

Spring will be here officially this week and school nurses are busy preparing for field trips, catching up on screenings, and continuing their important health coverage for students. There are many opportunities available to school nurses in the upcoming months. Please review the information below:

Wisconsin Association of School Nurses Spring Conference: April 22-24th, Madison

Plan now to attend the WASN conference—don't be isolated in your practice! All school nurses are invited to attend.

<http://pulse.wisconsinnurses.org/wna/education/conferences/wasn>

Also—during the conference---School Nurses,

*Please join us for the **annual meeting of the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses at 4:00 p.m. on 4/23rd at the Concourse Hotel.** Both members and nonmembers are welcome! (Non-members will not be able to vote.) The agenda is attached and you can see the rest of the meeting documents at our website by this Friday at: <http://wischoolnurses.org/> Hope to see you all there!! The board meeting will be followed by the **Award Ceremony and Hors D'oeuvres and Beverages.** If you know of other retiring school nurses, please let Rachel know!*

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Data Collection for 2013-14 to be Celebrated at WASN Conference!

The Wisconsin School Health Services Report for 2013-14 (last year's data) closed on December 31, 2014, using the former data collection survey. Districts can continue to collect more detailed information for their own district use, but the WI Department of Public Instruction will not be using that report any longer. The Wisconsin Association of School Nurses will be honoring the following districts for participating in the DPI 2013-2014 data collection at the WASN Spring Conference in April. Thank you for your efforts!! For the districts listed below, any conference attendee coming from one of these districts, is invited to attend the WASN sponsored **Data Champ** breakfast on Friday, April 24th:



1. Almond-Bancroft School District
2. Appleton Area School District
3. Arrowhead Union High School
4. Ashland School District
5. Barneveld School District
6. Barron Area School District
7. Bayfield School District
8. Beaver Dam Unified School District
9. Beloit School District
10. Beloit Turner School District

11. Berlin Area School District
12. Black River Falls School District
13. Brown Deer School District
14. Burlington Area School District
15. Clintonville Public Schools
16. Columbus School District
17. Crivitz School District
18. Cumberland School District
19. Dover #1 Kansasville Graded School
20. Elkhorn Area School District
21. Elmwood School District
22. Fond du Lac School District
23. Fort Atkinson School District
24. Glenwood City School District
25. Grafton School District
26. Green Bay Area Public Schools
27. Greendale School District
28. Hamilton School District
29. Holmen School District
30. Janesville School District
31. Jefferson School District
32. Kiel Area School District
33. Kimberly Area School District
34. La Crosse School District
35. Lake Mills Area School District
36. Lakeland Union High School
37. Madison Metropolitan Schools Dist.
38. Markesan District Schools
39. Medford Area Public School District
40. Menominee Indian School District
41. Menomonie Area School District
42. Mequon-Thiensville School District
43. Milwaukee Public Schools
44. Mondovi School District
45. Neenah Joint School District
46. Nekoosa School District
47. New Richmond School District
48. Oconto Unified School District
49. Oostburg School District
50. Oregon School District
51. Portage Community School District
52. Randall Consolidated School District
53. Raymond #14 School District
54. Rhinelander School District
55. Rice Lake Area School District
56. Richland Center School District
57. Ripon Area School District
58. River Valley School District
59. Sauk Prairie School District
60. Shawano School District

- 61. Sheboygan Area School District
- 62. Shiocton School District
- 63. Shorewood School District
- 64. Silver Lake JT 1 School District
- 65. South Milwaukee School District
- 66. Spooner Area School District
- 67. Saint Francis School District
- 68. Stevens Point Area Public School District
- 69. Stoughton Area School District
- 70. Sun Prairie Area School District
- 71. Superior School District
- 72. Union Grove Elementary J1
- 73. Union Grove Unified High School
- 74. Viroqua Area Schools
- 75. Waterloo School District
- 76. Wausau School District
- 77. Wauwatosa School District
- 78. West Allis-West Milwaukee
- 79. Westosha Central High School
- 80. Weyauwega-Fremont School District
- 81. Wheatland J1 School District
- 82. Whitefish Bay School District
- 83. Whitewater Unified School District
- 84. Wilmot Union High School
- 85. Wisconsin Dells School District
- 86. Wisconsin Heights School District
- 87. Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools
- 88. Yorkville J2 School District

2014-2015 Data Collection Tool Open:

The school nurse [data entry site \(https://forms.dpi.wi.gov/se.ashx?s=56301B2D3E0B65C3\)](https://forms.dpi.wi.gov/se.ashx?s=56301B2D3E0B65C3) is now open for the 2014-2015 Wisconsin School Health Services Report. The reporting deadline is June 19th, 2015—so start working on how you will best pull the data that you have, and how you will enter it into the needed tool. A template of the actual data entry pages as they will look in the program can be found at http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov/sspw_sndata In some areas of the state, groups of school nurses are getting together to share their expertise in their student information systems. Learning the capabilities of your system takes discussion with your district technology manager—some school nurses are finding out that they have had access to all sorts of reporting tools, but have not been shown how to use them. Network with your other area school nurses to help each other out.

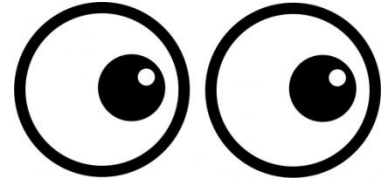
Prevent Blindness:

**April 22 3:30-5:30PM Vision Training Session (see attached)
5:30-7:00PM Q & A on vision training and refreshments!!**

Concourse Hotel, Madison, WI Room 629

(see attached invite and special registration)

Please Contact Kelly@preventblindnesswisconsin.org to register.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SCHOOL NURSE SUMMER INSTITUTE:

The School Nurse Summer Institute this August will offer SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment) Training. The Institute will be held August 5-6th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, in Madison. Registration will open soon. Cost will be \$50 for early bird registrations, and \$70 after the middle of July. Although the focus will be on how school nurses can improve their interactions with students through use of SBIRT, other school staff are welcome to attend. More details can be found at: http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov/sspw_sndevelopment.

Controlling Bed Bugs in School Environments: March 19th 1:00-2:30 CT

To register now, please visit the following link:

https://epa.connectsolutions.com/bedbugs_ipm/event/registration.html

Environmental Management & Protection Specialist
US EPA, Center of Expertise in School IPM
1445 Ross Ave, Dallas, TX 75202

For questions, contact:

Anderson.marcia@epa.gov

Phone: 214-665-6679



Why Do They Act That Way?

A Workshop for Professionals Who Work With People With Addictions

Friday, April 17, 2015

8:15 AM – 9:00 AM (Registration & Continental Breakfast)

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Presentation and Lunch)

Neshkoro Community Center (Enter Door #6)

Corner of E. Park St. and Hwy 73

Neshkoro, WI 54982

(see attached)

Pre-registration is required. Please return the registration form with the **\$20.00** non-refundable registration fee (made out to Waushara Prevention Council) to: Mary LaBlanc, PO Box 686, Wautoma, WI 54982. Registration must be received by **April 10, 2015**. Email questions to:

marykayl.parkstreet@co.waushara.wi.us

NASP Summer Institute

The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) is holding their Summer Institute in Milwaukee, July 6-8, 2015. There is a rich agenda, with a number of sessions dealing with issues of concern to pupil services providers and special educators. The agenda can be found at <http://www.nasponline.org/conventions/summer-conferences/WI/sessions.aspx>. Several Wisconsin experts will be presenting, along with national crisis and mental health experts Melissa Reeves and Steve Brock (NASP president). If you have completed a PREPaRE workshop in the past and are interested in becoming a PREPaRE trainer, there will be a Training of Trainers session for both PREPaRE workshops 1 & 2. Registration is open now at <http://www.nasponline.org/conventions/summer-conferences/WI/index.aspx>.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



DeForest School Nurse Needed:

This is a full-time position with full benefits. Qualified applicants must possess a 4-year Bachelors of Science Nursing degree, have a current State of Wisconsin Department of Regulations registered nurse license, have knowledge of basic emergency care, experience in child health care, valid driver's license, ability to develop positive relations with students, staff, and community, and must maintain annual certification in CPR. <http://services.education.wisc.edu/wecan/pub/vacancy.cfm?ID=72873>

Please fill out an application on WECAN: <https://services.education.wisc.edu/wecan>

For questions contact Barb Buffington:

bbuffington@deforestschoools.org

Camp Nurses Needed:

Camp nurses are needed all across the country. All of the camps are traditional (“healthy kids”) camps. If you are available or know someone who may be, please let me know asap. I look forward to talking to you soon!

If interested, please contact Rick at:

Rick Whisenhunt
rick@whizresources.com
WhizResources
214-709-5559
www.whizresources.com



CAMP CHI
SUMMER NURSE POSITIONS

POSITION: **Overnight Camp Nurses Needed (Summer 2015)**
4 week positions from July 19th – August 14th

GENERAL INFO: Co-ed overnight camp serving 4th–11th grades. Set on 600 wooded acres in the Wisconsin Dells, Chi offers the great facilities and programs.

DUTIES: Registered are needed to provide health care and TLC. Chi's Health Center is air-conditioned and staffed by 7 nurses who rotate shifts throughout the day and into the night. Nurse responsibilities include ensuring that campers and staff receive appropriate medical attention, organize and dispense medications, provide first aid and communicate with parents. A Camp physician is also on staff.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be a licensed RN. Previous experience as a nurse is preferred, must obtain Wi. Licensure – Camp Chi covers the cost.

COMPENSATION: We offer a competitive camp salary and great perks, including modern staff housing, free camp for children or childcare for younger children.

TO APPLY: Complete the online application found at www.campchi.com

CONTACT: *Contact Ron Levin at (847) 763-3555 for further information.*

Project Manager - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation State Implementation Program Grant (March 20th deadline)

The Wisconsin Center for Nursing, Inc. is seeking qualified applicants as Project Manager for Round 2 of funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation® (RWJF).

The grant is managed at the national level by the Future of Nursing™ Campaign for Action, and locally by the Wisconsin Center for Nursing, Milwaukee, a not for profit organization dedicated to ensuring an adequate, competent & diverse nursing workforce for Wisconsin. The successful candidate for this position will be an employee of the Wisconsin Center for Nursing. This key leadership position will provide planning, implementation and evaluation for Round 2 of this RWJF funding, *Wisconsin Nursing LEADs the PACC (Partnerships in Action for Community Care)*. This is a limited term employee position lasting the length of the grant cycle from 2/1/15-1/31/17.

The successful candidate will manage all elements of the workplan and coordinate project activities and reporting necessary to ensure grant deliverables. This .6FTE position (24 hrs/week) will have flexible hours and the ability to work remotely. Some reimbursed in-state travel will be required. The position is responsible to the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Center for Nursing, Inc. The project is designed to further advance the recommendations of the IOM Report, "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health," in Wisconsin, which include, nursing leadership development, academic progression and enhancing diversity in the profession.

Compensation: \$48,000 per year

Responsibilities:

Develop employer/educator partnerships in Southeast WI for model to advance nursing competencies in key practice areas

Facilitate & lead grant work groups & committees to accomplish grant products

Facilitate research, various surveys related to academic progression, diversity, pilot programs as outlined in grant workplan.

Assist in preparing training materials related to nurses on boards

Create mentor repository for nurses on boards

Develop media campaign for advancing nursing profession in areas of education, leadership & diversity

Prepare large scale reports, grant products as directed

Other duties as assigned to accomplish grant deliverables

Qualifications:

Bachelor of Science in Nursing preferred

Master's Degree in Nursing, or other applicable graduate degree preferred

Other candidates with strong qualifications in grant management or research will also be considered

Key skills:

1) Successful project and/or grant management experience

2) Demonstrated ability in collaborative leadership, partnership development, and group facilitation

3) Research, data collection and/or outcomes measurement experience

4) Exceptional oral and written communication skills

Other information:

It is expected that the Project Manager will attend various national conferences of the Future of Nursing™ Campaign for Nursing, as required by RWJF, and will be supported with grant funding. For further information about the position call [414-801-6877](tel:414-801-6877)

How to apply:

Send letter of interest & resume via email to Judith Hansen, Executive Director, Wisconsin Center for Nursing, Inc. judi@wicenterfornursing.org by **March 20, 2015**.

RESOURCES

School Nurse Resources Available:

Children spend most of their waking hours in school, which means that school nurses and teachers are on the front lines in the battle to keep kids healthy. In order to help nurses and teachers combat misinformation about children's safety and health, the team at RNtoBSN.org has created an online guide that includes:

- * More than 15 pages of health and safety illustrations. Formatted as a PDF, it is free to download.
- * Treatment information for ailments from allergies to concussions.
- * Basic personal hygiene information.
- * Strategies for keeping children healthy.

The guide can be found here: <http://www.rntobsn.org/resources/school-nurses-guide-to-kids-health-and-safety/>. OR http://www.rntobsn.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/RNtoBSN_SchoolNursesGuidetoKidsHealthandSafety_VisualCompanionGuide.pdf

For questions contact: RNtoBSN.org (www.rntobsn.org)

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Measles information:

<http://www.cdc.gov/measles/cases-outbreaks.html>

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/measles.htm>

http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov/sspw_snmeasles

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“Now is the Time” grants:

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services, is accepting applications for “Now is the Time” Project AWARE-Community grants. The purpose of this program is to support the training of teachers and a broad array of others who interact with youth through their programs at the community level, including parents, law enforcement, faith-based leaders, and other adults, in Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA). Implementation intended to increase the mental health literacy among youth-serving adults, policy-makers, and administrators of programs serving youth.

More information is available at <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-15-012>. Applications are due May 1.

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The [Wisconsin School Health Profiles](#) for 2014 are now available on the Department of Public Instruction's website!

The Profiles use questionnaires developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health to monitor and assess characteristics of:

- school health education
- physical education and physical activity
- school health policies related to HIV infection/AIDS
- tobacco-use prevention
- bullying and sexual harassment
- nutrition
- health services
- school health coordination
- family and community involvement in school health programs

The 2014 School Health Profiles are representative of all regular public schools and charter schools in Wisconsin having at least one of grades 6 through 12.

For questions, contact:

Emily S. Holder, MA, CHES

Consultant- HIV Prevention and School Age Parents Grant Program (InSPIRE)

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F:608/266-3643

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New AAP Policy Statement: Snacks, Sweetened Beverages, Added Sugars, and Schools

See link to new statement: <http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/135/3/575.full.pdf>

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Prevent Blindness Wisconsin Wants to Know Your Numbers!!

Support Prevent Blindness and the services that they offer--report your numbers and your stories to Prevent Blindness today!

[\(see attached\)](#)

For questions contact Tami Radwill at Tami@preventblindnesswisconsin.org

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Making Our Communities Healthy Places to Live, Learn, Work, and Play

Health is everyone's business. It enhances our individual quality of life and it impacts educational attainment, work site productivity and costs, and the economy in general. Maintaining and improving health status can have a significant impact on a community.

Many organizations have processes for assessing and addressing the health of their community. Those processes may be called different things – Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) or Community Health Improvement Plans and Processes (CHIPP), for example– but they share the same goal: making the community a healthy place to live, learn, work, and play.

The Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB) invites you to explore our community health improvement resources, intended for all community members and organizations working to address health issues.

Click here to go to the website or read further information in the attached CHIPP document:

<http://www.walhdab.org/?customsitehome>

03-18-2015

Wisconsin Association of School Nursing
Annual Business Meeting
April 22, 2015 from 4:00 PM
Concourse Hotel, 1 West Dayton St., Madison, WI
(608) 257-6000
AGENDA

Call to Order

- I. Welcome and introductions
- II. Approval of agenda or additions to agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2014 Annual Meeting
- IV. Receiving of Reports (4:15-4:30M)
 - A. President – Rachel Gallagher
 - B. President Elect – Valerie Hon
 - C. Treasurer – Marla Blom
 - D. Membership – Debra Brown
 - E. NASN Liaison – Rose Dolatowski
 - F. Legislative Update – Theresa Du Chateau and Jack O’Meara
- V. Business (4:30-4:45 PM)
 - A. Ballot
 - B. School Nursing Evaluation
 - C. Medical Act
 - D. Redistricting
 - a. 12 vs. 6
 - b. Alignment to CESAs
 - E. By Laws and Operation Manual Review
 - F. Departing Officers and District Members
 1. Mary Kay Kempken - Secretary
 2. Lynne Svetnicka – District 6
 3. Debra Brown - Membership
 - G. Retiring Members
- VI. Results of Election
- VII. Adjournment

Next meeting: April 14, 2015 at the Monona Terrace and Convention Center, Madison Wi

Retirements

Mary Kay Logerman – Platteville – 26 years
Mary Peschke – Plymouth – 14 years



APRIL 22ND 2015

**3:30-5:30PM
CHILDREN'S VISION
SCREENING
TRAINING**

**5:30-7:00PM Q&A
AND RECEPTION**

**MADISON
CONCOURSE HOTEL
ROOM 629**

APRIL 22ND, 2015

VISION SCREENING AND PROTOCOL TRAINING WITH RECEPTION

**Prevent Blindness Wisconsin is teaming up with the
2015 Wisconsin Association of School Nurses
Conference!**

**Please join Prevent Blindness Wisconsin for a Children's Vision
Screening Training, and a Vision Screening Protocol Q&A and
Reception. Beer, Wine, and Snacks Will Be Provided.**

Please Contact Kelly@preventblindnesswisconsin.org to Register!

**LEARN ABOUT
VISION SCREENINGS
TO HELP YOUR
SCHOOL!**

**PREVENT BLINDNESS
WISCONSIN**

**759 North Milwaukee
Street
Suite 305
Milwaukee, WI 53202**

www.preventblindness.org/wi

Together We Do Save Sight!

NEW LOCATION



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*Tri-County Healthy Babies Coalition
Green Lake, Marquette and Waushara Counties*

Why Do They Act That Way?

A Workshop for Professionals Who Work With People With Addictions

Friday, April 17, 2015

8:15 AM – 9:00 AM (Registration & Continental Breakfast)

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Presentation and Lunch)

Neshkoro Community Center (Enter Door #6)

Corner of E. Park St. and Hwy 73

Neshkoro, WI 54982

Workshop Focus

This workshop will help us to understand the changes in the brain, that happen when we become addicted to a drug, that cause people to give up on or ignore some of the things that are most important to us. An expert in the field of addiction will share his knowledge and we will also hear from parents who have overcome their addiction and how that addiction affected their parenting. They will also address what was or could have been helpful to them in their contacts with the system to achieving sobriety and reestablishing relationships with their family/children.

Speakers

Jerry McGlone is a Diplomate in Clinical Social Work and a Master Addiction Counselor. He is the senior counselor at Nova Treatment Center and has more than 20 years of experience working in the field of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Mandi is a 28 year old mother of 3 (ages 3, 6, and 7) who has been addicted to prescription opiates and then Heroin over a five year period. She has been clean and sober 7 months as of February 2015. She will speak from the heart about how her addiction took over her life and affected her parenting, and what interventions helped her to get sober and get her life back.

Anthony Alvarez is a father and Co-Founder of RISE TOGETHER, and has been on the road to recovery for several years. He has been able to break the cycle of addiction and is leading a healthy lifestyle for himself and his family. RISE TOGETHER is a movement which advocates that recovery is possible for everyone. <https://www.weallrisetogether.org/>

Who should attend? Medical and Dental Professionals, Health Care Workers, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Counselors, Family Resource Center staff, Family Crisis workers, Foster Parents, Daycare Providers, Head Start staff, Birth to 3, Human Services workers, Educators, Parents & Grandparents, Interested Community Members and those working with pregnant clients and young children.

Pre-registration is required. Please return the registration form with the **\$20.00** non-refundable registration fee (made out to Waushara Prevention Council) to: Mary LaBlanc, PO Box 686, Wautoma, WI 54982. Registration must be received by **April 10, 2015**. Email questions to: marykayl.parkstreet@co.waushara.wi.us

I plan on attending the Healthy Babies Coalition Workshop on **April 17, 2015**.

Name _____ E-Mail _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Occupation & Agency _____

Special Dietary Needs _____



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WANTS TO KNOW
— WHO HAS —
HEALTHY VISION

*{ Your screening results and success stories help
us improve children's vision screening statewide }*



MAKE HER EYES READY

READY TO LEARN. READY TO PLAY. READY TO SUCCEED.

759 N. Milwaukee St.
Suite 305
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Please submit your Vision Screening numbers and outcomes to Prevent Blindness Wisconsin.

Prevent Blindness Wisconsin maintains a statewide database of vision screening numbers and outcomes to help support effective vision screening and follow-up. To learn more, call us at 414-765-0505 or visit our website at wisconsin.preventblindness.org for these free resources!

- **Annual Statistical Report Form - share your numbers and outcomes!**
(Return by April 17th, 2015)
- **Success Story Template – share your Story of Hope!**

Please submit your Vision Screening numbers and outcomes to

Prevent Blindness Wisconsin and ask families to share their child's success story and photo to receive a free children's book.



wisconsin.preventblindness.org | 414-765-0505

Announcing the Release of Revised Community Health Improvement Resources

Over a dozen newly revised tools to support Wisconsin communities in their health improvement efforts are now available on the recently launched website www.WICommunityHealth.org. (To access the tools, visit the Table of Resources under the Resources by Stage tab.) The tools provide Wisconsin-specific guidance for each stage of community health improvement. Highlights include:

- **The Wisconsin Guidebook on Improving the Health of Local Communities**, a comprehensive, step-by-step guide to the community health improvement process. For each stage of the process, the Guidebook offers checklists, state and national guidelines (PHAB, IRS, and Wisconsin Statutes), and links to related resources, tools and templates.
- Resources for engaging stakeholders, including recruiting, sustaining engagement, and establishing a common knowledge base.
- Tools for data gathering and analysis: **The Recommended Core Data Set for Initial Assessment & Prioritization**; **The Compendium of Data for Action Planning and Evaluation**; and **Listening to the Community: A Guide to Primary Data Collection**.
- A list of evidence-based strategies – along with resources for implementation and sample objectives – for priority areas frequently chosen by local communities is available in **Objectives with Focus: A Pick List of Sample Objectives for Effective Implementation**.
- Templates for creating an implementation plan and sharing plans and updates with the community in the form of fact sheets and a template PowerPoint presentation.

These and other resources were created as part of the CHIPP (Community Health Improvement Plans and Processes) Infrastructure Improvement Project, a 2011-2014 community-academic partnership between the Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards (WALHDAB), the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute (UWPHI), and numerous other core partners and stakeholders, with funding provided by the UW School of Medicine and Public Health from the Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP). The WALHDAB-UWPHI partnership continues with a second CHIPP-related, WPP-funded project, Community Health Improvement in Action (CHIA), 2014-2017. See companion article, *“Community Health Improvement in Action Invites You to Join its Community of Practice,”* for more details.

For more information about CHIA or the CHIPP resources, please contact Sara Jesse at sara.jesse@badgerbay.co or visit “Resources for Improving Community Health” at www.WICommunityHealth.org.

Community Health Improvement in Action Invites You to Join its Community of Practice

Looking to discuss alcohol-related community health improvement with your peers across Wisconsin? Want to improve your skills in implementing and evaluating policy, systems, and environmental changes that address unhealthy and risky alcohol use? Community Health Improvement in Action (CHIA) invites you to join its Community of Practice, which includes a Google Group, free webinars, and statewide summits.

CHIA Google Group

Over 85 members have joined the CHIA Google Group since its launch in January of 2015. Current discussion topics include the challenges of choosing effective policies and programs, collaborative leadership, and improving the alcohol environment at local festivals and events.

CHIA Google Group members can use their current email to view posts, start new conversations, and reply to others. For those who would like to use the online interface (optional), a Google/Gmail account is needed and can be obtained free of charge.

CHIA Webinars

A series of ten CHIA educational webinars is planned, with one 1-hour webinar every few months through 2016. Our next webinar will take place on March 16 at noon: “Working Together in Community Health Improvement.” Stephanie Johnson, Community Coach for the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps program, will provide strategic guidance and tools for engaging and sustaining community partnerships. If your coalition is struggling to recruit new partners, build trust, or move stakeholders into action, join us and learn new techniques for strengthening collaborative efforts.

Statewide Summits

Planned for the fall of 2015 and 2016, the CHIA statewide summits will help build momentum toward collective impact on alcohol-related community health improvement. The summits are an opportunity for Community of Practice participants to meet in-person to collaboratively develop a shared vision and direction.

To join the CHIA Google Group, register for a webinar, or find out more about CHIA, please contact Sara Jesse at sara.jesse@badgerbay.co or visit “Resources for Improving Community Health” at www.WICommunityHealth.org.