The Social Determinants of Health Initiative

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Social Determinants of Health

The complex, integrated, and overlapping social structures and economic systems that are responsible for most health inequities. These social structures and economic systems include the social environment, physical environment, health services, and structural and societal factors. Social determinants of health are shaped by the distribution of money, power, and resources throughout local communities, nations, and the world.

Social Determinants of Health
The SDH Initiative

• Supports and conducts inter-disciplinary, community-engaged research, education and action to address SDH and promote health equity.

• Initiated by School of Social Work’s RRI, CLAS’s Dept. of Sociology, and CUPA’s School of Community Health
  – SDH Cluster – 5 new hires in 2012-2013

• Brings together researchers and community partners throughout PSU, OHSU, health dept, health organizations, and community organizations.

• www.pdx.edu/social-determinants-health
## SDHI Members

- >140 University Faculty and Staff

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  School of Community Health  
  School of Urban Studies and Planning  
  N.A.T. School of Urban Studies and Planning  
  Mark O. Hatfield School of Government  
  School of Social Work  
  Regional Research Institute for Human Services  
  College of Liberal Arts and Sciences  
  Department of Sociology  
  Department of Psychology  
  Department of Public Administration and Policy  
  Department of Communication  
  Department of Biology  
  System Science Graduate Program  
  School of Education  
  Institute for Sustainable Solutions | School of Medicine  
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  Depart. of Public Health and Preventive Med.  
  Depart. of Medical Informatics & Clinical Epi  
  Department of Family Medicine  
  Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
  Department of Psychiatry  
  Department of Emergency Medicine  
  Department of Pediatrics  
  Department of Biomedical Engineering  
  Division of Management  
  School of Dentistry  
  School of Nursing  
  Institute on Development & Disability  
  Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology  
  Center for Ethics in Healthcare  
  Center for Health System Effectiveness |
SDHI Members

• > 20 members from governmental organizations
  • Oregon Health Authority, Multnomah County

• >20 leaders from community-based organizations and tribes

• Anyone interested in helping address SDH
Research and Scholarship

• Wide range of projects
  – Upstream and downstream factors
  – Micro, meso, and macro levels
  – Identifying, understanding, and addressing SDH
  – Large number of different health issues, social issues, and populations
  – Multiple different methods and approaches
  – Strong commitment to community participation and addressing community priorities.

• http://www.pdx.edu/social-determinants-health/research-highlights
Education and Training

• SDH-related courses at PSU and OHSU
  – [http://www.pdx.edu/social-determinants-health/courses](http://www.pdx.edu/social-determinants-health/courses)

• Workshops, conferences, symposia, brown-bags, trainings
Research In Progress Series

• Great opportunity for peer mentorship and support.
• One project per week – lots of discussion.
• The project can be at any stage (other than finished)
• The only rule is that presenters must be sincerely interested in getting input from their peers.

• At PSU:
  – 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 12-1:30pm
  – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 9-10:30am
  – Market Center Building, 1600 SW 4th Ave, Room 413

• At OHSU:
  – Every Tuesday, 2-3:20pm; Hatfield Building, Room 11D03
Collaboration Support

• SDHI Expertise Database
  – Over 200 local experts
  – Info on expertise/interests in social issues, health issues, methodologies, populations; experience with specific funding agencies, journals, study sections
    – To enter your info: [http://tiny.cc/SDHI_member_survey](http://tiny.cc/SDHI_member_survey)

• Matching service
• Topic-specific gatherings (eg physical health of SMI)
• Proposal development and planning meetings
Community Engagement

- Steering Committee in development
- Academic-community partnership consultation service
  - Original partnership formation
  - Collaboration processes
  - Evaluation methods
  - Example MOUs, authorship guidelines, etc.
Communications

• SDHI list-serve and website
• Weekly SDHI announcements
• Director: Christina Nicolaidis
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Today

• Four Clusters
• 7 Presenters in each clusters followed by 20-minute panel discussion
• Reflections and Next Steps
• New ideas and connections
• Possible large SDHI project