



## **Rochester Epidemiology Project Community Advisory Board Meeting Notes September 10, 2015**

**In attendance - Board Members:** Alice Bruck, Marie Cano, Ken Caron, Carissa Eppens, Jo Ericksen, Pete Kasper, John Mahanna, Liz Morice, Joan Rose, Dee Servick, Charlie Shaner, Harold Stewart, and Denny Uthke. (13 attendees)

**In attendance – REP Team:** Barbara Yawn, Walter Rocca, Jennifer St. Sauver, and Lori Klein

We started the meeting with introductions and by sharing favorite holidays. Next, Walter honored Barbara for all that she has contributed to research and the Rochester Epidemiology Project. Barbara will retire on December 31, 2015. Here are a few of the accomplishments acknowledged in congratulations on a long and impactful career:

- Barbara founded the Department of Research at OMC (served as Director for 25 years)
- Influential in the creation of the institutional review board (IRB) at OMC for review of REP studies
- 25 years of contributing to and utilizing the REP
- First and only REP co-principal investigator from a non-Mayo collaborator
- Primary contributor to the creation of the REP community advisory board
- Barbara spent over 10 years practicing in primary care as a family medicine physician and delivered many, many babies in SW Minnesota
- She is a local, national and world-wide expert on asthma, COPD, postpartum depression, herpes zoster, immunizations in children and adults as well as other health care issues
- Author of 100s of published peer-reviewed research articles
- Her research has been cited over 10,000 times!

The co-chair presentations for the election were presented by two nominees, Jo Ericksen and Denny Uthke. Members in attendance voted by paper to Lori and the group determined that the final announcement of the co-chairs would not be made until others were given one final opportunity to nominate themselves. Also, the group wanted to ensure that members not present at the meeting were given a chance to vote. UPDATE: No other nominees came forward and after a 2 week voting period, it was determined that the new REP CAB co-chairs are Jo and Denny. Congratulations!

Walter provided an update on the funding status of the REP by reporting the good news of a grant award from the National Institute on Aging for the years 2015-2020. Also, Walter communicated that the REP region has grown from Olmsted County in 1966 to 27 counties in 2015. A revised map of the REP 27-county region will be distributed at the next meeting.

Work team updates: Facebook team – Scott Brue has been consistently updating the Facebook page with REP sponsored studies featured in the news. Media team – the group will send an

email to CAB members requesting the name of local newspapers or other media sources for distribution of 50 year anniversary articles; add REP logo to article; a second article to be ready in January 2016 and articles to start being published in 2016; Ken Caron joined the media team. Event team – we need to provide more flyers at the expos since we ran out last year; suggest chocolate rather than tootsie rolls; no changes to the Good Life Expo poster; update the Women's Expo poster by including only 3-4 studies such as, benefits of vaccinations through life, recognizing symptoms of heart attack, vitamin use, use of pain medicine, healthy grieving, and ovarian cancer; bring 50 year anniversary poster boards to both expos.

A concern was raised about there being too much time between meetings; therefore, Jo and Denny will propose a new plan for the 2016 meeting schedule by October 15 and members will be given the opportunity for email discussion until November 15. Once comments and suggestions have been reviewed, a final schedule will be communicated to the board.

Congrats to Mary Lamprecht and her husband on the birth of their baby girl, Allison, born on July 23<sup>rd</sup> (7 lbs. 0oz.; 20.5")!

**NEXT MEETING:** **TBD** – pending further discussion with new co-chairs and board members