**UC AHEC Program Activity Report**

**January – March 2022**

**Goal 1.** Increase and expand the urban and rural underserved healthcare workforce through programs that expose underrepresented minority and rural students to health care careers.

**Pipeline Healthcare Pathways Project**

The draft website for students, parents and school counselors that includes links to the participating educational institutions’ websites (Cincinnati State and UC) has been reviewed and will be released at the end of February by The Health Collaborative. The project will be presented to the AHEC Community Advisory Committee at the March meeting.

**Rural Student Interest Group and Statewide Rural Physician Training Pathways (RPTP) Initiative**

The Rural SIG will change leadership in March. One meeting of the group was held. The Ohio RPTP (UC, Ohio U, OSU, Wright State and NEOMED) developed shared metrics that each participating college will use at the time of acceptance to a rural pathway and at its completion. These include: Rurality of Childhood – “Was the place where you grew up rural / urban / suburban / something different?,” Pipeline participation – “Did you participate in a rural education pipeline in high school or college? If so, what was it called?,” and Commitment to a rural pipeline program – “Did you commit to any rural pipeline program as a part of residency or required experience following residency? If so, what is it called?”

**Blemished Record Project**

Progress on scheduling the initial pilot event has stalled as CPS and Woodward work out remaining details. Team members are Hamilton County Juvenile Court and the Prosecutor’s Office, along with the Children’s Law Center of Northern Kentucky, Cincinnati Public Schools, UC AHEC and Colleges of Pharmacy and Law. UC AHEC is working to transition the convening/management relationship to the College of Law and/or the Children’s Law Center.

**Goal 2.** Partner with strategic organizations across the community, region, state, and nation to advance healthcare to rural and urban areas and support existing healthcare programs and providers.

**Older Adult Aging in Partnership with UC Division of Geriatric Medicine**

We have partnered with the Geriatrics Division in the Department of Family Medicine to promote rural and underserved health initiatives for older adults in our community.

* Older Adult Training Simulation: We have two older adult training simulation suits. We have partnered with the Research and Geriatrics Divisions at UC Department of Family Medicine to research simulation experiences that will increase empathy in those caring for older adults. To date, we have trained 10 medical students with these suits with an additional 10 training experiences planned for the academic year 2021-22. Kim Newberry’s students at Laurel Oaks have also completed training with these suits. These suits and simulation exercises are available to community partners for training experiences at no cost.
* Remote Home Visits: We have partnered with The Christ Hospital Family Medicine Associates offer remote home visit medical appointments during COVID in urban underserved communities. To date, the telehealth program has trained 40 learners (including medical students and residents/fellow physicians) and completed 84 patient visits.

**Rural HIV Risk Reduction:**

We continue to partner with Equitas Health to reduce HIV and STI in rural communities. AHEC has partnered with UC College of Medicine medical students and Equitas Health to launch a rural STI mobile clinic in Portsmouth, OH.

**Goal 3.** Develop interprofessional learners who will serve patients in underserved rural and urban communities.

**IPE and Rural Training**

AHEC Scholars: Hosted third annual Tristate AHEC Scholars activity with North Central AHEC and Eastern Indiana AHECs on substance use addiction and prevention. 31 total Scholars attended, 13 were from UC AHEC Scholars Program. Dr. Christine Wilder represented UC College of Medicine on our panel of speakers. Using an interprofessional approach, scholars collaborated with students from the two other host sites to discuss substance/opioid use case studies.

Coordinated plans for the next in-person experiential event for AHEC Scholars, which will be Stop the Bleed Training. To be held Monday March 28th with Regina Menninger RN, BSN, Trauma Prevention and Outreach Coordinator at UC Medical Center.

Rural and Urban Underserved Scholars Track: Two students completed the rural summer immersion experience in June 2021, each spending a week with a family medicine physician and living in Ottawa, OH. We have identified a participant for summer 2022.

Rural Medicine Experiences at College of Medicine: We are actively recruiting more rural preceptors for our third and fourth year medical students’ clinical experiences. We are allocating funds to support more rural rotations for students as interest and preceptor availability grows.

Longitudinal Primary Care Clerkship: All UC College of Medicine first- and second-year medical students (370 total) participate in a longitudinal primary care clerkship that pairs them with a community primary care preceptor over 1 year. We are actively recruiting more rural and urban underserved preceptors for this program.

Taylor attended the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce’s annual Speed Mentoring event for seniors at Loveland City Schools. This is a component of the chamber’s Work Readiness Initiative, and 343 students were reached.

**Additional AHEC Updates**

**Summer Camp June 2022: This** program for middle schoolers in Adams, Brown, and Clermont Counties is now being led by Brown Clermont Career Campuses. UC AHEC will provide support and submit an application for funding to the applying for a community grant through UC to fund the project.