



The Center for Nursing Research Newsletter

The UAB School of Nursing

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Son Faculty and SON Doctoral Students are invited to attend
RSVP by June 16 to Angel

8:45-9:00

Welcome by **Dr. Doreen Harper**
Introduction by **Dr. Karen Meneses**

9:00-10:00

Dr. Lisa Guay-Woodford
"The UAB Center for Clinical and Translational Science: A New Paradigm for Research"

10:15-11:15

Dr. Richard Allman, & Dr. Yvonne Eaves
"Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Foster Mentorship, Education, Practice, and Research"

11:30-1:00 Lunch Break, lunch will be provided

1:00-2:00

Frank Wiser
"Introduction to SON Grants & Contracts Methodology"

CNR Mission Statement

As a Center for Nursing Research in a Research I University, the mission of the CNR is to initiate, innovate, facilitate and support the development, implementation & evaluation of nursing & health-care research that can improve the health, well-being and quality of life of individuals, families and communities.



SON Applies for NIH Stimulus Funds

Campus-wide UAB researchers in the past month have filed 460 applications with the National Institutes of Health, seeking more than \$300 million from the \$787 billion stimulus program. SON Researchers have filed 5 of those applications for over \$5 million in funding. A brief description of those projects follows.

Susan Appel "Genetic and Metabolic Correlates of PAI-1 levels among African-American Women". This project will examine genetic underpinnings of symptom severity by focusing on the interplay of genetics, biology, environment and race leading to increased cardiometabolic risk (i.e., relationship of a metabolic profile predisposing to type 2 diabetes and increased prevalence of cardiovascular disease among obese African-American women aged 21-50.

Karen Meneses & Patrick McNees "Breast Cancer Survivors Intervention". The Parent Grant (Rural Breast Cancer Survivor [RBCS] Intervention RO1-CA120638) trial of psychoeducational support interventions for breast cancer survivors who live in rural areas. The proposed project will translate all RBCS materials into Spanish. Thus, the aims are directed toward conducting a pilot study to inform a larger trial and to establish the early pattern of effects of the translated intervention package. These aims are new and were not a part of the parent grant.

Linda Moneyham "An Intervention for Retention in HIV" The proposed research is focused on valida-

tion and pilot testing of a multi-component intervention aimed at improving retention in HIV care for two vulnerable HIV infected subgroups; those newly diagnosed HIV+; and those that return to HIV care after a drop out period of one year or more.

Linda Moneyham (P30) "Biomedical Research Core Center for Vulnerable Populations". The proposed Research Core Center for Vulnerable Populations will create an infrastructure to expand the number of new PhD prepared faculty appointed to tenure track positions, increase capacity of nursing faculty to engage in interdisciplinary research of vulnerable populations, assist new faculty in balancing research and teaching roles, develop a plan for support of the Research Core Center beyond the two year funding period.

Lynda Wilson "Distance-Based Education for International Study Coordinators" The purpose of this project is to develop, implement and evaluate 4 courses that will be offered to a total of 150 study coordinators from international sites, targeting the HIV Prevention Trials Network and other NIH sites. A fifth optional course will also be offered for study coordinators who want to pursue more in-depth study or projects under guidance of project faculty.

From the Desk of Karen Meneses

Over the past 10 months, CNR staff have been very busy in assisting SON faculty to submit numerous grant and educational training applications. SON faculty has applied for internal UAB grant funding of over \$167,000. They have also applied for educational training funds through HRSA and other federal agencies for over \$4.4 million; and federal NIH research (including economic stimulus funds) of over \$14.6 million. These efforts reflect an enormous concerted effort to boost our School's research and scholarship mission. We thank our faculty and staff for their per-

sistence and patience in the process. In addition, we are very pleased to announce the appointment of our new Director of Grants and Contracts Management in the SON, Mr. Frank Wiser. We have highlighted Mr. Wiser and his accomplishments in this issue of the CNR newsletter. Thanks to our SON faculty and welcome to Frank!



Karen Meneses

Recent Grant Submissions

NIH Economic Stimulus Grants

Dr. Susan Appel (RC1) "Genetic and Metabolic Correlates of PAI-1 levels among African-American Women"

Dr. Karen Meneses & Dr. Patrick McNees (MPI) (Competing Revision) "Breast Cancer Survivors Intervention"

Dr. Linda Moneyham (RC1) "An Intervention for Retention in HIV"

Dr. Linda Moneyham (P30) "Biomedical Research Core Center for Vulnerable Populations"

Dr. Lynda Wilson (RC1) "Distance-Based Education for International Study Coordinators"

NIH Grants

Dr. Patrick McNees & Dr. Karen Meneses (MPI) (R01)
"Cost Effectiveness of the Rural Breast Cancer Survivor Intervention Package"

Dr. Karen Meneses & Dr. Patrick McNees (MPI) (P30)
"UAB, Joint Center for Intervention Research: Health Promotion/Disease Prevention Research"

Dr. David Vance (R01) "Improving Speed of Processing and Everyday Functioning in Adults with HIV"

Federal VA Grant

Dr. Doreen Harper & Dr. Myra Smith (MPI) "Veterans Administration Nursing Academy"

RWJ Foundation Grant

Dr. Pat Patrician "Further Exploration of Nurse Staffing Outcomes Relationships"

UAB Internal Grants

Dr. Karen Heaton Lister Hill Library "Utilization and Cost for Obstructive Sleep Apnea in Two Southern States"

Dr. Pat Patrician Lister Hill Library "Nursing Practice Environments and Nurse and Patient Outcomes in Alabama"

Getting to Know-Frank Wiser, SON Director of Grants and Contracts Administration



Tell us a about your job here in the SON. I am currently serving in the capacity of research administration for the SON. My goal is to develop a seamless process for pre-award and post-award processes. This is a new position that was created to help expand SON's role in research and become a leader in this field. My approach is simple, provide excellent customer service and pay attention to details.

Where were you before you came to UAB? I was the Associate Director for Life Sciences in the Office of Research and Commercialization at the University

of Central Florida.

Where did you go to school? Both my undergraduate and graduate degrees are in Public Administration from the University of Central Florida. I also have earned a graduate certificate in Non-Profit Management.

Are you a member of any professional organizations? Yes, the International Society for Research Administrators (SRA)

Do you have any pets? I have one dog named Kano. He is an Akita and weighs about 115 lbs.

Tell us about your family. I have 4 wonderful sisters with whom I share everything. We are extremely close and are central to each other's support. My father is still living in Boynton Beach, FL and my mother died 12 years ago from cancer. My sisters are all unique and have raised children of which two have recently graduated from universities across the country.

Read any good books lately? I just recently finished reading Jeffrey Archer's book entitled "Paths of Glory" and would definitely recommend this book.

Do you have a personal motto? Adapt and Overcome

Do you have any hobbies? I enjoy playing pool, softball, and taking the pup on hiking trips. I am an avid sports fan and love the Miami Dolphins. I also enjoy playing softball. My interests are very diverse and I am always willing to learn new things.

Is there anything else that you would like to share with us? I am very calm in a crisis. I am very efficient and don't believe in wasting time. I am an active individual with lots of energy and always on the move. I write grants professionally in my spare time for county governments and nonprofit organizations yielding about \$80M in funding. Lastly, I like to smile and love to laugh and I don't waste time on negative energy.

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