**UC AHEC Program Activity Report**

**April - June 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 website is live and our January Advisory Committee featured Hope Arthur of The Health Collaborative seeking feedback on the content and use by employers of the site. The THC committee continues to meet to discuss ‘priority enrollment’ opportunities for high school students who engage in pathway courses.

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

Two new M1 students are leading the Rural SIG and we are meeting monthly. Staff outreach to Clinton Memorial Hospital and Highland District Hospital will hopefully create shadowing experiences. The Ohio RPTP (UC, Ohio U, OSU, Wright State and NEOMED) schools reported on the shared metrics results. UC will share the questions with students in January 2023.

**Blemished Record Project**

A recent meeting with CPS, UC AHEC and the Children’s Law Center is moving this project forward. Funding and final arrangements are in the works.

**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 2022-23. 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: The spring 2022 semester concluded with 11 of 13 Cohort 3 students completing their curriculum and their AHEC Scholars obligation. Additionally, 5 of 9 Cohort 4 students completed Year 1 and are moving on to their second year of the program.

We have taken on the transitioning of AHEC Scholars curriculum to Canvas for a streamlined approach. Many optional summer events are available for the Scholars, and Taylor is continuing to provide opportunities for learning, and engage with current students (Cohort 4) as they prepare for Year 2.

We are actively recruiting for upcoming AHEC Scholars in Cohort 5. Applications are due July 30th, and are available on the UC AHEC Facebook or website.

Rural and Urban Underserved Scholars Track: Our rural health track student will spend 1 week in Ottawa, OH and Lima, OH with a family medicine physician June 20-24, 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 have identified three new training sites, including Mercy Health in Adams Co. And Kettering Soin in Jamestown, OH. 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.

**Additional AHEC Updates**

**Summer Camp June 2022: Regrettably, we had to cancel this program due to low registration.** 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 has applied for funding through a community grant from UC to fund the project. The camp will occur June 8-10, 2022.