



Center for Children's Healthy Lifestyles & Nutrition

Monthly Update – February 2016

Leadership Update Meredith Dreyer Gillette, PhD

Have you noticed quite a few new faces lately? Or also that when you go to find someone they seem to be in a different location than they were just a couple of months ago? We are very excited to be growing by leaps and bounds, with some exciting new hires and the addition of several new undergraduate students to bolster our research and community advocacy and outreach. Starting on January 18th, five new undergraduate research assistants from UMKC (see pictures below) began working an independent research credit course under the direction of Drs. Carlson and Dreyer Gillette. These students will each be here 9 hours per week and will be working on the Mealtimes grant for Drs. Patton and Dreyer Gillette and some of Dr. Carlson's new projects including his new NIH grant. Our graduate students will be doing a lot of work supervising these students as will the Clinical Trials Coordinators. It is our hope that these students will be the first of many who are here to support research projects and that they can learn a lot about what it is like to do research at a hospital by working with us. These five students are all current seniors at UMKC and most of them are interested in going on to graduate school in some format. Jonathan and Sean are interested in pursuing student research projects while working with our team. These students will be housed primarily in the large multi-person office across from my office and Dr. Davis' office, and we know that it is really busy in there!

Jonathan Fitch



Laura Graber



Jacqueline Pierre



Jack Sanchez



Sean Wheaton



Mallory Moon joined the team as an education coordinator on January 18th as well. We were also extremely fortunate to have Dr. Delwyn Catley join the team officially on 2/1/16. You will be hearing a lot more about these two in future issues. In addition to the undergraduate research assistants, we are very lucky to have two community health interns (see names and pictures below) who are seniors from UMKC working under the direction of Shelly Summar, interim WI director. These interns will be working 20 hours per week to support the 12345 Fit-Tastic Messaging campaign through the use of social media, recipe evaluations, and newsletters.

Kylee Bosworth



Danielle Richardson



As you know, we had our first visit from our Scientific Advisory Board in mid-December, and we anticipate that their report will be available soon. We also plan to share the results of the survey that you took within the next month. Thank you very much for your input!

Upcoming Events

- 3/3/16 Dr. Ihuoma Eneli to give Grand Rounds
- 4/21/16 Dr. Sandy Hassink to give Grand Rounds
- 9/8/16-9/10/16 Obesity Conference in Kansas City

KUDOS

Dr. Amanda Bruce on her new grant:

Metabolic and neuroendocrine effect of treating PCOS in adolescents. (PI: Burgert, Co-I: Bruce). Katharine Berry Richardson Foundation 2/1/16-1/31/17).

The goal of this study is to examine how pharmacologic treatment for polycystic ovarian syndrome affects brain structure and function.