted in 2009.

### NEW LITERATURE

- ◆ **Typology of Public Health Delivery Systems.** Available in the March 2010 issue of *Milbank Quarterly* are results of recent work by Mays, Scutchfield, Bhandari and Smith to test a method for classifying and comparing public health delivery systems based on organizational structure. [Link to abstract](#) of “Understanding the Organization of Public Health Delivery Systems: An Empirical Typology.”
- ◆ **Public Health Labs.** A supplement to the May/June 2010 *Public Health Reports* entitled “Public Health Laboratories” features a broad range of topics related to our laboratory system. A critical, too often overlooked component of the public health system, the labs at various levels may make great network partners to PBRNs. [Link to supplement.](#)

## Upcoming Key Dates

**May 11:** Round I PBRN Monthly Conference Call | 11:30-12:30 ET

**May 20:** Round II PBRN Monthly Conference Call | 1:00-2:30 ET

**Next Issue:** Week of May 7, 2010



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