

Ann Christiansen, MPH

Public health leader with over 20 years of experience in government and academic public health organizations dedicated to advancing the science of public health research and practice.

Professional Experience

May 2021 – Present

Director of Community Health – Wisconsin, Advocate Aurora Health

Responsible for directing community benefit operations for Advocate Aurora's 16 Wisconsin hospitals. This includes overseeing community health needs assessment, prioritization, implementation plan development, and impact measurement in line with requirements of IRS for non-profit hospitals. Key focus areas include developing initiatives around access to health care and behavioral health services and addressing social determinants of health include food insecurity, workforce development, and housing. Direct collaborative initiatives with hospitals, public health departments, social service organizations, and other community agencies to effectively leverage scarce resources.

February 2015-May 2021

Health Director/Health Officer, North Shore Health Department, Brown Deer, WI

Direct and manage government public health department serving 64,000 residents in the Wisconsin communities of Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, Glendale, River Hills, Shorewood, and Whitefish Bay. Maintain a \$800,000 budget with federal and state grants, local tax levy, and fees and permits. Supervise team of public health staff, including public health nurses, program manager, sanitarians, and administrative assistant. Maintain core public health functions and 10 essential public health services within agency. Provide public health leadership on local and state committees. Collaborate with local and state partners to address community health priorities. Provide presentations to community on emerging public health topics, and serve as department's media spokesperson.

May 2004 - January 2015

Assistant Director, Injury Research Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

Oversee all aspects of a CDC-funded injury control research center. This includes management of the IRC's day-to-day operations and working with the IRC Director and Co-Director to provide leadership for the strategic direction of the Center. Responsible for managing the IRC's financial operations including the \$1.5M/year budget, purchasing, and all staffing needs. Lead and develop grant submissions and progress reports to CDC, National Institute of Health, Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program, foundations and businesses. Supervise up to six FTE staff and provide mentorship to graduate and medical students in injury prevention research and evaluation. Direct the evaluation activities of the IRC, including providing evaluation support to local health departments and aging units through research and partnership projects. Represent the IRC publicly and in regional injury prevention organizations, such as the Wisconsin Injury Control Planning Committee.

September 2000 – May 2004

Associate Researcher, University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center, Madison, WI

Develop, implement, and manage tobacco control evaluation and epidemiological surveillance programs as a program coordinator for the University of Wisconsin Monitoring and Evaluation Program. Projects include leading statewide media campaign and youth-led advocacy program evaluation teams. Responsible for the development, data analysis and lead authorship of reports monitoring trends in tobacco control in Wisconsin, including reports on cigarette smoking prevalence, smoking-attributable morbidity and mortality, and secondhand smoke. Other duties include hiring, training, supervising and mentoring graduate students and research program staff in epidemiological research and program evaluation.

Research Associate Coordinator, University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center

Work with five-state North Central Cancer Information Service to oversee various research projects including assessment of cancer information needs in the upper Midwest. Conduct monthly analyses of caller and outreach data and consult with management staff on opportunities for program evaluation and program improvement. Developed and conducted several continuing education programs on research and program evaluation for the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service.

September 1999 - September 2000

Health Care Analyst, MetaStar, Inc., Madison, WI

Developed and evaluated health care quality improvement programs for Medicare beneficiaries as part of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Health Care Quality Improvement Project. Directed MetaStar's Health Care Disparities Resource Team in the development of a diabetes project in Southeastern Wisconsin for African American Medicare beneficiaries. Designed various evaluation surveys, conducted a qualitative analysis to assess the company's knowledge of health care providers' data needs, and analyzed various projects using survey and Medicare claims data. Evaluated the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Special Managed Care and HMO programs to assess the impact these programs have on frail elderly and disabled Medicaid beneficiaries.

May 1998 – August 1998

Community Health Center Intern, Arab American Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS), Dearborn, MI

Coordinated Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Project by conducting home visits with participants, coordinating on-site mammography appointments, and managing database and record keeping system. Coordinated an evaluation to assess medical and public health needs of clinic patients and members of surrounding community.

Education

May 1999

Master of Public Health in Health Behavior and Health Education
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

May 1994

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. GPA: 3.7

Paracollege major: "Integrating objective and subjective methodologies into psychology." Independently organized courses, papers, and exams based on multiple research methodologies in the social sciences.
St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

Teaching Experience

September 1998 – June 1999

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI

Assisted with the instruction of junior level undergraduate class in the Communication Studies Department for three semesters. Responsible for organizing and teaching weekly discussion sections, grading papers and tests, and tutoring individual students.

January 1994 – May 1994

Teaching Assistant, St. Olaf College: Northfield, MN

Counseling and Introductory Psychology- Coordinated listening skills labs for upper class psychology majors, graded papers and exams, and coordinated review sessions.

Publications

ORIGINAL ARTICLES

1. Christiansen AL. Local Health Departments Protect and Promote Health. *League of Wisconsin Municipalities: The Municipality*; March 2018: 8-10.

2. Schlotthauer AE, Mahoney JE, Christiansen AL, Gobel VL, Layde P, Lecey V, Mack KA, Shea T, Clemson. Implementation of Stepping On in Three Wisconsin Communities. *Frontiers in Public Health*; 12 June 2017.
3. Peterson DJ, Christiansen AL, Guse CE, Layde PM. Community Translation of Fall Prevention Interventions: The Methods and Process of a Randomized Trial. *Journal of Community Psychology*. 2015; 43(8): 1005-1018.
4. Guse CE, Peterson DJ, Christiansen AL, Mahoney J, Laud P, Layde PM. Translating a Fall Prevention Intervention into Practice: A Randomized Trial. *American Journal of Public Health*. 2015; 105(7):1475-1481.
5. Layde P, Christiansen A, Peterson D, Guse, Maurana C, Brandenburg T. A Model to Translate Evidence-based Interventions into Community Practice. *American Journal of Public Health*. 2012; 102(4):617-624.
6. Hargarten SW, Christiansen A, Jentzen JM. Addressing the Burden of Gun Violence. *Academic Forensic Pathology*. 2013 : 260-263.
7. Webb T, Winthrop A, Klingbeil F, Hein L, Czinner M, Christiansen AL, Hargarten S, Simpson D. Multidisciplinary Course on Injury Prevention and Control for Medical Students. *Wisconsin Medical Journal*. 2011;110(5):234-239.
8. Villaveces A, Christiansen A, Hargarten SW. Developing a global research agenda on violence and injury prevention: A modest proposal. *Inj Prev*, 2010 Jun;16(3):190-3. Epub Apr 26.
9. Brixey S, Christiansen AL, Tieves, KS. Injuries can be prevented [editorial]. *Wisconsin Medical Journal*, 2005; 104(2), 9-11.
10. Corden, TE, Christiansen AL, Hargarten SW. Injury: A disease that affects all of society [editorial]. *Wisconsin Medical Journal*. 2005; 104(1), 9-11.
11. Guse CE, Marbella AM, Layde PM, Christiansen A, Remington P. Clean indoor air policies in Wisconsin workplaces. *Wisconsin Medical Journal*, 2004; 103(4), 27-31.
12. Andrews CJ, Netemeyer RG, Burton S, Moberg DP, Christiansen AL. Understanding adolescent intentions to smoke: An examination of relationships among social influence, prior trial behavior and anti-tobacco campaign advertising. *Journal of Marketing*, 2004; 68, 110–123.
13. Christiansen AL, Malmstadt J, Rumm P, Eisenberg T, Ahrens D, Remington P. Trends in self-reported cigarette smoking, Wisconsin, 1984-1999. *Wisconsin Medical Journal*, 2001; 100(3), 24-28.
14. Malmstadt JR, Nordstrom DL, Carty DC, Christiansen AL, Rumm PD, Chudy NE, Remington PL.. Progress in reducing per capita cigarette sales in Wisconsin, 1985-1999. *Wisconsin Medical Journal*, 2001; 100(3), 49-53.
15. Malmstadt JR, Nordstrom DL, Carty DC, Christiansen AL, Chudy NE, Rumm PD, Remington PL. Cigarette smoking in Wisconsin: The influence of race, ethnicity and socioeconomics. *Wisconsin Medical Journal*, 2001; 100(3), 29-33.

BOOKS/CHAPTERS/MONOGRAPHS

1. Hargarten, SW, Christiansen AL, Kohlbeck SA. Violence Prevention and Control: A Public Health Approach. In Eds. Glick RL, Berlin JS, Fishkind AB, Zeller SL. *Emergency Psychiatry Principles and Practice.*, Wolters Kluwer Health: Medical Practice. 2019.
2. Yonas MA, Frattaroli S, Liller KD, Christiansen A, Gielen AC, Hargarten S, Olsen LM. Moving Child and Adolescent Injury Prevention and Control Research into Practice: A Framework for Translation. Injury Prevention for Children and Adolescents: Research, Practice, and Advocacy (2nd edition). American Public Health Association, 2012 Print ISSN: 0090-0036 | Electronic ISSN: 1541-0048.
3. Hargarten, SW, Christiansen AL. Violence Prevention and Control: A Public Health Approach. In Eds. Glick RL, Berlin JS, Fishkind AB, Zeller SL. *Emergency Psychiatry Principles and Practice.* P. 467-471, Lippincott, Williams, and Wilkins. 2007.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Extensive experience with Macintosh and Windows systems and applications, including but not limited to: Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft ACCESS, Microsoft Powerpoint. Thorough knowledge of on-line research tools like: Medline, Congressional Universe, Academic Universe, Lexis-Nexis, JSTOR, National Journal, Wilson Select. Advanced data analysis experience using SAS, SPSS, Excel and ACCESS.

LEADERSHIP

Wisconsin Policy Forum, Board of Directors – January 2022 - Present

Milwaukee County Unified Emergency Operations Collaborative, COVID-19-Duty Officer, May 2020-May 2021

Southeast Wisconsin Local Health Departments and Boards – Member, 2015-Present, Chair, 2019

Milwaukee Council Emergency Medical Service Council – Member, 2016-Present

Wisconsin State Local Operations Team – Member, 2017-Present

Wisconsin Public Health Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee – Member, 2016-2018

Wisconsin Injury and Violence Prevention Committee – Member, 2007-2012

ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

•2021 Resolutions of Appreciation for Public Health Leadership – City of Glendale, Villages of Bayside, Brown Deer, Fox Point, River Hills, Shorewood, and Whitefish Bay

•2021 Aruthur B. Kohasky Leadership Award

•2020 Certificate of Recognition for COVID-19 leadership– Milwaukee Jewish Federation

•2003 Wisconsin Tobacco Control Board Leader's Award

•Wauwatosa Giving Club

•Phi Beta Kappa

•Senior Women's Honor Society

•National Psychology Honor Society

•Heibert Public Relations Scholarship

•McKinley Chess Club Coordinator

•American Public Health Association

•Wisconsin Public Health Association

•Kanopy Dance Company

•St. Olaf Dance Company