

TheChangemakers

News and updates from the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment

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Last Call! Deadline Approaching for Policy, Systems or Environmental Change Stage 1 Proposals



The June 1 submission deadline is quickly approaching for AHW's most recent RFP seeking proposals that address a Policy, Systems or Environmental Change that improves the health of Wisconsin residents. Applicants are encouraged to contact Program Officer Maureen Busalacchi in advance of the deadline to discuss proposal ideas and request assistance in identifying an eligible partner if necessary.

[RFP Details](#) | [Download Full RFP](#)

Changemaking In the News

AHW funded partners are making news with new work and projects underway statewide.

Milwaukee: Identifying solutions to eviction through the launch of a collaborative process
[Fox6 News](#), [WUWM Radio](#), [Milwaukee Independent](#)

Racine County: Building community partnerships to support social emotional health of students
[The Journal Times](#)

Monroe and Vernon Counties: Supporting access to child care
[The Westby Times](#)

Milwaukee: Growing healthy soil for healthy communities announces soil testing availability
[Urban Milwaukee](#)

Statewide: Fostering Futures promotes trauma-informed care
[CBS58](#)

Statewide: Wisconsin Health Literacy develops patient-centered prescription medication

A screenshot of the WUWM 89.7 Milwaukee's NPR website. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, News, Lake Effect, Programs, Schedule, About WUWM, and Connect. Below the navigation is a play button icon with the text "Listen Live - WUWM Here and Now". The main content area features a photograph of three people in a room, with a man speaking at a podium. Below the photo is the headline "Grant Aims to Help Milwaukee Bring Down Eviction Numbers" and a sub-headline "Community leaders are hoping a \$10,000 grant will help Milwaukee get its arms around the ongoing issue of eviction. The money will go toward developing a long-term plan to keep people in their homes."

Conversations with Scientists Videos Available

Thank you to everyone who attended Conversations with Scientists | Precision Medicine: Own Your Own Genome this spring!

If you missed it, or would like to share what you learned with others, you can view recordings and download presentation materials on our [website](#).

Join us again in the fall when Conversations with Scientists returns with another exciting series! Stay tuned for details.



Healthiest State Summit Issues Call for Abstracts



On September 20-21, the Wisconsin Healthiest State Summit will build on the foundation of the Prevention Conference, which set the stage for cross-cutting skill development of public health leaders and coalitions, and aims to advance shared action on conditions that advance health

equity and community well-being. The summit is an effort of the Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) Group at the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.

The Healthiest State Summit advisory committee is accepting Spotlight abstracts for consideration. [Click here to learn more and to submit your abstract](#). The deadline for submissions is June 1, 2018.

Thank you for your Input!

Thank you to all partners who responded to AHW's call for input into our next Five-Year Plan. Nearly 300 responses are currently being compiled, and will be used as valuable input into how we will engage with partners and the ways we will invest in projects to improve the health of people across Wisconsin. We look forward to sharing more with you on AHW's 2019-2023 Five-Year Plan in the near future.

Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute Recruiting for 2018-2019 Community Teams Program

The [Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute \(HWLI\)](#) is recruiting in the Southeastern region of the state for its 2018-2019 [Community Teams Program](#), which supports coalitions and collaboratives working on community health improvement efforts. This year-long cohort program focuses on building sustainable community partnerships through the development of collaborative leadership and public health skills. Program activities include three workshops, three capacity-building site visits, and ongoing technical assistance from staff and consultants. HWLI staff work with teams to ensure that collaborative leadership and public health skill building is responsive to individual and community needs to advance health improvement efforts.

Please see the following links for more information:

- [Community Teams Program Overview](#)
- [2018-2019 Community Teams Program Application](#) (due on July 13)

HWLI will be hosting three virtual informational sessions about the Community Teams Program

on the following dates:

- Thursday, May 31 from 12:00PM - 1:00PM - <https://zoom.us/j/187233517>
- Tuesday, June 12 from 2:00PM - 3:00PM - <https://zoom.us/j/912745497>
- Friday, June 22 from 10:00AM - 11:00AM - <https://zoom.us/j/449518124>

Details about these sessions can be found on [the HWLI website](#).

If you have questions, please reach out to Salma Abadin with the Healthy Wisconsin Leadership Institute at abadin@wisc.edu or (414) 520-1951. HWLI staff are happy to connect directly with potential applicants to talk more about the program and to answer questions.

Five Questions...

As Program Director for AHW's Research and Education Program, Erin Fabian works with the MCW Research and Education Advisory Committee to provide leadership for AHW's many research and education initiatives.



How did you first get involved in community health?

I began my career in community health as a grants development specialist with the Children's Research Institute (part of Children's Hospital of Wisconsin). There, I became inspired by the innovative medical research and programming that was being developed to improve the quality of life for children. In fact, I frequently worked with investigators and community partners to submit funding proposals to AHW. Ten years later, I now have the privilege of working for AHW to help create conditions that will better enable our partners in research and the community to make a transformative impact on health improvement.

What does changemaking mean to you?

In 1988, the Institute of Medicine (now, the National Academy of Medicine) defined public health as "what we as a society do collectively to assure the conditions in which people can be healthy." To me, any efforts undertaken to create these conditions is changemaking work.

From your perspective, why is it so hard to move the needle on health?

Health is such an all-encompassing issue that improving it is often compared to "boiling the ocean." Scientists generally recognize five determinants of health of a population - biology and genetics, individual behavior, social environment, physical environment, and health services. To focus on any one of these health factors is a monumental task, let alone addressing the differences and variations within a factor, or how the factors cumulatively affect health. I am grateful to be able to partner with scientists and community health experts who are dedicated to boiling this ocean!

What do you wish other people knew about your work?

As part of the transition from grantmaker to changemaker, AHW shifted its philanthropic approach from a conventional one (where strategy is determined by asking who to fund and how much to fund) to a catalytic one (where strategy is determined by asking what conditions will lead to measurable impact). This approach requires much more engagement with our partners than a conventional funder/fundee relationship. Together, we seek to identify gaps in needed conditions, and engage with multisector/multidisciplinary groups to develop solutions to close the gaps.

What are you reading currently?

I have a one-year-old son, so my literary adventures typically involve Elmo, Goodnight Moon, and Llama Llama. However, I recently received a copy of [Poverty and the Myths of Health Care Reform](#) by Richard (Buzz) Cooper, MD, (Buzz) Cooper, MD (a former Dean of MCW!), which I am very excited to start.

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