

Vanderbilt MPH Program – Practicum Projects Class of 2018

Student Name	Practicum Site & Location	Practicum Supervisor(s)	Practicum
<b>Epidemiology Track</b>			
Apple, Rachel	The Nashville Collaborative, Vanderbilt University Medical Center <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Shari Barkin Professor of Pediatrics Director of Pediatric Obesity Research  Bill Heerman Assistant Professor of Pediatrics	Evaluated the dissemination and implementation of a family-based community initiative targeting pediatric obesity at local recreation centers in Nevada, Michigan, and Georgia. Practiced qualitative analysis and program evaluation, and contributed to strategic planning for the development of future health and wellness initiatives at the Metro Nashville Parks and Recreation Department.
Bellew, Shawna	Emergency Department, Vanderbilt University Medical Center <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Wesley Self Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine	Headed a multidisciplinary team on a process improvement project aimed at treating patients presenting requesting opioid detoxification to the Vanderbilt Emergency Department. Measured the effect of the intervention and presented these results at a national meeting.
Gillaspie, Erin	Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative, Vanderbilt University Medical Center <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Jessica McAllister Director, Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative	Identified and initiated quality improvement projects within the outpatient surgical specialty fields, with a primary focus on the opioid epidemic. Worked with a team to develop self-assessment and teaching program for physicians called, "Function First, Opioids Last Education Program." This project complements efforts to limit the inpatient use of narcotics in the management of post-operative pain.
Isaacs, David	Vanderbilt Huntington's Disease Center of Excellence, Vanderbilt University Medical Center <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Daniel Claassen Director, Huntington's Disease Center of Excellence	Collaborated with clinicians in the Vanderbilt Huntington's Disease Center of Excellence to draft a grant proposal addressing mental health disorders in patients with HD.
Isom, Chelsea	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Tennessee Valley Healthcare System <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Christianne Roumie Associate Professor of Medicine	Performed a retrospective chart review for a sample of veterans with invasive melanoma and determined if they received appropriate follow-up and quality of care in order to design interventions to prevent loss to follow-up.
Liberman, Justin	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Tennessee Valley Healthcare System <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Candace McNaughton Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine	Worked with physicians to understand national trends in stroke care at VA Emergency Department and Urgent Care Clinics as a VA PREVENT team member. The PREVENT initiative utilized quality improvement methodology to understand transient ischemic care in the Tennessee Valley VA healthcare System (TVVA).
Manful, Adoma	Impact Hub Accra <i>Osu, Ghana</i>	Emily Sheldon Director of Health Innovation	Assessed the impact of certain chronic diseases on economic productivity in Ghana. Recommended target patients for social enterprise community center and estimated the impact of their services. Interviewed medical professionals on the chronic disease care

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			management process and health-seeking behavior in individuals with chronic diseases in Ghana.
Oliver, Cassie	Tennessee Department of Health <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Carolyn Wester Medical Director, HIV/AIDS/STD Division	Worked with the Viral Hepatitis Surveillance team to assess risk factors and pregnancy status of newly diagnosed cases of Hepatitis C in women of reproductive age. Helped create tools for contacting providers and patients, and used REDCap to run basic analysis. Attended weekly surveillance meetings and trained on REDCap, SAS, Hepatitis C antibody testing, and health disparities.
Pike, Mindy	Tennessee Department of Health <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Melissa McPheeters Director, Public Health Informatics and Analytics	Collaborated with key stakeholders and public health leaders in Tennessee to identify key messages for patients about the opioid epidemic. Developed patient education materials on opioids based on current physician prescribing guidelines at the Tennessee Department of Health, which continue to be used in local hospitals.
Sanlorenzo, Lauren	Metro Davidson County Public Health Department <i>Nashville, TN</i>	D'Yuanna Allen-Robb Director, Division of Child and Adolescent Health	Conducted a programmatic analysis of a Metro Davidson County Public Health Department pilot program focused on expanding health insurance coverage for pregnant women in the county. Engaged in partnership-building around the creating of data sharing agreements with local managed care organizations.
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<b>Global Health Track</b>			
Arinze, Sade	Vanderbilt Comprehensive Care Clinic <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Robertson Nash Director, PATHways Clinic	Attended weekly Complex Patients at Risk meetings, conducted literature review for the optimal tools to assess health literacy and the efficacy of substance abuse treatment in HIV, and analyzed on the VCCC panel of patients. Assessed if distance to clinic played a major role in missed clinic appointments and virologic suppression, and justified the establishment of a satellite clinic in Rutherford county.
Arriola Vigo, Beto	CRONICAS, Center of Excellence in Chronic Diseases, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia <i>Lima Peru</i>	Francisco Diez-Canseco Associate Researcher	Joined Latin America Treatment & Innovation Network in Mental Health: Latin-MH, a collaboration between academic institutions in Peru, Brazil, England, and the United States. The study aimed to reduce symptoms of depression in people with hypertension and diabetes through a cellphone app.
	Vanderbilt University Medical Center <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Sheryl Fleisch Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences	Worked on developing an inter-institutional agreement between the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia School of Medicine in Lima, Peru. The agreement will allow an exchange

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			of postdoctoral psychiatry trainees from either institution to perform clinical and educational activities at the other.
Ewing, Heather	Southeast AIDS Education and Training Center <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Carol Nixon Research Assistant Professor Human and Organizational Development	Collaborated with clinicians and researchers on a U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) report that evaluated the status of the HIV workforce the in Southeastern United States (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, and TN) with recommendations for future workforce strengthening.
Hutton, Birdie	Central American Medical Outreach <i>Santa Rosa de Copan, Honduras</i>	Jose Bautista Assistant Director	Developed a monitoring and evaluation system for the nursing capacitation program at the Central American Medical Outreach in Honduras through conducting a literature review, consulting with stakeholders, leading a focus group, and analyzing hospital data-flow. Participated in medical brigades in rural communities by distributing health supplies and assisting with patient charts during medical visits.
Macuacua, Salesio	PIO XII Foundation - Barretos Cancer Hospital <i>Barretos, São Paulo, Brazil</i>	José Humberto Tavares Guerreiro Fregnani Executive Director	Participated in weekly Institutional Review Board meetings and worked with the Training and Research Institute and Clinical Research Unit. Participated in study regulation processes, engaged in clinical research design and implemented study protocols.
Prieto Garcia, Juanita	Tennessee Department of Health <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Carolina Clark Child Health Medical Consultant	Worked with the Family Health and Wellness Medical Consulting Team and learned the dynamics of the division, reviewed literature for the appropriate design of the programs and developed survey tools using REDCap. Gained a better understanding of how public health services are provided on a larger scale.
Starnes, Joey	American Academy of Pediatrics <i>Washington, D.C.</i>	Katy Matthews Washington Office Administrator	Wrote educational pieces, conducted policy research, and attended coalition and congressional meetings.
	World Health Organization <i>Geneva, Switzerland</i>	Isabelle Waschsmuth Project Manager, Innovation Team	Worked in the Service Delivery and Safety Department at WHO headquarters in Geneva. Developed evidence-based policy briefs and other resources with a focus on fostering healthcare innovation for international policy makers.
Wang, Rui	Tennessee Department of Health <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Melissa McPheeters Director, Public Health Informatics and Analytics	Developed patient educational materials on prescription opioid drug overdose. Conducted extensive literature research on existing materials, developed a set of materials targeting different populations on opioids.

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<b>Health Policy Track</b>			
Broadhead, Sydney	The Advisory Board <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Jordan Holland Director/Engagement Manager	Served as consulting intern on the Value Based Care team. Developed clinically integrated networks for hospital systems and activities including data analysis to quantify client returns and investments, prepared presentations to stake-holders, created internal resources for cross-consulting use, and automated market analysis processes.
Castellanos, Emily	Vanderbilt Head and Neck Cancer Program, Vanderbilt University Medical Center <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Barbara Murphy Professor of Medicine Director of the Pain & Symptom Management Program	Built a database to capture measures pertinent to emergency department visits and hospitalizations in the head and neck cancer patient population, patient education, social and financial services.
Randolph, JW	The Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, Primary Care Clinic <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Seth Scholer Associate Professor Pediatrics	Recruited patients, collected and analyzed data, and implemented interventions focused on healthy parenting strategies in order to prevent and mitigate the impacts of the Tennessee Adverse Childhood Experiences project (ACEs).
Smith, Emily	MidSouth Practice Transformation Network, Vanderbilt University Medical Center <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Heather Limper Research Assistant Professor of Medicine	Created a comprehensive toolkit to help patients evaluate their Emergency Department (ED) use and decrease low acuity ED. Assessed the efficacy of the toolkit by completing a baseline survey of all practices within the network to determine current processes and challenges related to awareness of ED use, appropriate follow-up, and availability of care.
Weber, Hannah	Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability <i>Nashville, TN</i>	Anna Lea Cothron Aging Commission Liaison	Conducted research and data analysis of issues such as nutrition, housing, end of life care, and elder abuse. Investigated rural and urban disparities in health throughout state. Formulated policy and advocacy materials for the State of Tennessee.
	U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Labor, Education and Pensions <i>Washington, D.C.</i>	Brett Meeks Health Counsel	Provided policy and health economics research for Senate staffers crafting health care legislation to remediate the private insurance market. Met with interest groups and attended relevant briefings, hearings, and wrote reports on public health and federal health care issues for committee staff.