Executive Summary

As director of the UNMC Center for Health Policy, I present the inaugural report of activities of the Center over the March 2012 to March 2013 time period. The Center and its partners have made many contributions to health policy in Nebraska during the first year of operation that are summarized below. A more detailed report of these activities follows the executive summary.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents approved the UNMC Center for Health Policy on March 2, 2012, with the following vision, mission, and goals:

Vision of the Center
The Center for Health Policy will be the premier resource for decision makers who seek policy solutions that improve the health of Nebraskans.

Mission of the Center
The Center for Health Policy will improve the public’s health in Nebraska by generating and disseminating interdisciplinary research and objective analysis of health policies.

Goals
The Goals of the Center are to:
1. Promote and support research that improves health policy decisions.
2. Facilitate communication among stakeholders in health policy.
3. Enhance the role of UNMC in promoting the health of Nebraskans.
4. Support the educational initiatives of UNMC in health policy.

Research and Policy Analysis Expertise
The Center has the following capacities for policy analysis and evaluation through staff and faculty affiliates:
- Translating research into policy
- Policy evaluation
- Comparative effectiveness research
- Economic modeling, cost effectiveness / cost benefit analysis
- Analysis of existing databases and surveys
- Spatial analysis (using geographic information systems)
- System dynamics and simulation modeling

Milestones
- An advisory council was formed with representation from various units at the University of Nebraska, state government, non-profit organizations and the business community. The advisory council provides direction and prioritization for work of the Center.
- We have 50 faculty affiliates that represent each college at UNMC and every campus in the University of Nebraska. Faculty affiliates are notified of opportunities specific to their area of expertise and expressed interest.
- A website was created for the Center: http://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/chp.htm

Collaborations
The Center for Health Policy collaborated with 23 organizations on policy projects such as reports, articles, presentations, grants, and contracts: 15 with the UNMC; 5 with other groups within the University of Nebraska; and 3 groups external to the University of Nebraska.
Policy Reports, Testimony, Presentations, and Grants

- We published 11 policy reports and briefs ranging in topics from health insurance coverage, Medicaid expansion, and health care workforce. In addition, faculty affiliates published numerous policy articles and reports as outlined below.
- Members of the Center testified before the Nebraska State Legislature and City Council, and presented findings of their health policy research to local, regional, and national audiences.
- The Center has received four grants and contracts for policy analysis and education, and participated in numerous grant applications.

Media Coverage
 Reports and activities of the Center were covered by more than 300 media outlets and generated at least $500,000 in media value for the University of Nebraska.

Education
 The Nebraska Health Policy Academy is in its third year of operation; the goal of the academy is to train Nebraska’s public health workforce to use health policy as a public health tool. The UNMC College of Public Health also launched a concentration in Health Policy for the MPH program and complementary dual degree programs (JD/MPH, MBA/MPH).
Below is a detailed listing of activities in the Center, including the efforts of faculty affiliates.

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**Policy Reports and Briefs (available @ [http://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/chp.htm](http://www.unmc.edu/publichealth/chp.htm))**

- *The Impact of Health Reform and the Affordable Care Act on Latinos and Immigrants in the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area*
- *Medicaid Expansion in Indiana*
- *Primary Care Physician Assistants in Nebraska*
- *Primary Care Nurse Practitioners in Nebraska*
- *Active Primary Care Physicians in Nebraska: Data Comparison, Supply, and Characteristics*
- *Medicaid Expansion in Nebraska under the Affordable Care Act*
- *Health Insurance Coverage in Nebraska*
- *Public Health Department Accreditation in Nebraska*
- *Analysis of National Health Policies Directed at Immigrants in the United States*
- *The Affordable Care Act of 2010: A Brief Summary*
- *Policy Analysis of Impaired Driving Laws in Nebraska*
Media Coverage: (more than $500,000 in media value)

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Educational Support:

Nebraska Health Policy Academy
The goal of the academy is to train Nebraska's public health workforce to use health policy as a public health tool. This program is funded with generous support from the State of Nebraska DHHS (1U58CD001310) and the UNMC College of Public Health.

MPH Concentration in Health Policy
The 45 credit hour Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program with a concentration in Health Policy is designed to train future policy analysts in health care and public health. The successful completion of the MPH in Health Policy will give students a unique set of skills, knowledge and abilities that will enable graduates to prioritize health concerns, develop evidence-based policies, and address major public health issues in Nebraska and nationwide.

JD/MPH Dual Degree program (Begins Fall 2013)
This is a joint venture between the UNL College of Law and the UNMC College of Public Health to form a Juris Doctorate (JD) and Master of Public Health (MPH) dual degree program. The JD/MPH program is designed for students who desire specialized expertise and training in public health law. Graduates will be equipped to work in a variety of public interest arenas such as governmental agencies, legislative bodies and advocacy groups. They may also seek commercial or industrial employment, in hospitals or manufacturing settings, or in universities.

MBA/MPH Dual Degree program (Begins Fall 2013)
This is a joint venture between the UNO College of Business Administration (CBA) and the UNMC College of Public Health (CoPH) to form a Master of Business Administration (MBA) and Master of Public Health (MPH) dual degree program. The MBA/MPH program is designed for students who desire specialized expertise and training in public health management and administration. Graduates will be equipped to work in a variety of settings including public interest, commercial/industrial, hospitals, insurance, and universities.
Rebecca Anderson

Grant / Contracts:

Beatrice State Developmental Center ethics consultation
5 year NICHD contract with American College of Medical Genetics

Publications:

Committee on Bioethics, Committee on Genetics, and The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics Social, Ethical, and Legal Issues Committee. (Primary authors: Ross LF, Saal HM, David KL, Anderson RR.)


Presentations / testimony:

Genetics and Patent Law. Creighton Center for Health Policy and Ethics (April; Omaha, NE)

Duty to report? Ethical and Legal Issues when Excessive Homozygosity Suggests Incest or Abuse. American College of Medical Genetics annual meeting (March; Phoenix, AZ)

Member Forum on Return of Results (focus on ‘secondary findings’ in genetic screening panels, and provider conscience laws designed to exempt providers from liability when they choose not to disclose prenatal findings due to opposition to abortion). American College of Medical Genetics annual meeting (March; Phoenix, AZ)

Ozgur Araz

Publications:


Presentations:

Social networks modeling for understanding food culture. INFORMS National Meeting, Phoenix AZ, October 2012.

Finding the shortest feasible path given limited alternative-fuel station availability using a network reduction algorithm. INFORMS National Meeting, Phoenix AZ, October 2012 (with M Kuby, I. Capar).

Li-Wu Chen

Grants/Contracts:

Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Title: Examining the Relationship between Quality Improvement and Accreditation Strategies for Regional Local Health Departments in Nebraska
Goal: There are two specific aims for this project: (1) to identify the strengths and weaknesses in essential service areas and to examine the readiness for accreditation for regional LHDs in Nebraska; (2) to examine the relationship between QI strategies and accreditation for regional LHDs in Nebraska in order to inform how QI and accreditation strategies can be better integrated.

Funder: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health, Office of Community and Rural Health
Title: Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure for Improved Health Outcomes
Goal: The purpose of this subgrant is to provide funds for the University to help strengthen the public health infrastructure in Nebraska. Funds will be used to develop and implement an economic and programmatic return on investment study of the Tobacco Free Nebraska Quitline that will help show the value of this tobacco prevention strategy.

Policy Reports:

Jacobson JJ, Stimpson JP, Chen L-W, Palm D. Public Health Department Accreditation in Nebraska. Omaha, NE: UNMC Center for Health Policy; 2012.

Nguyen, AT, Chen, LW, Jacobson, J. Quality improvement activities and efforts in Nebraska’s state public health department. Omaha, NE: Nebraska Center for Rural Health Research, PR2012-4


Articles:


Chen LW, Nguyen AT, Jacobson J, Palm D. Assessment of Workforce Capacity for Local Health Departments in Nebraska: A Perspective from Public Health Programmatic Areas. Journal of Public Health


Stimpson JP, Pagan JA, Chen LW. Reducing racial and ethnic disparities in colorectal cancer screening is likely to require more than access to care. Health Affairs. December 2012; 12.

Mary Cramer

Grants/Contracts

Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation State Implementation Program (SIP)
Title: Nebraska Action Coalition Education and Leadership

Funder: Tobacco Free Nebraska, Metro Omaha Tobacco Action Coalition
Title: Tobacco free policies for multi-unit housing in Nebraska
Goal: Conduct a survey of landlord knowledge, attitudes, practices for smoking policies and compare results with 2010 survey results for changes

Funder: HRSA/Maternal Child Health Bureau.
Title: External evaluation for Omaha Healthy Start
Goal: Conduct a comparative analysis of birth outcomes based on program interventions designed to reduce IMR, LBW, VLBW

Funder: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
Title: Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH)
Goal: Conduct external evaluation for outcomes and impacts on rural health and safety knowledge, attitudes, practices based on CS-CASH projects and interventions in the 7-state region.

Policy Reports:


Presentations/Testimony


Randeep Jawa

Publication


Presentation

Jawa RS, Yetter D, Young DH, Shostrom VK, Cemaj S, Stothert J, Mercer DW. Alcohol withdrawal at an urban joint trauma center system. Sixty-fourth annual meeting of the Southwestern Surgical Congress in Ranchos Palos Verdes, California in 2012.


Katherine Jones

Grants/Contracts:

Title: CAPTURE Falls: Collaboration and Proactive Teamwork Used to Reduce Falls (1 R18 HS021429)
Agency: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Title: Reassessment of Acute Stroke Treatment in Nebraska Hospital
Agency: Nebraska Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program

Title: Implementing a Program of Patient Safety in Small Rural Hospitals
Agency: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program, Nebraska Coalition for Patient Safety

Papers:


Jungyoon Kim

Grants / Contracts:

Funder: Douglas County Board of Commissioners (Subcontracted by Health Management Associate)
Title: Douglas County Mental Health and Long-Term Care Services Community Needs Assessments
Goal: Determine community capacity to provide long-term care and mental health services

Articles:

Kim, J., Wehbi, N., DelliFraine, J. Brannon, D. The Joint Relationship between Organizational Design Factors and HR Practice Factors on Direct Care Workers' Job Satisfaction and Turnover Intent. Health Care Management Review, Accepted (January 2013).

Presentations / Testimony:

The relationship of structure and HR practices on workers’ job satisfaction and turnover intent. Academy of Management Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. August 6, 2012
Grants / Contracts:

Title: Nebraska Juvenile Justice Service Delivery Project Evaluation
Funding Agency: State of Nebraska
Description: Evaluation of the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Delivery Project to determine the impact of the project in the Fourth and Eleventh Judicial Districts on youth outcomes such as recidivism. We will work with the Office of Probation Administration to conduct a needs assessment and design an evaluation plan. We anticipate a longitudinal study design that will track youth over time to determine both the short-term and long-term impacts of the program.

Title: NE Health Information Exchange (HIE) Evaluation
Funding Agency: Nebraska Information Technology Commission
Description: The purpose of this evaluation is to assess the implementation of the Health Information Exchange. The evaluation will focus on quantitative measures associated with system access, adoption rates, and basic measures of utilization.

Title: A Systems Approach for Next Generation Community-Linked Health Research
Funding Agency: National Institute of Health
ID Number: 1 RC4 RR031378-01
Description: The overarching goal of the proposed “Plaza” project is to develop an innovative, durable academic-community research enterprise co-created and grounded by an equitable partnership among Nebraska’s leading health science center and key community organizations who share accountability and authority for improving the health outcomes of the community.

Title: Occupational Health and Safety Program, University Nebraska Medical Center
Funding Agency: University Nebraska Medical Center
Description: To enhance the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Occupational Health and Safety Program by leveraging resources to take advantage of the knowledge and expertise of the faculty and staff of the College of Public Health and to provide research and workplace experiences for COPH students.

Title: Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (CS-CASH)
ID Number: 1 U54 OH010162-01
Funding Agency: DHHS/CDC/NIOSH
Description: The proposed research will advance knowledge and practice by establishing a model for systematic surveillance of non-fatal injuries in agriculture and applying rigorous epidemiologic methods to estimate injury rates and evaluate risk factors.

Articles:


Reports and Briefs:


Lander L. Evaluation of the public health fellowship program: Results from the Fellows’ survey. University of Nebraska Medical Center, College of Public Health. (2012).


Health Brief: Impact of food access on overweight and obesity in Omaha. Plaza Partnership. http://www.plazapartnership.org Published September 2012. Plaza partnership is a collaboration of the Douglas County Health Department, OneWorld Community Health Center, members of the South Omaha Community Care Council, and the University of Nebraska Medical Center


Presentations and Testimony:

Testified for Senator Ashford’s LB985 – evaluation of the Nebraska Juvenile Services Delivery Project and update on the violence-related injuries in Omaha report. 12/5/2012, Judiciary Committee, Nebraska State Legislature

Lander L, Tibbits M. A public Health approach to violence prevention. 6th Annual Addressing Health Disparities Seminar: Focus on Violence Prevention. Center for Promoting Health and Health Equality, Health Sciences-Multicultural and Community Affairs, Center for Health Policy and Ethics and Health Sciences Continuing Education, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, April 28, 2012


Lander L. Health Information Exchange Evaluation. Grand Rounds organized by the Center for Biosecurity, Biopreparedness, and Emerging Infectious Disease, College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center. Omaha, NE, September 6, 2012


Quan Ly

Grant:

Eppley Cancer Center Grant- Pilot Research Award (2012)

Novel strategies for pancreatic cancer treatment

Novel strategies for pancreatic cancer treatment” Submitted as one of the core project for the Pancreatic SPORE renewal submitted in January of 2013 as Project 3 under Dr. Tony Hollingsworth (PI).

Papers:

Acute colonic obstruction (Book Chapter in Acute Care Surgery, in Press)

Presentations:

Ly, QP; Wang, W.; Person, J.; ... Brattain, MG. YM155, a small molecule inhibitor of survivin, as a novel therapy in the treatment of pancreatic cancer. (Oral presentation at the 7th Academic Surgical Congress, February, 2012)

Ly, QP; Person, J.; Brattain, MG. Survivin is a potential new therapeutic target in the treatment of pancreatic cancer. (Poster presentation at the 65th Society of Surgical Oncology Annual Meeting, March 2012)

Oveys Mansuri

Publications:


Presentations:


Kim McFarland

Grants / Contracts:

Funder: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Title: Service Learning and Interprofessional Education Dental Project
Goal: To provide oral health services for rural and underserved populations through the interprofessional education and the use of technology.

Funder: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Title: Tele-Dentistry and Rural Health Project for Pediatric Dental Residency Program
Goal: To provide oral health expertise to rural and underserved populations through the use of technology and training of medical professionals.

Funder: Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Admin (RUS)
Title: COD Learn and Serve Tele-Dentistry
Goal: To provide the telehealth infrastructure necessary to conduct teledentistry consults.

Policy Reports and Articles:


Presentations / Testimony:


Marsha Morien

Milestones

Co-chair of the state's e-Health Council
Member of NeHII's consumer advisory board
Led the discussion groups on consumer engagement at NeHII's 2/6/13 Decision Accelerator (strategic planning).

Grants/Contracts:

Funder: Nebraska Information Technology Commission (federal pass-through)
Title: Nebraska Health Information Exchange Evaluation
Goal: Assess and evaluate the implementation of the Nebraska Health Information Exchange

Policy Reports and Articles:


Presentations/Testimony:

Morien M., Byers A, Bass, D, Lander, L. Health Information Exchange in Nebraska. University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health Grand Rounds 2012 Sep 5.

Tamara Ritsema

Policy Reports and Articles:


Presentations / Testimony:

“Results of the Second Annual United Kingdom Association of Physician Assistants Census” Physician Assistant Education Association Forum, November 8, 2012

Not a formal testimony, but I was invited to lobby at the United Kingdom House of Commons regarding the regulation of Physician Assistants in the United Kingdom

Nancy Shank

Grants / Contracts:

Funder: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
Title: Chronic Mental Health: Improving Outcomes through Ambulatory Care Coordination
Goal: Research regarding user adoption and clinical outcomes related to the development of the Electronic Behavioral Health Information Network in Nebraska
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Funder: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology through Wide River Regional Extension Center

Title: Health Information Technology Workforce Development

Goal: Curriculum development grants and coordination activities to promote integration of health IT into the initial and ongoing training of health professionals among Nebraska’s post-secondary educational institutions

Policy Reports and Articles:


Mohammad Siahpush

Publications


Singh GS, Azuine RE, Siahpush M. (Accepted August 2012). “Global inequalities in cervical cancer incidence and mortality are linked to deprivation, low socioeconomic status, and human development”. *International Journal of MCH and AIDS.*


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Presentations:


Asia Sikora

Publications:


Presentations:

Lamie PM, Sikora A, Silberstein PT. Analysis of Stage of Melanoma Diagnosis in Relation to Insurance Type and Income as an Indicator of Early/Late Diagnosis. Annual Meeting of ASCO Quality of Care; San Diego, CA


Lamie P, Sikora A, Singla A, Silberstein P. (2012). Analysis of Stage of Melanoma Diagnosis of Veterans Affairs Hospitals in Relation to Other Insurance Types and Income as Indicators of Early/Late Diagnosis. Annual Meeting for the Association of Veterans Affairs Hematology/Oncology in Omaha, NE


Jim Stimpson

Grants and Contracts:

Funder: Indiana Hospital Association
Title: Economic impact of Medicaid expansion on Indiana
Goal: Conduct an economic impact analysis of Medicaid expansion for Indiana

UNO Office of Latino Latin American Studies
Title: ACA’s impact on Omaha/Council Bluffs Latinos
Goal: Develop a fact sheet on the impact of health reform on Latino population in the metro area

UNMC College of Public Health Collaborative Project
Title: Health policy short course for local health departments in Nebraska
Goal: Conduct public health policy training workshop for rural communities.

UNMC College of Public Health Mutual Fund Program
Title: Regulating alcohol outlet density to reduce excessive alcohol consumption
Goal: Produce a new, innovative policy solution to the public health problem of alcohol outlet density as a way to reduce excessive alcohol consumption.

State of Nebraska DHHS (1U58CD001310)
Title: Nebraska Health Policy Academy
Goal: Train Nebraska’s public health workforce to use health policy as a public health tool.

Tulsa City-County Health Department
Title: Community health needs assessment
Goal: Conduct a community needs assessment to help the health department be more effective in addressing the health needs of the Tulsa area.
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Public Health Law
Title: Electronic device use and distracted driving fatalities: do state regulations matter?
Goal: Undertake a comprehensive analysis of regulatory methods in combating distracted driving from electronic device use that will allow us to recommend a “best practices” list of policies.

National Cancer Institute (R03CA150486)
Title: Community context of colorectal cancer screening disparities
Goal: Understand community level factors responsible for disparities in colorectal cancer screening

Journal Articles:

Stimpson JP, Pagan JA, Chen L-W. Reducing racial and ethnic disparities in colorectal cancer screening is likely to require more than access to care. Health Affairs. 2012;31(12):2747-2754.


Policy Reports and Briefs:
Stimpson JP, Shaw-Sutherland K, Wang Y. The Impact of Health Reform on Latinos and Immigrants in the Omaha-Council Bluffs Metropolitan Area. Omaha, NE: University of Nebraska Omaha, Office of Latino/Latin American Studies; 2013.


Bhuyan SS, Deras M, Stimpson JP. Active Primary Care Physicians in Nebraska: Data Comparison, Supply, and Characteristics. Omaha, NE: UNMC Center for Health Policy; 2012.

Stimpson JP. Medicaid Expansion in Nebraska under the Affordable Care Act. Omaha, NE: UNMC Center for Health Policy; 2012.

Shaw-Sutherland K, Stimpson JP. Health Insurance Coverage in Nebraska. Omaha, NE: UNMC Center for Health Policy; 2012.
Stimpson JP. Analysis of National Health Policies Directed at Immigrants in the United States. Omaha, NE: UNMC Center for Health Policy; 2012.


Testimony:

Change provisions relating to the medical assistance program (LB577). Health & Human Services Committee of the Nebraska State Legislature, State Capitol Building, February 28, 2013

Change provisions relating to approval of electric generation facilities and transmission lines (LB567). Natural Resources Committee of the Nebraska State Legislature, State Capitol Building, March 1, 2013

Interim study to examine the potential impact of implementing the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on the state budget in upcoming years (LR546). Appropriations and HHS Committees of the Nebraska State Legislature, State Capitol Building, November 27, 2012

Selected Policy Presentations:


Medicaid expansion in Indiana. 15th Annual Family Impact Seminar. State House Chamber, Indianapolis, IN, November 2012.

Health reform in rural Nebraska. Student Alliance for Rural Health: Omaha, NE, November 2012.

Making the healthy choice the easy choice. Telehealth Education for School Health: Omaha, NE, October 2012.

Panelist. The impact of health care reform on Nebraska. UNMC Chancellor’s Board of Counselors: Omaha, NE, October 2012.

Impact of Medicaid expansion on Nebraska. Health Care Reform Conference: Omaha, NE, October 2012.

ACA Medicaid expansion option: impact on UNMC. University of Nebraska Board of Regents, Business Affairs Committee: Lincoln, NE, September, 2012.

State policy strategies to provide health services for immigrants under health reform. Safe Table Forum. University of Washington School of Public Health: Seattle, WA, August 2012.
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Making the healthy choice the easy choice. *Keynote Speaker* at the Policy, Systems, and Environmental Changes Summit: La Vista, NE, March 2012.


Melissa Tibbits

Grants/Contracts

Funder: Office of Probation Administration  
Title: Evaluation of the Nebraska Juvenile Services Delivery Project  
Goal: Determine the effectiveness of the Nebraska Services Delivery Project and its suitability for statewide dissemination

Funder: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (PI: Douglas County Health Department)  
Title: Evaluation of the Community Transformation Grant  
Goal: Determine the effectiveness of policy and environmental change strategies at preventing obesity in Douglas County

Presentations/Testimony


Hongmei Wang

Highlighted Grants / Contracts:

Funder: Sherwood Foundation  
Title: Evaluation of School Based Health Centers  
Goal: Conduct an evaluation including economic impact analysis on the school based health centers

Funder: CDC  
Title: Evaluation of Douglas County Community Transformation Grant  
Goal: Conduct an evaluation on several community strategies to reduce obesity and chronic diseases.

Funder: CDC  
Title: Evaluation of Douglas County Communities Putting Prevention to Work  
Goal: Conduct an evaluation on several community strategies to reduce obesity.
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Funder: NE Department of Health and Human Services
Title: Evaluation of State Cancer Screening Program through Community Health Hub Model
Goal: Conduct an evaluation on the Community Health Hub model in promoting cancer screening.

Funder: NE Office of Probation Administration
Title: Evaluation of NE Juvenile Service Delivery Project
Goal: Conduct a cost analysis on the Juvenile Service Delivery Project.

Policy Reports and Articles:


Presentations / Testimony:

Hongmei Wang, PhD; Melissa Tibbits, PhD; Kelly Shaw-Sutherland, MPA; Teresa Smith, MS, Evaluation of a Community-wide Intervention: the Douglas County Putting Prevention to Work Obesity Prevention Initiative. APHA meeting 2012

Fernando Wilson

Grants / Contracts:

Funder: Indiana Hospital Association
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Presentations: