

Center for Community Health Equity -- Plan for FY2018

The Center for Community Health Equity will focus its efforts over the next year in building research, educational, and community engagement capacity for health equity work in Chicago. The Center will build capacity and support to enhance the activities of other Rush, DePaul, and Chicago regional entities.

1. Goal 1: Continue work on the Chicago Health Equity Reader as a resource for students, faculty, and communities - **Fernando De Maio working with Raj Shah, John Mazzeo, and David Ansell.**
 - i. Complete submission of publication document to University of Chicago Press as per terms of contract.
2. Goal 2: Implement and extend a CHE Health Disparity through Health IT Summer Student Internship for High School Students from Crane and the SAME Network, college students from DePaul, and Dean's Scholar Students. **Raj Shah working with LaDawne Jenkins, Sharon Gates, Chad Pendley, Jordan Dale**
 - i. Implement pilot program in Summer 2017
 - ii. Examine options to expand to build curriculum for high school students on the West Side in their health programs.
3. Goal 3: Continue to develop a sustainable research platform for the Center that grows Health Equity Research at Rush and DePaul. **Raj Shah working with Fernando DeMaio, LaDawne Jenkins, Josh Jacobs, Rick Davis, David Ansell**
 - i. Examine a sustainable funds flow mechanism for the Center nurturing the growth of Health Equity research at Rush and DePaul.
 - ii. Create an institutional review board reliance agreement mechanism
 - iii. Create an umbrella repository for data collected through community engagement
 - iv. Operationalize the capacity of the research platform with the CMMI Million Hearts Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Clinical Trial.
4. Goal 4: Support student training at Rush and DePaul
 - i. Health equity/social entrepreneurship design and theory for elective participation, internships, and/or research capstones
 - ii. Development of social epidemiology curriculum at DePaul
 - iii. Design for America studio for students within the Center for Community Health Equity
5. Goal 5: Continue efforts to understand social inequalities in health through analysis of the Healthy Chicago Survey and other public health data sources
 - i. Support cross-institutional writing group exploring mental health and other outcomes
6. Goal 6: Support participation and exchange of information through City wide, regional, national, and international collaboratives.
 - i. Enhance cross-collaborative work with other Centers at Rush and DePaul
 - ii. Enhance engagement with Center for Urban Health Solutions in Toronto
7. Goal 7: Continue community engagement and researcher engagement through monthly Center for Community health equity dialogues, the Center for Community Health Equity webpage, working paper series, and intervention design studios.
8. Goal 8: Operationalize a Program Evaluation program within the Biostatistics/Bioinformatics Core. **Beth Lynch working with Brittany Lange-Maia, Priyal Patel, Bala Hota, Darlene Hightower, Robyn Golden, Amanda Totso, Vidya Chakrabarty, David Ansell.**
9. Goal 9: Accelerate the academic productivity of the BMO Harris Fellows by creating an annual report for Rush leadership and Rush community on the "State of Health Equity and Health Equity Reduction Efforts at Rush and in our communities" **Beth Lynch working with Brittany Lange-Maia, Priyal Patel, and Tricia Johnson**