

Vanderbilt MPH Program – Practicum Projects Class of 2017

Student Name	Practicum Site & Location	Practicum Supervisor	Practicum
Epidemiology Track			
Carlucci, Jimmy	Universidade Eduardo Mondlane <i>Maputo, Mozambique</i>	Troy Moon Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Infectious Diseases	Developed and implemented quality improvement curriculum for Mozambican health care providers working in HIV programs in Mozambique.
Davis, Alaina	Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Barron Patterson Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Vice Chair for Ambulatory Services	Contributed to quality improvement efforts for the Mid-South Practice Transformation Network, participated as a mentor and lecturer in the Quality and Safety Academy at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, and aided in review of American Academy of Pediatrics Maintenance of Certification Part 4 applications.
Fathy, Cherie	Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Pediatric Trauma & Injury Prevention Program <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Purnima Unni Pediatric Trauma Injury Prevention Program Manager	Worked with the Pediatric Trauma Injury Prevention Center/Injury Free Coalition for Kids at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital on injury prevention efforts. Identified patients with a golf cart injuries and analyzed variables that predict causes of injury and the most common types of injury from golf carts.
Imdad, Aamer	Tennessee State Department of Health <i>Nashville, TN</i>	John Dunn Epidemiologist	PulseNet USA is a national laboratory network that connects foodborne illness cases to detect outbreaks caused by selected enteric bacteria. Develop a tool to rapidly identify enteric pathogens in a timely fashion and guide clinical decision-making, thereby improving food safety.
Lewis, Kailey	Tennessee Department of Health – FoodCORE <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Steffany Cavallo Epidemiologist	Conducted active surveillance by interviewing patients in TN who tested positive for Salmonella or Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i> in order to determine potential trends, clusters, and outbreaks. Worked with epidemiologists to investigate these clusters/outbreaks, and provided education to the public on pathogens most commonly associated with foodborne illnesses, potential risks, and ways to mitigate these risks.
Presley, Caroline	Veterans Administration – Tennessee Valley Healthcare System <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Amanda Mixon Assistant Professor of Medicine, General Internal Medicine and Public Health	Worked on a quality improvement project within the Veterans Administration system to improve medication reconciliation. Participated in mentoring sites, and performed data analysis and provided feedback to each site on the effect of their interventions.
Pryor, Jason	East TN State University Prescription Drug Abuse and Misuse Working Group <i>Johnson City, TN</i>	Robert Pack Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Professor of Community and Behavioral Health	Worked with the East Tennessee State University Prescription Drug Abuse and Misuse Working Group, which serves as an umbrella group for multiple community coalitions and projects. Attended community events and worked with the databases involving both the TN birth registry and TN Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) data.

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Watson, Kat	Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Debra Friedman Associate Professor of Pediatric Hematology-Oncology Howard Katzenstein Medical Director	Worked with families in the Vanderbilt Childhood Cancer Program to learn more about the link between parents' health literacy and pediatric cancer outcomes. Gained experience educating and recruiting participants, administering a survey materials to parents, and led the training and monitoring of members of a research team.
Global Health Track			
Anderson, Frances	Minnesota Department of Health <i>St. Paul, Minnesota</i>	Ann Linde International Health Planner	Monitored grant deliverables and provided assistance to the Refugee and International Health Department at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). Completed an evaluation of the Community Health Promotion Project for MDH.
Fletcher, Grace	Wuqu' Kawoq <i>Tecpan, Guatemala</i>	Anita Chary Research Director	Worked on program improvement and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) for nutrition recuperation and education programs. Revamped M&E tools for nutrition education program in rural indigenous communities. Developed and piloted culturally appropriate surveys; trained community health workers to use new tools; set up data management system.
	Concern Worldwide US <i>New York City</i>	Whitney Sogol Strategic Partnerships and Business Development Manager	Gained experience writing grant proposals and building public-private partnerships for a Gates-funded initiative to find innovative solutions to maternal-child health challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa.
McGinnis, Katie	Bethany Kids Children's Center <i>Kijabe, Kenya</i>	Mardi Steere Medical Director	Helped design, implement, or improve psychosocial care services for hospitalized children and families. Shadowed local health care workers, conducted weekly professional development sessions on children's psychosocial care topics, and created new teaching materials and program resources for local staff. Created and administered needs assessment surveys on the psychosocial needs of hospitalized children and families, existing psychosocial care practices, and gaps-in-care to parents/caregivers and hospital staff at two hospital facilities.
	AIC CURE at Kijabe Hospital <i>Kijabe, Kenya</i>	Earnest Kioko Spiritual Director	
	Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital <i>Eldoret, Kenya</i>	Sarah Ellen Mamlin Sally Test Pediatric Center Manager	

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<p>McWade, Conner</p>	<p>Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC)</p>	<p>Nicolas Forget Director of the Guyana Emergency Medicine Residency</p> <p>Zulfikar Bux Head of Department for Accident and Emergency at GPHC</p>	<p>Worked with the Guyana Police Force and other agencies to collect and record data from police reports for all fatal and serious road traffic accidents from 2012 to present. Used GIS software to create maps based on victim and collision characteristics. Attended agency meetings, including road traffic safety conferences sponsored by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).</p>
<p>Octaria, Rany</p>	<p>Tennessee Department of Health <i>Nashville, TN</i></p>	<p>Marion Kainer Director of Healthcare Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Program</p>	<p>Conducted surveillance data management for Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae with the Tennessee Department of Health. Provided support to the CDC’s Division of Global Health Protection’s Rabies One Health Networking Project. Gathered and analyzed data from six partner countries regarding rabies surveillance activities, human and canine rabies cases, and disease prioritization.</p>
	<p>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <i>Atlanta, GA</i></p>	<p>Stephanie Salyer Acting Epidemiology Team Lead</p>	
<p>Ossemame, Ezequiel</p>	<p>Moi University <i>Eldoret, Kenya</i></p>	<p>Martin Were Visiting Associate Professor of Medicine</p>	<p>Engaged in biomedical informatics activities at Moi University and Eduardo Mondlane University. Observed the protocols approval process during the bioethics committee meetings. Assisted with REDCap training sessions in Nairobi and Eldoret hosted by the Institute of Biomedical Informatics at Moi University and the Institute of Healthcare Management at Strathmore Business School.</p>
	<p>University Eduardo Mondlane <i>Maputo, Mozambique</i></p>	<p>Mohsin Sidat Dean of the Faculty of Medicine</p>	
<p>Sarko, Kidane</p>	<p>Siloam Family Health Center <i>Nashville, TN</i></p>	<p>Amy Richardson Community Health Outreach Director</p>	<p>Served as a community health coordinator at Siloam Family Health Center. Planned and performed health fair assessments, analyzed data and wrote reports, created a community health review form and surveys, provided monitoring and evaluation of the program, and created a health library resource. Gained an understanding of how faith-based NGO operates and how to apply community health promotion skills in practice.</p>
<p>Tage, Shanel</p>	<p>Tennessee Department of Health <i>Nashville, TN</i></p>	<p>Michael D. Warren Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Health and Wellness</p>	<p>Developed a focus group study to understand African American parents’ perceived roles in the infant feeding decision process, and created a breastfeeding evidence synthesis document. Summarized qualitative findings from community members and compiled recommendations for TDH and community partners on decreasing disparities in breastfeeding among black/white populations.</p>

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Umutesi, Grace	Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	Allen Craig Africa Team Lead	Provided support to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative at the CDC by analyzing the database for the evaluation of the Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) surveillance in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2014. Deployed to Conakry, Guinea to evaluate the performance of the AFP surveillance in the country. Deployed to Kinshasa, DRC as part of the Yellow Fever outbreak response team.
Wahlfeld, Christopher	Lwala Community Alliance <i>Lwala, Kenya</i>	Kelly Peuquet Monitoring and Evaluation Fellow	Worked with the Lwala Community Alliance’s community health office to assist with HIV/AIDS WASH Integrated (HAWI) program. In addition to attending meetings and interviewing staff and community health workers, created a HAWI scorecard and a report on the roles of Lwala staff integrally involved in the project.
Health Policy Track			
Allen, Julia	Tennessee Department of Health <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Eric Harkness Director, Office of Health Policy	Conducted an investigation into the benefits and barriers to combining the Department of Health’s programs using home visiting with patient centered medical homes. Met with various stakeholders including managed care plan representatives and TDH program leaders. Conducted a literature review on outcomes of similar programs and made recommendations based on findings.
Greenberg, Sarah	TennCare - Strategic Planning and Innovation Group, Health Care Finance and Administration <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Brooks Daverman Director	Worked on Episodes of Care project for the State of Tennessee. Assisted with the three phases of an episode’s life cycle: design, implementation and maintenance. Worked closely with managed care organizations (MCOs) and provider stakeholders.
Renno, Markus	American Academy of Pediatrics <i>Nashville, TN, and Washington, DC</i>	Julie Raymond Manager, Young Physician Initiatives	Contributed to various American Academy of Pediatrics efforts related to child health and the U.S. health care system, including projects to improve the pediatric subspecialty match and address the professional needs of fellowship trainees. Also assisted in drafting a transition document for the next president of the United States.
Smith, Cassie	MissionPoint Health Partners <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Jordan Asher Chief Clinical Officer, Chief Innovation Officer	Worked as a Clinical Quality & Innovation Intern at MissionPoint Health Partners, an Accountable Care Organization (ACO). Participated in a diverse set of projects including developing a 3-day skilled nursing facility (SNF) waiver for Medicare Shared Savings Program members, recommendations to reduce SNF costs, and an evaluation of Part B drug spending. Created a monthly metric scorecard for each population.