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**Behavioral Health**

**Dolores Acevedo-Garcia (PI), Constance Horgan, Alison Earle, Pamela Joshi, Erin Hardy, Lindsay Rosenfeld**

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**Becky Mitchell (PI), Constance Horgan, Valeska Zavaleta, Dominique Young, Julia Jefferson, Mary Jo Larson, Rachel Sayko Adams, Elizabeth Merrick, Eliza Merrick, Deborah Garnick, Maria Torres, Laura Lorenz, Constance Horgan, Elizabeth Merrick, Grant Ritter, Lee Panas**

**Incentives and Alerts for Improving Performance in Washington State**

Funder: National Institute on Drug Abuse

The overall study goal is to determine the impacts on substance abuse treatment program performance and client outcomes of two interventions: financial incentives and a client-specific alert system. The study is a collaboration with the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) in Washington State.

**Dominic Hodgkin (PI), Elizabeth Merrick, Grant Ritter**

**Clinical Inertia in Prescribing for Bipolar Disorder**

Funder: National Institute of Mental Health

This study will identify the extent to which prescribers make clinically indicated adjustments to regimens for patients with bipolar disorder, or fail to do so (“clinical inertia”); predictors of clinical inertia; relationship between clinical inertia and adherence; and cost implications of clinical inertia.

**Constance Horgan (PI), Sharon Reif, Deborah Garnick, IBH faculty and researchers**

**Doctoral Training Grant in Alcohol Health Services Research**

Funder: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

This doctoral training program in alcohol health services research is housed in the Ph.D. behavioral health concentration, is entering its 19th year, and has supported more than 60 Heller doctoral students over that time.

**Mary Jo Larson (PI), Rachel Sayko Adams, Margot Davis, Laura Lorenz, Margaret Lee**

**Department of Defense TEAMS (TRICARE Evaluation, Analysis, Management, and Support) IDIQ**

Funder: DOD/TRICARE Management Activity; subcontract to Brandeis from AXIOM Resource Management

This consulting project will provide policy analysis and research support on pressing deployment-related and other health system problems.

**Mary Jo Larson (PI), Laura Lorenz**

“The Next Step: A White Paper to Extend ‘Closing the Addiction Treatment Gap’ to Include Harm Reduction for Out-of-Treatment Individuals”

Funder: Open Society Institute

This project will produce a white paper on innovative strategies and financing mechanisms for out-of-treatment alcohol and drug misusers that reduce harm to the individual, family and community from substance abuse.

**Elizabeth Merrick (PI), Constance Horgan (Co-PI), Mary Brolin, Dominic Hodgkin, Maria Torres, Grant Ritter, Lee Panas**

“Using Recovery Peer Navigators and Incentives to Improve Substance Abuse Medicaid Client Outcomes and Costs”

Funder: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services/CMMI Health Care Innovations Awards; subcontract to Brandeis from Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership

This study implements and evaluates the impact of recovery peer navigators and client incentives to improve client engagement, outcomes and costs for repeat utilizers of detoxification services under Medicaid.

**Sharon Reif (PI), Constance Horgan, Dominic Hodgkin, Maureen Stewart, Margot Davis, Grant Ritter, Jody Hoffer Gittell**

“Incentives in Public Addiction Treatment: Testing Design and Enhancing Impact”

Funder: National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

As incentive payment systems become more common in addiction treatment, the study will consider program and clinician response, unintended effects, client outcomes, and interactions with other initiatives, in order to better understand the impact on quality of care in the public substance abuse treatment system in the state of Maine.

**Children, Youth and Families**

**Dolores Acevedo-Garcia (PI)**

“Study for the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Housing and Families with Children”

Funder: W.K. Kellogg Foundation

The MacArthur Foundation Research Network aims to investigate how housing and its social contexts affect the development of children ages 0 to 8. This project will seek to understand how residential segregation, exclusionary zoning, and housing discrimination limit the housing choices of families of different racial/ethnic backgrounds and the consequences of those constrained choices for child development.

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Alan Melchior (PI), Cathy Burack  
**“FIRST Longitudinal Study”**  
Funder: U.S. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology)  
The Center for Youth and Communities received a one-year contract from FIRST for the first year of a projected 5-year, $2.5 million longitudinal study of participants in FIRST’s National Robotics competitions. The study will track participants in three of FIRST’s after school robotics programs and a matched comparison group to explore impacts on STEM-related (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) academic and career trajectories.

Diana Bowser (PI), Gary Gaumer  
**“Kosovo Health Law: Basic Benefits Package Costing and Action Plan Consultancy”**  
Funder: The World Bank  
The Ministry of Health in Kosovo is embarking on health reform focused on changing the way government hospitals are budgeted and paid. The project team provided an assessment of the Ministry of Health’s plans for this reform, including reviewing the costing analysis used to define the basic benefit package for secondary and tertiary hospitals as well as developing an action plan for implementing a system of pay-for-performance at the secondary and tertiary level.

Gary Gaumer (PI), Can Erbil, Boston College, Cagdas Sirin, Bahcesehir University  
**“Knowledge Briefs on Turkey’s Health Reform”**  
Funder: The World Bank  
The Health Transformation Program (HTP) was designed in 2003 to address health system challenges such as improving governance, efficiency, user and provider satisfaction and long-term sustainability. These reforms have led to reduced fragmentation and duplication in the health financing and delivery systems in Turkey and improvement towards achieving universal access to health insurance and health services. The researchers will produce four Knowledge Briefs outlining key reforms initiated under this program to share the lessons learned.

Robert Mechanic (PI), Palmira Santos  
**“Safety Net System Transformation to an Accountable Care Organization: The Cambridge Health Alliance”**  
Funder: The Commonwealth Fund; subcontract to Brandeis from the Cambridge Health Alliance  
The team is conducting a case study to understand the process and the challenges involved for the Cambridge Health Alliance, a safety net provider serving primarily low-income patients, as it works to transform its organization into an accountable care organization (ACO). The project team is using semi-structured interviews and analysis of secondary data to assess key drivers of the transformation decision, infrastructure and development needs, and strategies to shift the culture of the organization.

Cindy Thomas, Donald Shepard (Co-PIs)  
**“Evaluation of the Wisconsin SeniorCare Pharmacy Program”**  
Funder: State of Wisconsin  
The researchers were engaged by the State of Wisconsin to conduct an evaluation of Wisconsin SeniorCare, the state’s program that provides pharmacy assistance to low-income seniors. This very popular program has been in place since 2002, and funded in part by the federal government through a Medicaid waiver. Results of the current evaluation were used to support Wisconsin’s application for a renewal of funds, and the evaluation report was included in the state’s renewal application.

Wu Zeng (PI), Donald Shepard  
**“Assessment of Out of Pocket Expenditure for HIV/AIDS Services”**  
Funder: UNAIDS  
The researchers will review and synthesize literatures on out of pocket (OOP) expenditure in low- and middle-income countries, in order to understand the magnitude of OOP expense, its role in financing services for HIV/AIDS, and its impact on access to HIV/AIDS services.


Horgan, C. "Improving the Quality of Addiction Treatment through Provider Pay-for-Performance." Presented at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, Workgroup on Contingency Management Annual Meeting, Palm Springs, CA, June 2012.


Kim, M. and Clark, T. Presentation to the New Hampshire Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Advisory Council meeting, Concord, NH, August 2012.


STEELE, D. Workshop leader, “Facilitation of Inter-Ethnic and Inter-Sectarian Workshops in Conflict Zones.” Presented at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, June 2012.

ghosh, S. and Ha, J-H. “Effects of Having a Child with Developmental or Mental Health Problems on Parental Health: Moderating Effects of Excessive Alcohol Consumption.” Presented at the 12th International Federation of Ageing, Global Conference on Ageing, Prague, Czech Republic, June 2012.


Simon, L. “Overcoming the Barriers of Marginalization: The Partnership of the Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program with the Graduate Programs in Sustainable International Development at Brandeis University.” Presented at the Ford International Fellowships Program University Partners Symposium, sponsored by the Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program and the East-West Center of the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, July 2012.


Lynch, L. Keynote Speaker, Banker and Tradesman Women of Finance, Insurance and Real Estate Awards, Boston, MA, August 2012.
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

ASSETS AND INEQUALITIES


BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Deborah Garnick and Constance Horgan participated in the Office for the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Behavioral Health Clinical Quality Measures Technical Expert Panel in August 2012 in Washington, DC.

Constance Horgan was a Member of the Consensus Panel on New Pharmacotherapies for Alcohol Use Disorders and Related Co-Morbidities, and Chair of the Workgroup on Access to New Pharmacotherapies and Optimization of Use. The panel and workgroup, sponsored by SAMHSA and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, convened in July 2012.

Constance Horgan was a Member of the Consensus Panel on New Pharmacotherapies for Opioid Use Disorders and Related Co-Morbidities and a Member of the Workgroup on Service Delivery: Barriers to and Facilitators of Access to Naltrexone. Both were Sponsored by SAMHSA and the National Institute on Drug Abuse and convened in July 2012.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Dolores Acevedo-Garcia presented “Immigrant Families in MetroWest” at the Foundation for MetroWest’s Summer Speaker Picnic Series in Natick, MA on July 18, 2012.


DISABILITIES


HEALTH


On June 28, 2012, Stuart Altman discussed the ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court on health care legislation as a participant on WBUR’s NPR program “On Point.” http://onpoint.wbur.org/2012/06/28/health-care-partone

Christine Bishop was a member of the Institute of Medicine Committee that published the report, “The Mental Health and Substance Use Workforce for Older Adults: In Whose Hands?” in July 2012. http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2012/The-Mental-Health-and-Substance-Use-Workforce-for-Older-Adults.aspx

Jody Hoffer Gittell, executive director of the Relational Coordination Research Collaborative, visited Japan in mid-July, hosted by Process Consultation, Inc. and its CEO Joichi Ogawi. The visit included a two-day healthcare summit featuring representatives from the Ministry of Health, two major delivery systems and the Japanese medical education establishment, as well as Gittell and Gerald Kominski, dean of the UCLA School of Public Health.
INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

Aaron Blaakman, Donald Shepard, Wu Zeng and colleagues made a presentation to the Ministry of Health and Population, Republic of Congo, in Brazzaville on May 16, 2012. The presentation was entitled “Agence d’appui technique et de suivi et évaluation du financement basé sur la performance” [Agency for technical assistance, monitoring, and evaluation of performance-based financing].

LABOR MARKETS


NATIONAL SERVICE

Five Segal Fellows participated in the 2012 White House AmeriCorps Alums Day. This day-long session celebrated national service as a pathway to opportunity and career advancement. Segal Fellow Rhonda Ulmer was honored as a “Champion of Change.”

Over one hundred people from the Segal Network attended the annual Washington, DC reception hosted by the Bank of America Foundation. In New York City, Segal Founders Ken and Jill Iscol hosted more than 20 members of the Network.

SOCIAL POLICY

During her sabbatical, Christine Bishop has accepted a position as a Policy Analyst in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services. She is working in the Office of Disability, Aging and Long-Term Care Policy, July 9, 2012 through May 31, 2013.

Christine Bishop has also been named a Health and Aging Policy Fellow for 2012-13 by Atlantic Philanthropies. http://www.healthandagingpolicy.org/fellows/2012-2013.html

Cristina Espinosa received a Faculty Development Award from the Latin American and Latino Studies Program at Brandeis, supporting her trip in June to Peru to explore the effect of the economic growth experienced during the last years on gender and social inequalities. Information collected was used to update her spring course “Latin American Development” and to narrow her research focus into the gender dimensions of the conditional cash transfer programs implemented to fight poverty.

Mary Jo Larson was named a member of the National Institute on Drug Abuse’s Small Business Innovation Research Contract Review Committee for 2012. She was also named a reviewer for the Chief Scientist Office of the Chief Medical Office Directorate for the Scottish Government in Edinburgh, UK.

Laura Lorenz received a Research and Travel Grant from the Center for German and European Studies at Brandeis in August 2012. Dr. Lorenz traveled to Vienna, Austria to work with Bettina Kolb (University of Vienna) to analyze the data from a collaborative research study entitled “Investigating culture through participatory photography: Youth as learners and teachers,” conducted in collaboration with Tara Brown, Brandeis University. The study seeks to understand (1) how girls participating in a cross-cultural, participatory photography project with sites in Vienna, Austria and Lowell, MA in the US develop understandings of culture, both individually and collectively, and (2) the impact of project participation on their self-understandings, self-development, and interactions with others - in other words, their social and emotional health. Using the participatory research method photovoice, girls aged 8-13 in a Vienna school and a Lowell after-school program used photography, discussion, writing, and internet sharing to investigate and reflect upon aspects of their culture.

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In April 2012, Donald Shepard was asked to chair the “Under-reporting initiative” of the international Dengue Vaccines to Vaccination Committee examining the implementation of a dengue vaccine once it is licensed. The initiative, focusing initially on Mexico, contains leading dengue experts from around the world.

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Meredith Bergey, doctoral student, received a *Mellon Grant* to be used towards her research on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). She also taught a course in the *Department of Sociology* entitled Health, Community and Society: The Sociology of Illness.

Thomas Mackie, doctoral candidate, received a dissertation grant from the *Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality* for his dissertation, “Evaluating Psychotropic Oversight on Service Use and Safety of Children in Foster Care.”

Angela Wangari Walter, doctoral candidate, received dissertation funding from the *Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual National Research Service Award* of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Travis Warrington (MA-SIDCO) received a *Boren Fellowship* for his second year practicum which also gives him access to work after graduation in the federal government. He is currently in Senegal conducting research for his final MA-SIDCO paper.

**PRESENTATIONS**


The Relational Coordination Research Collaborative hosted a visiting delegation from Denmark and Australia on June 6, 2012, at the Heller School. The Danish delegation included over a dozen HR Managers for local hospitals and corporate HR leaders from the region of Central Denmark led by Ditte Hughes and Joern Moerup, Directors of Corporate HR. Don Campbell, Director of General Medicine for Southern Health, represented the Australian perspective. Hosting the visitors were Professor Jody Hoffer Gittell, Executive Director of the RCRC; Professor Stan Wallack, RCRC board member and Director of the Schneier Institutes for Health Policy; the RCRC team; and a dozen Heller PhD. students. As part of the visit, Jody Hoffer Gittell presented “Transforming Healthcare Delivery – A Role for Relational Coordination: Experiences from Denmark, Australia and the U.S.”

Over the summer Rajesh Sampath visited the Center for Social Justice and Governance and the School of Development Studies at the Tata Institute for Social Sciences in Mumbai, India, where he delivered several guest lectures on development ethics, comparative political philosophies, global justice and sustainable international development.

Professor Sampath served as moderator for the Justice, Peace and Conflict (JPC) Working Group’s Symposium on “Electoral Violence: The Role of the State, Civil Society and the International Community,” on May 2, 2012.

The Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy presented “Silence is Not an Option: A Funders Briefing on the Prevention of Childhood Sexual Abuse,” on June 7, 2012 at the Associated Grant Makers offices in Boston. The issue of childhood sexual abuse has recently topped the headlines as the details of abuse at trusted camps, sports programs, religious organizations, schools and universities have surfaced in communities throughout Massachusetts and the nation. These stories have also hit particularly hard to funders of organizations serving youth, and for many, they have raised many questions about the groups funded, the training and policies they have or don’t have in place to protect the children they aim to serve, and what funders can do to change the culture of silence by children, providers and communities. Speakers Monique Hoeflinger, Senior Program Officer, Ms. Foundation for Women; Claudia Jacobs, Associate Director, the Sillerman Center; and Jetta Bernier, Executive Director, Massachusetts Citizens for Children and the Enough Abuse Campaign, presented and led a discussion of best practices, concerns and next steps for funders - and their grantees - as they work together to end this unacceptable epidemic.