



## COPHP Practicum Project Examples

### 1. Organization: Public Health – Seattle & King County TB Program

#### Project: Geographic TB Case Assignment Evaluation

This project assesses how well the current TB case assignment system is functioning. Activities include conducting interviews with key staff members to understand current assignment system, developing a quantitative assessment tool to evaluate the system, performing basic data analysis of the assignment data that is being collected, and conducting informant interviews with staff and patients to assess satisfaction. The student will compile a report on how well the current geographic case assignment system is working and recommendations for improvement.

### 2. Organization: Public Health – Seattle & King County; REACH Coalition

#### Project: Racial & Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH)

REACH is a CDC-funded research demonstration project to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in diabetes care and prevention through education and self-management classes, support groups, diabetes registry enhancement, community events and other activities. Students will attend meetings, conduct interviews, review data and conduct content analysis, conduct literature reviews, assist with media and policy development and presentations. Activities will culminate in reports on interviews and data analysis, policy statements and briefing papers, and a systems change report.

### 3. Organization: Public Health – Seattle & King County; Violence and Injury Prevention Program/Prevention Division

#### Project: Drowning Prevention

This project involves working with Children's Hospital and other members of the statewide and Seattle-King County Drowning Prevention Coalition. Student will survey local building departments and determine how many have adopted the model national code to protect children visiting or residing in private home situations that have pools or spas. This work is likely lead to legislative advocacy experience. It will also entail working on media and community education. Related to this is the need to do more work on drowning prevention in the minority community in King County. Student may gain experience in creating press releases, educational materials, and summary reports of community or key informant interviews or surveys.

### 4. Organization: Public Health – Seattle & King County; Violence and Injury Prevention Program/Prevention Division

#### Project: Designated Driver Program Evaluation

Student will work on a newly received CDC grant on conducting and evaluating designated driver programs. Designated driver and safe ride home programs have never been proven to be effective and some evidence indicates they may actually contribute to harm because other members of the party actually drink more. Work will be concentrated in Pioneer Square, Belltown, and Fremont/U District. Student may gain experience in creating press releases, educational materials, and summary reports of community or key informant interviews or surveys.



**5. Organization: Public Health – Seattle & King County; HIV/AIDS Planning Council**

**Project: Ryan White CARE Act, Title I (and II) Prioritization and Allocation**

The Seattle HIV/AIDS Planning Council is a 30-member volunteer body responsible for prioritizing and allocating prevention and care funding in King County. The student will work with the Planning Council Assessment Coordinator on the 2007-08 CARE PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATION PROCESS. Work involves: analyzing qualitative data from provider interviews and consumer focus, observing the care prioritization process, and conduct meeting-by-meeting and overall evaluations of the process, and compiling the evaluation data, and reporting it back to the committee.

**6. Organization: Public Health – Seattle & King County; HIV/AIDS Planning Council**

**Project: Disparities in HIV Prevention and Care Literature Review, Report and Presentation**

The Seattle HIV/AIDS Planning Council is a 30-member volunteer body responsible for prioritizing and allocating prevention and care funding in King County. The student will research the existing literature on HIV health and education disparities by race, ethnicity, gender, economic background, etc. and put this information together in a way that will make it understandable to the Council's Cultural Competency Committee. The student will then work with the committee to develop trainings on disparities for Council members, recommendations for caveats to address disparities, recommendations for local needs assessments base, presentation development, utilization of findings, development of materials and a presentation of a compilation of HIV education and health disparity information.

**7. Organization: Public Health – Seattle & King County; Communicable Disease**

**Project: Sexual Risks Brochure for Enteric Pathogens**

Student will create a brochure of sexual risks associated with more generic enteric pathogens, e.g. shigella or salmonella, for use in education and counseling.

**8. Organization: Public Health – Seattle & King County; Communicable Disease**

**Project: Shigella Antibody Sensitivities Database Project**

This project will review shigella antibody sensitivities in the Communicable Disease database and analyze shigella data for information in this community. Student will report on analysis and assessment findings.

**9. Organization: Public Health – Seattle & King County; Healthy Eating/Healthy Aging Program**

**Project: Regional Plan for Nutrition and Health Education for Older Adults and Seniors in Rural Washington**

This project develops a plan for providing nutrition and health education services in specific regions in Washington state. The project involves needs assessment through assessing existing services for seniors and older adults, exploring the structure of the local Area Agency on Aging in the region, looking at demographics of those we want to serve, exploring existing funding sources, logistics, staff, etc. The assessment will be used to propose a plan to regional agencies. Students will be engaged in research, interviewing, exploring existing sources of information, and writing a report, curriculum or recommendations.



**10. Organization: Public Health – Seattle & King County; Healthy Eating/Healthy Aging Program**

**Project: Food Security Surveys in King County: Who, What, Where, and Why?**

The purpose of this project is to find out what groups may be collecting food security data in King County to ascertain if anyone is collecting data specifically about older adults. The student will prepare a final report that discusses the current status of food security information in King County, and prepare a plan to survey older adults. The information will be used by PHSKC and United Way.

**11. Organization: Public Health- Seattle & King County; Family Planning Program**

**Project: FLASH Curriculum Revision**

This project involves updating PHSKC's comprehensive sexual health education curriculum. Students will be responsible for updating the STD and HIV lessons in grades 5-12 for medical accuracy, as well as designing and piloting new lesson plans and activities.

**12. Organization: Urban Indian Health Institute**

**Project: Maternal and Child Health Needs Assessment**

This project aims to assess the maternal and child health (MCH) services that are offered in Urban Indian Health Organization (UIHO) service areas. Work on this project will involve finalizing the survey, administering the survey, and reporting on survey findings.

**13. Organization: Urban Indian Health Institute**

**Project: Maternal and Child Health Advisory Council**

This project is focused on developing and coordinating a national advisory council on maternal and child health (MCH) issues. Activities will include identifying and recruiting participants from Urban Indian Health Organizations and leaders in the field of maternal and child health, coordinating the first face-to-face meeting of the Advisory Council, planning future conference call meetings, and developing resources for the Advisory Council.

**14. Organization: Urban Indian Health Institute**

**Project: STD Needs Assessment**

This project aims to identify existing resources that are related to STDs and are available to the urban American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) population, and to identify gaps in resources and areas for advocacy. This project also includes creating facts sheets and other informational resources related to STD resources and health disparities.