

## Wisconsin Public Health Practice Based Research Network (WPHPBRN)

### Guidelines for Selecting Research Projects Using WPHPBRN Resources/Endorsement

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#### Background

The WPHPBRN will need to make decisions about whether to endorse a proposed or funded research project, and whether to make network resources available for proposed or funded research projects. The following is a list of criteria to guide the decision-making process.

#### Decision guidelines (not all need to be met to be considered)

*We engage in/support/endorse a research project when:*

1. The project is related to public health services and systems research.
2. The project topic is on the WPHPBRN research agenda.
3. The project is related to the *Healthiest Wisconsin 2020* state health plan.
4. The research addresses a practice or policy for which there is commitment from stakeholder(s) to change as a result of the research (the stakeholder will do something different as a result of the research).
5. The investigator is willing to work collaboratively with the WPHPBRN.
6. The project has potential to affect many local and tribal health departments and/or community partners and community collaborators.
7. There is adequate funding available to complete the project.
8. There is adequate personnel time available to complete the project.
9. The project is not duplicative of other projects.
10. There are advantages to collaboration for both the PBRN and the investigator.
11. The project is feasible within the structure and methods of the PBRN.

#### Decision-making process

1. All project proposals are screened for appropriateness by the WPHPBRN research subgroup (includes WPHPBRN project directors).
2. Appropriate projects will be reviewed by the Steering Committee.
3. Final decision is made by the WPHPBRN research subgroup.
4. The WPHPBRN research subgroup can pre-approve projects that fit within our approved research agenda or priority list.
5. Written agreements may be required related to researchers working on projects through PBRN.