Activity Update
January to March 2015

Strategic Planning
The Center’s complete report and plan were finalized and released on our website in February. We appreciate all the engagement and contributions of our partners that went into development of this strategic plan that now guides our work.

Ecuador Site Visit – January 10 to 17, 2015
A site visit was conducted to Ecuador to meet with the primary program partner Fundación Cimas del Ecuador, a nonprofit organization that provides academic programs that enable students to think critically about health and development in the Ecuadorian context. Traveling were both CGHSR and Learning Abroad Center (LAC) staff as part of a pilot to explore a partnership with LAC for program delivery. The result of this trip and subsequent discussions was the development of two programs focusing on the public health and health care infrastructure (both indigenous and western) of Ecuador as well as social and cultural determinants of health:

- **Ecuador: Global Health Team Experience**, July 4 to 31, 2015 – 4-week program comprised of classroom-based learning and field observations where participants analyze population-level health issues.
- **Ecuador: Global Health Team Internship**, Aug 1 to 28, 2015 – 4-week program where participants are placed in internships with community organizations that match participants’ and organizations’ interests, priorities, and goals.

Uganda Site Visit – February 7 to 9, 2015
Vice President for Health Sciences Brooks Jackson and CGHSR Executive Director Debra Olson conducted a site visit in Kampala, Uganda, in February. Building on existing activities and relationships with Makerere and other partners in Kampala, the visit focused on assessment for creation of a UMN AHC hub site for transdisciplinary research and education. Proposed infrastructure at the hub will include office space for research, education, and administration, lodging for U of M visitors, and staffing for operations.

India Hub Development
CGHSR is working with Shailendra Prasad, faculty in Family Medicine, and the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement in Mysore, India, to create interdisciplinary student programs in Mysore.

Global Health Institute (GHI) Thailand – Feb 2 to 20, 2015
Five AHC students received $2,000 scholarships from CGHSR to participate in two weeks of this 3rd annual intensive global educational experience created in partnership with Chiang Mai University and the U of M. The theme of the 2015 GHI was Knowledge and Skills for Addressing Emerging Infectious Disease at the Convergence of Animal, Human and Environmental Health. Students presented at and/or participated in a research conference and courses specific to their interests including Global Health Leadership: Antimicrobial Resistance, Farm-to-Table, and Risk Analysis.
**Global Health Case Competition**
The second annual U of M Global Health Case competition was held on January 31, 2015 with eighty students from 11 Schools/Colleges competing on 14 teams. The winning team from this intramural competition competed in Emory University’s International Video Global Health Case Competition on March 27. Tasked with the challenge of reducing gun violence in Honduras, the U of M team built an impressive five-pronged approach that earned them first place. The team brought students together from Pharmacy, Science and Engineering, Public Health, and the Biological Sciences.

**Global Health Student Advisory Board (GHSAB)**
The Global Health Student Advisory Board completed a successful first year. The 2014-2015 board advised CGHSR on topics including interdisciplinary experiential learning activities and the 2015 Global Health Day. The students also reflected on the board’s strengths and opportunities for improvement, laying the groundwork for a strong 2015-2016 board. Applications to join GHSAB will open at the beginning of the 2015 Fall semester.

**Global Health Impact Map**
CGHSR worked with AHC Schools/Colleges/Units to define administrative processes to populate the Map with faculty led research, education/training, clinical care, and community outreach activities related to global health. Training was conducted for identified administrators and users on how to perform date entry. Data entry was initiated in all six AHC schools/colleges. Additional outreach is planned to reach more AHC units and faculty.

**International Travel Experience Management System (ITEMS)**
The ITEMS project is an outgrowth of a student management system currently in use by the School of Public Health’s Field Experience and the Medical School’s International Medical Education and Research (IMER) Program. Designed to be an AHC-wide system for adaptation to each school’s needs, ITEMS was rolled out to the College of Veterinary Medicine and the Global Health Pathway program for medical residents within the Department of Medicine, Medical School. This system will help administrators to better prepare and support learners while traveling abroad.

**Fogarty Global Health Fellowship Training Grant**
The Fogarty Global Health Fellowship Training grant will be moving to CGHSR at the end of the grant year (June 30, 2015). Deb Olson will serve as the new PI and Molly McCoy from the Division of Global Pediatrics will be staffing the program. The training grant is funded by the NIH’s Fogarty International Center and is awarded to the University of Washington, the lead institution in a consortium consisting of the U of M, University of Michigan, and the University of Hawaii. The training program supports mentored global health research by awarding fellowships to pre and postdoc candidates in the health sciences. The fellowship partner sites must be low and middle-income countries (LMIC), and the consortium’s current partners include Cameroon, China, Ghana, Kenya, Peru, Thailand, and Uganda.

**Global Health Certificate, School of Public Health**
The new Regent’s Certificate in Global Health is being administered by the Public Health Practice Major at the School of Public Health. Applicants will be accepted beginning Spring 2015. A program director (faculty) will be appointed before the end of spring semester.
Global Public Health Programs Coordinator
In March, Molly McCoy joined the CGHSR team as the new Global Public Health Programs Coordinator, serving as a resource and liaison to students, faculty and staff in the School of Public Health. She works to advance educational and research opportunities in East Africa, in particular the establishment of an AHC transdisciplinary hub in Uganda. She also manages international training grants and supports local-global activities.

International Medical Education and Research (IMER) Update, Medical School
The IMER team is currently reviewing and updating all policies and procedures for medical students traveling abroad, including one-on-one planning meetings with course directors, mandatory pre-travel orientation, post-trip debriefing, website revisions, and a redesigned process for incoming international medical student applications. The goal is building stronger partnerships and educationally sound and safe experiences for our students.

International/National Conference Attendance & Presentations
World Congress on Public Health in Kolkata India, February 11-15, 2015.

Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) Annual Conference, March 26 to 28, 2015
• Poster Presentation: Jennifer Steele, Karin Hamilton, Felicia Nutter, USAID RESPOND Project’s Global One Health Core Competencies and One Health Modules

Event Co-Sponsorship
Tropical and Travel Medicine Seminar (TTMS) Lecture Series on Interdisciplinary Global Health, March 18, 2015. Executive Director Debra Olson delivered an overview of interdisciplinary global health efforts at the University of Minnesota and moderated a panel of three presentations providing innovative examples.

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