

Weekly Newsletter July 17-21, 2023

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENT

Tuesday, July 18 – 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Research Meeting – Presenter: Kurt Hager, PhD, Instructor, PQHS, UMass Chan Medical School

Title: Flexible Services Medically Tailored Meal Evaluation Consortium

Brief Description: Kurt Hager will provide a brief overview of the Flexible Services Program, which allows coverage of select nutrition and housing programs in Massachusetts' Medicaid program, and share research on the effectiveness of medically tailored meals on patient health outcomes. The bulk of the discussion will outline proposed methods to evaluate the impact of medically tailored meals on Flexible Services participants health outcomes, healthcare utilization, and costs, with ample opportunity for feedback from meeting participants. This quasi-experimental study will be the largest "Food is Medicine" evaluation to date and is a collaboration between UMass Medical School, Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition, Community Servings, and 8 MassHealth Accountable Care Organizations.

Click [here](#) to join or call 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 851 294 7151 **password: smm2020 and password for phone: 3426111**



Tuesday, July 18 – 2:00-3:00PM

Tea Time will be hosted by HIIS. Please stop by, say hello and have a cup of tea.

PQHS SHOUTOUT

On June 28th Drs. [Kate Lapane, PhD](#) and Brian Lewis held a Year-End Celebration and award dinner for the PREP & IMSD students. The guest speaker was Dr. Jean King, the WPI Peterson Family Dean in the School of Arts and Sciences, Professor of Biology and Biotechnology, affiliate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Professor in the Neuroscience Program, and Director of the NeuroTech Suite at WPI. Two of our CPHR students were recognized at this event.



Clevanne Julce

In recognition of successful completion of the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Qualifying Examination and achievement of PhD Candidacy



Seun Osundolire

In recognition of successful completion of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical and Population Health Research from the Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

[What is unhealthy about Diet Coke? And is regular Coca-Cola actually better for you? ►](#)

[Barbara Olendzki, RD, MPH, LDN](#), associate professor of population & quantitative health sciences, was quoted in a *USA Today* article about the dangers of artificial sweeteners and how they impact the gut microbiome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tuesday, August 29, 2023, 1:30-3:00PM

CPHR Dissertation Proposal Presentation: "Improving Women Veteran's Experience of Obstetric Care"

Presented by – Lael Ngangmeni, BA, MBS; Mentor: [Kristin Mattocks, PhD, MPH](#)

Click [here](#) to join. **Password: 301815**



Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 10:00-11:30AM

Leveraging Community Engagement To Address Behavioral Health Disparities In The Deaf Community

Featured Speakers – [Melissa Anderson, PhD, MSCI](#) and [Alexander Wilkins, PhD](#)

Click [here](#) to register.



MASS CHAN REMINDER

GRANT
OPPORTUNITIES



NIDDK has issued two RFAs seeking to solicit projects that will form a consortium aimed at using diverse data types to improve subclassification of T2D. In particular, these RFAs solicit projects that will make use of large and diverse U.S.-based cohorts with large number of individuals with T2D. More information can be found in the published RFAs here:

RFA-DK-23-019: Integration of Novel Measures for Improved Classification of Type 2 Diabetes

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-23-019.html>

RFA-DK-23-020: Integration of Novel Measures for Improved Classification of Type 2 Diabetes – Biostatistics Research Center

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-23-020.html>

The receipt date for these will be October 26, 2023.



UMass Chan Medical School's [Office of Communications](#) is initiating regularly scheduled opportunities where faculty, staff, and students can have a professional headshot taken. Photos are taken every other Wednesday from 9 AM to 3 PM on the fifth floor of the Sherman Center by the elevators. Each session caps at 50 people. Anyone at UMass Chan can sign up using this document found on the SharePoint site. **See updated link for new options: [Photo Sign-Ups \(office365.com\)](#)**

PQHS Weekly will be sent to all members of PQHS on Monday mornings. The intent is to provide a snapshot of what is going on that week in PQHS and to share our faculty and staff activities with the department. We depend on you to provide the items we need to share. Please send suggestions of events, faculty invited seminars & talks, honors, student thesis presentations, and news – new babies born! – to Kellie (kellie.armstrong@umassmed.edu) & Sarah (sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu) by Friday each week.