



2016

CHRT Policy Fellowship
at the University of Michigan

POLICY FELLOWSHIP



The 2016 CHRT Policy Fellowship at the University of Michigan offers the opportunity for state policy-makers and University of Michigan health services researchers to explore and strengthen the connections between public policy and health services research.

The CHRT Policy Fellowship brings together selected health services researchers and state policy-makers over four months to learn from health care experts—and each other—about policy-making, health services research, and the intersection between the two.

The fellowship includes mid-career/senior health services researchers from the University of Michigan, and policy-makers selected from the offices of Michigan's House and Senate majority and minority members, the governor's office and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Throughout the program, fellows work collaboratively on a project designed to translate research for a policy audience.

Regular sessions in Ann Arbor and Lansing consist of on-site experiences and seminar-style presentations on public health policy and current issues affecting health policy and practice in Michigan and on the national level.

Speakers include top executives and administrators in health care policy and practice, senior health services researchers, and key stakeholders within the field of health policy from within the University of Michigan community and other organizations. Past speakers have included:

- **Jack E. Billi, M.D.**, Associate Vice President for Medical Affairs at the University of Michigan Health System
- **Stewart Wang, M.D., Ph.D.**, Professor of Surgery, Director of Burn Surgery, and Director of the Program for Injury Research and Education at the University of Michigan Medical School
- **Stephen Fitton**, Former Director of Michigan's Medicaid Program
- **Robert D. Fowler**, President and Chief Executive Officer at the Small Business Association of Michigan
- **Jim Bagian, M.D.**, Chief Patient Safety and Systems Innovation Officer at the University of Michigan Health System
- **Rick Pluta**, State Capital Bureau Chief for Michigan Public Radio Network
- **Thomas L. Simmer, M.D.**, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan

Fellows also travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with policy-makers and gain exposure to the national policy-making environment, and engage in hands-on state health policy experience during trips to Detroit and Lansing.



Goals

The goals of the CHRT Policy Fellowship at the University of Michigan are:

- To build connections between Michigan policy-makers and University of Michigan health services researchers
- To provide health services researchers with a better understanding of the policy-making process and ways to increase the impact of University of Michigan health services research on public health policy
- To provide Michigan policy-makers with increased knowledge of the research process and access to the resources available at the University of Michigan to support health policy work

Time commitment

- Nine full-day, interactive sessions in Ann Arbor, Detroit, and Lansing; these sessions include time set aside for networking opportunities with speakers and each other
- A three day trip to Washington, D.C.
- Orientation briefings on the Michigan legislative process and state government structure for researcher fellows and on the research process for the policy-maker fellows
- A welcome and networking dinner following the first session
- Additional time as needed to complete assigned readings and projects

Deliverables

Researchers

Researcher and policy-maker fellows will work together collaboratively to define, develop, and present a final project—based on the researcher's own work—to translate research for a policy audience. The project will be one of the following:

- Writing and presenting testimony
- Developing a one-pager
- Writing an op-ed or participating in other media opportunities
- Briefing legislators and staff or other policymakers
- Developing an issue brief
- Consulting for appropriate state agencies

Policy-makers

Each week, one policy-maker will be expected to work with the Fellowship Steering Committee to determine a discussion topic for that week's Hot Topics session. The policy-maker will select and distribute relevant articles to all fellows prior to the session and present on that topic in conjunction with the Steering Committee.

To Apply

Request an application packet by registering at:

<http://www.chrt.org/fellowship/curriculum-topics-schedule/>

Questions?

To ask questions about the fellowship, contact:

CHRT-2016fellowship-application@umich.edu.



2016 Curriculum Topics and Schedule

| Session date/time | Session | Focus | Topics |
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| February 8 8:45 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Session 1 | Introduction to health policy and insurance; welcome dinner | The history of health insurance and the Affordable Care Act; health care costs; health insurance coverage in Michigan |
| February 12 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Policy-makers only | Research briefing | Orientation to the research process |
| February 22 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Researchers only | Legislative briefing | Orientation to the legislative process in Michigan |
| February 26 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Session 2 | Advocacy Day | Overview and case studies of effective advocacy |
| March 11 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Session 3 | Health Systems Day | Operational, financial, educational issues in large health systems |
| March 18 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Session 4 | Public and private health insurance; public health | Medicaid in Michigan; health insurance rating and underwriting; public health; Value Partnerships |
| March 23 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Lansing Day | Working with the state | Meet with key state legislators and health policy staff |
| March 30 – April 1 | Washington D.C. Trip | Federal health policy | Meetings with key congressional staff and organizations |
| April 15 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Session 5 | Media Day | Writing an op-ed; working with the media; media panel |
| April 22 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Session 6 | Detroit Day | Understand the health challenges in Detroit; visits to a safety net clinic and local health department |
| May 6 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Session 7 | Statewide policy issues and initiatives | Small and large business perspectives; cutting-edge clinical issues |
| May 13 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Session 8 | Final Session | International health comparisons; final presentations and award ceremony |



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