The practicum experience is an integral part of the MPH curriculum. Public health students are provided with the opportunity to apply their classroom knowledge to real world settings through which they make a meaningful contribution to a public health organization.

Under the guidance of a community preceptor and faculty sponsor, students from all divisions gain a deeper understanding of public health practice, interact with professionals in the field, and expand their repertoire of professional skills.

This seventh-edition e-magazine showcases student practicum experiences throughout the Spring 2012 semester. (Prior semesters may be accessed through the e-book, a collection of student abstracts and e-magazines describing their experiences.)
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Harris County DWI Prevention

Dwi Prevention Among Hispanic Drivers in Harris County, Texas

By: Brandy Baker

MADD’s Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving uses a variety of approaches. They support law enforcement, advocate for victim rights, provide victims services, etc.

My main project was to organize a coalition that would use community based participatory research strategies to help empower the Hispanic community of Harris County to eliminate drunk driving. The Hispanic population was the priority because DWI statistics for 2011 showed that the Hispanic population made up a significant portion of DWI arrests across the board. I developed a fact sheet, researched possible partners, recruited members, organized a meeting place, and developed a presentation with an agenda for the meeting. I attended a career fair to help recruit volunteers and interns and developed my own pitch while there. Additionally I did a few activities involving the law enforcement to observe how they fit in with MADD.

Public Health Significance

To research for innovative solutions to public health problems:

I researched DWI statistics by race in Harris County for 2011 and had to develop a project that could enlist Hispanic drivers in MADD’s cause. My idea was to cultivate a coalition using community based participatory research strategies.

To inform, educate, and empower:

I put together a fact sheet summarizing important information about the Harris County DWI statistics based on race and coalition information and sent it to all potential partners.

To mobilize

After researching possible partners that would be interested in empowering and educating the Hispanic population, my job was to promote the coalition and invite them to a coalition meeting to help determine what culturally sensitive actions should be taken.

“MADD is not against alcohol consumption, just the irresponsible decision of driving drunk.”

-B. Baker

Drinking and driving effects more than just your judgment...

Memorable Happenings at HRRC

- I got to sit in on a human trafficking task force meeting with members from other agencies and organizations!
- I was thoroughly trained on the principles and policies of HRRC.
- As part of my extensive training I got to watch exclusive documentaries about human trafficking.

“I would have never in a million years thought I would end up completing an internship with an anti-human trafficking organization. How rewarding!!”

Web-Based Human Trafficking Training

By: Ashley Beale

My main project at Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition (HRRC) was to create a web-based training program for health care professionals (ex. Doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals) about human trafficking. The training program first familiarizes the trainee about the prevalence of human trafficking, not only around the world, but also right here in Houston, Texas.

The foundation of the web-based training program actually comes from a blueprint that a previous intern created. I was comfortable with the project I was given because I realized that the previous intern used intervention-mapping methods to establish a solid ground for program growth.

In the near future my project is going to be translated into an online format.

Public Health Significance

The essential services of public health that apply for my responsibilities at Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition (HRRC) include: to inform, educate, and empower, link to and provide care, and assure a competent workforce.

I have gained a better understanding of the plight of those who are victims of human trafficking. I’d also like to learn ways in which public health can contribute to the empowerment of those individuals.

This practicum has undoubtedly allowed me to work on my ethical and leadership skills. In the beginning of the internship, I felt somewhat overwhelmed because after my training I was thrown “into the deep end.” I was afraid of making a mistake and being embarrassed, until I realized that the whole point of this experience is to learn from mistakes. I have noticed that I have become more vocal about my concerns and I am more willing to share ideas and suggestions I have with my colleagues. Now I am fearless!
Research and Prevention

A falls prevention protocol to help ensure the safety of patients, families, and providers

By: Amanda Blando

The Falls Prevention initiative was an essential part of my Spring 2012 Practicum. The falls prevention protocol is the first collaboration of research conducted over multiple institutions in the Texas Medical Center. The study objectives are to evaluate a fall prevention program using a cluster of caregiver activities and alert systems for use across institutions and diagnostic groups, and to determine if there is any change in the fall rate prior to and after a fall prevention program in the randomly assigned units. The protocol addresses ways to protect the health and safety of its patients by trying to reduce injuries and deaths from falls during their stay at the hospital. This issue is a concern to administrative staff due to the high prevalence of falls among inpatients, the downward spiral of a patient’s physical and mental health after a fall, and the health related costs associated with the incident.

The practicum site was located at The Methodist Hospital centered in the heart of the Texas Medical Center. My title was research assistant under the direction of Dr. Terry Throckmorton, Associated Chief of Nursing. I spent a tremendous amount of time working with Dr. Throckmorton to oversee all research protocols submitted and conducted within the Methodist Hospital district. My interest in falls prevention in older adults, public health, and nursing practices was how I came to secure this practicum.

Public Health Significance

Public Health Values encompass numerous core values that range from pursuit of truth, equality and justice, to benefiting each human being. In addition, Public Health provides ten essential services to protect the welfare of individuals and the community.

The Methodist Hospital practicum experience encompassed all ten essential services of public health; monitoring, diagnoses and investigation, information and education, mobilization, development of policies and plans, enforcement of regulations, linkage to services, evaluation of services, and research.

In the falls prevention protocol, the Methodist Hospital monitored the falls in the hospital, evaluated the problem, and then collaborated and created a research study to find activities to reduce the risk of falls in patients. If the research protocol finds that the activities and successful and the incidence of falls reduces, then laws and regulations will be put in place for the new and best practices to ensure patient safety in the hospital. Additionally, the protocol provides patients and families with educational material on how they can best protect themselves from injury due to falls in the home and in the hospital.
Alzheimer’s Association Internship

Building Awareness about Alzheimer’s in the Community

By: MALLORY FREITAG

The Alzheimer’s Association Houston and Southeast Texas Chapter is making strides in building awareness about Alzheimer’s disease among community members and professionals, as well as in advocating for policies that prioritize Alzheimer’s research.

As an intern at the Alzheimer’s Association, I evaluated the Speaker’s Bureau program which is put in place to educate and build awareness in the surrounding community about Alzheimer’s disease.

Additionally, I assisted in the planning and logistics of the Schlicting Professional Conference, aimed to increase quality-of-life among individuals with dementia by educating the nurses and social workers who work directly with them.

Public Health Significance

Just two years ago, the Alzheimer’s Association published its first public policy agenda from the public health perspective. This agenda is geared towards policy makers at the state-level, and calls for increased surveillance, promotion of healthy lifestyles, and increased efforts in early detection.

Several of the community programs offered by the Alzheimer’s Association Houston and Southeast Texas Chapter contribute to this agenda. Healthy lifestyle is promoted, as the motto is “what’s good for your heart is good for your head”.

At the local chapter level, surveillance is not actively collected, but surveillance data does help guide the decisions made and the policies advocated for.

The local chapter recruits individuals for Trial Match, a research strategy aimed at early detection.

*All photos are from the Alzheimer’s Association image library: https://insite.alz.org/features/imagelibrary.aspx?C=1
Highlights from my Practicum:

• Teaching students about the importance of healthy eating and gardening’s role in it.
• Documenting the children’s experiences in the garden and sharing them with others.
• Providing an opportunity for hands-on learning about health, nutrition, and the environment.

“Students in the youth gardening program planted seeds, watered, weeded, tilled, harvested their crops, and much more. While doing so, they applied classroom concepts such as conservation, measurement, and creative writing.”

Garden Education for Houston Youth through Urban Harvest

By: Rachel Goodell

Through my practicum with Urban Harvest, I had the opportunity to work with students as they participated in interactive learning programs in their school gardens.

Students in the youth gardening programs planted seeds, watered, weeded, tilled, harvested their crops, and much more. While doing so, they applied classroom concepts such as conservation, measurement, and creative writing.

I was responsible for leading and assisting garden duties, lessons, and activities that promoted health through gardening and gardening education. Additionally, I collected qualitative data (photos, videos, interviews) from each program site I visited and shared it via social media outlets such as Flickr.

My final product was a Prezi presentation depicting the wide array of activities and experiences the students gain from the program.

Public Health Significance

This practicum experience gave me the opportunity to perform two essential services of public health: Inform, Educate, and Empower; and Evaluate the Effectiveness, Accessibility, and Quality of Personal and Population-Based Health Services.

I was able to Inform, Educate, and Empower the students involved in the youth gardening program in several ways. I taught lessons on different foods in the garden and how they are important to our health. I lead activities that gave children the opportunity to explore concepts such as ecosystems and nutrition. I also empowered the students to grow their own food through their work in the garden.

Further, I Evaluated the Effectiveness, Accessibility, and Quality of Personal and Population-Based Health Systems through my qualitative data collection. I collected and shared photos, videos, and interviews from each site I visited, allowing Urban Harvest and others to see the effects of the youth gardening program on the students.
A Powerhouse of Information!!

Special events/duties during practicum

- Nominated to the Illinois Minority Health Advisory Board by the IDPH Minority Health Services Division Chief.
- Served as the Event Lead for the Stand Against Cancer Carbondale, Ill Event

Practicum Experience

By: Stacy Grundy

During my practicum, I served as the program assistant to 2 different programs that were funded by Illinois Department of Public Health for Minority Health Services. The first program was the Stand Against Cancer Initiative and the main goal of this program was to provide breast and cervical cancer outreach, education, and prevention services to low-income women in downstate Illinois (not Chicago).

I, also, worked on the Brother’s Keepers Program. This program provided HIV/AIDS education and prevention services and targeted African American men in neighborhoods on the Southside and Westside of Chicago. I was responsible for writing and managing the grantees contracts for this specific program.

Public Health Significance

My experience fit into the “big picture” of public health. The main objective was to link the public with health education, health services (free breast and pap smears, HIV tests, etc.), and to ensure that these individuals had primary health care.

“When I use my strength in the service of my vision it makes no difference whether or not I am afraid.” - Audre Lorde

Practicum Preceptor

LathanHarris, Inc. was established in 2007 as a public health program development and evaluation company. LathanHarris, Inc. is a company focused on building and sustaining culturally appropriate initiatives designed to improve the health and welfare of communities.
Using Technology in a Clinical Setting

By: Emily Hébert

For my practicum, I had the opportunity to investigate how technology can be used in a public health setting while working with Dr. Stephen Pont, Medical Director of Texas Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Childhood Obesity at the Dell Children’s Medical Center. Using tablet PCs provided from a Dell YouthConnect grant, I worked with Dr. Pont and Michelle Hashemi to launch a program that would allow children to use the technology while at the hospital.

The purpose of the program was to provide educational entertainment about healthy living to patients in the outpatient clinic, and to provide stress relief for inpatients staying in the hospital. During the practicum, we collaborated with doctors, nurses, and software developers to prepare the tablets with applications and games that would enhance their hospital visit.

We found that children responded well to the tablet PCs and enjoyed learning about nutrition and physical activity in a novel way while they waited to see the doctor. The hospital staff will continue to use the tablets to educate and entertain patients to make their hospital stay more enjoyable.

Public Health Significance

Dell Children’s Medical Center fulfills a number of Essential Services of Public Health, including 1) Monitoring the health status of the community to identify health problems, 2) Diagnosing and investigating health problems in the community, 3) Linking people to needed personal health services, 4) Assuring a competent public health and personal healthcare workforce, and 5) Researching new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

My practicum experience specifically related to an additional health service of informing, educating, and empowering people about health issues. Through the applications and games on the tablet PCs, patients learned about important health issues in an entertaining way, which educated and empowered them to ask questions and think about their health condition.
Teen Pregnancy Prevention

Public Health Activism:

Media outreach...wrote letter to the editor & opinion piece supporting evidence-based abstinence-plus sex education in schools.

Research...created briefs on various sex education curricula for coworkers and other advocates for abstinence-plus sex education.

Policy...drafted alternative sex education legislation for Mississippi filling gaps in current law.

“I loved the opportunity to apply my public health research and communication skills in real time to an inspiring campaign to prevent teen pregnancy in Mississippi.”

Reducing Mississippi’s Teen Birth Rate via School-based Sex Ed

By: KATHARINE MILLER

The Women’s Fund of Mississippi is a philanthropic grantmaking organization that promotes social change by specifically targeting women and girls. Teen Pregnancy Prevention is a central focus area. In partnership with other community organizations such as Mississippi First, the Department of Health, and the Mississippi Center for Health Policy, the Women’s Fund has strongly advocated for the adoption of effective sex ed programs in schools.

From January to May 2012, I was a Teen Pregnancy research intern at the Women’s Fund. Part of my role was to gather and communicate research on other states’ sex ed policies, proposed sex ed curricula, and behavioral outcomes for evidence-based programs. I also participated in the formative stages of designing an evaluation tool to measure school districts’ implementation of their chosen sex ed programs.

Public Health Significance

My time at the Women’s Fund best fulfilled the “Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues’ Essential Service of Public Health.

With the passage of HB999, a state law mandating sex education in schools, the Women’s Fund has sought to promote evidence-based and medically accurate abstinence-plus sex education curricula in Mississippi.

The state has the highest teen birth rate in the country, and the social and economic costs of teen births are high.

Teen mothers are a vulnerable demographic, and teen pregnancy prevention promotes gender justice and public health. Through activism across media, research, policy, and networking channels, my work at the Women’s Fund strengthened their teen pregnancy prevention campaign.

If evidence-based abstinence-plus programs are implemented with fidelity across the state, we hope to see a reduction in the teen birth rates in Mississippi in the coming years.
Promoting Health at Work

Corporate Wellness: Integrating Health and Well-Being at Work

By: Erin Morris

During my time at Integrated Health, Inc., I focused on both marketing and helping out at various health events.

The owner of the company wanted to figure out how Integrated Health fit into the corporate wellness market here in Houston, so she asked me to research other wellness companies and find out what services they provide and the price point of these services.

The final product I am currently completing is a formal marketing plan. I am putting all of my research into a well-organized document that contains information about other corporate wellness companies, as well as recommendations for possible changes that Integrated Health could make to better service their clients.

Public Health Significance

One of the essential services of Public Health is to link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.

This really relates to what I have done at Integrated Health, Inc. Part of what this company does is help employees of BP and other large companies participate in health screenings to ascertain their current health status.

Once the employees complete the screening, they have the knowledge and resources to take action to remedy any health problems they may have.

My marketing plan has also assisted me in fulfilling this function of Public Health. By researching other wellness companies, I have been able to inform my supervisors of services they may consider providing to help better service the employees at BP.

Companies can experience many cost benefits by helping their employees prevent and detect common health problems.

Special Events at Integrated Health, Inc.:

- Health Screenings
- Wellness Kick-offs
- Health Fairs

Photo courtesy of: www.MedCityNews.com
"I learned that HIV/AIDS is increasingly affecting black and brown communities at higher rates and this may affect the politics of HIV/AIDS funding in future decades by causing the disease to increasingly be viewed as an issue of civil rights."

In my practicum I...

Organized the 1st Annual East Texas Engagement Conference for Post Release Offenders

Developed 6 oral history profiles of leaders in the Houston HIV/AIDS prevention and care community.

Developed a methodology for the public comment process in the 2012 Comprehensive HIV Prevention & Care Plan

The 2012 Houston Area HIV Comprehensive Prevention & Care Plan

By: Jonathan G. Post

This past semester I worked on the public comment process to get community members’ feedback and approval of our local HIV prevention and care plan. I did this through attending numerous community meetings and consulting many community leaders in the field to find out what their ideal system of HIV prevention and care in Houston would look like.

Why It Matters

In my practicum I both developed policies and plans as well as helping to link people to healthcare and provide it when not available elsewhere in accordance with the APHA’s essential services of public health.

Ryan White is known as “the payer of last resort” and many of the clients we serve have no insurance including Medicaid but are covered through the Ryan White Care Act and HRSA funding.

When HIV+ people are able to afford their meds and they take them regularly they are much less likely to transmit the virus, which is why Ryan White talks about “Prevention for Positives” through providing funding for meds.

We also are able to make it easier to take meds by providing food, housing and other services that give clients stability and allow them to focus on their health.
Get Moving Fort Bend

Fort Bend Moments:

Over 600 students and their parents attended a wellness night at Garcia Middle School

The “Get Moving” program added 10 new participants after the group performed a fitness dance with me at a curriculum night event

Teachers at EA Jones and Armstrong Elementary Schools loved having a worksite fitness program and are rallying to the district to continue the program long-term

Photo source:
http://www.dbrinc.com/images/gallery/2/05125-000-missouricityms.jpg

Get Moving - A Public Health Initiative in Fort Bend ISD Schools

By: KAYCE SOLARI-HALL

During my practicum this spring, I was given the opportunity to help plan and implement a fitness program for employees, assist with a current physical activity program at the middle school I once attended, and I took part in evening events at several campuses aimed at educating the parents and students about health and wellness resources available to FBISD families through the schools.

Although I was able to approach my practicum from a variety of ways, the major public health issue that has been the driving force of each event, activity or program has been the obesity epidemic plaguing young America.

FBISD officials are working to combat this issue as well and partner with the healthcare providers for the district to implement and sustain wellness programs for the community.

My final product consists of a program summary and evaluation for the Missouri City Middle School “Get Moving” group at Missouri City Middle School (see picture above). I was able to conduct fitness activities and discussion groups with the students.

The members of the group shared with me how much they appreciate their school and especially the school nurse for starting the program. The nurse also shared that since the program began in the fall several of the girls have decreased their BMI and expressed that they feel more confident since joining the “Get Moving” group.

Not only was I able to impact students and parents during meetings and events, but I was also able, with the assistance of United Healthcare, to conduct a pilot worksite wellness program for the staff at two campuses. The forty participants enjoyed fitness sessions two days a week in their campus gym. There has been an overwhelmingly positive reception of the program and the employees hope to see it continue long term.

Public Health Significance

My practicum experience encompassed the core functions and essential services of public health by providing informing, educating and empowering people in the Fort Bend Independent School District as it relates to overall health and well-being. All who took part were affected in a positive way that got them moving!

Source: http://www.dbrinc.com/images/gallery/2/05125-000-missouricityms.jpg
Public Health Significance
This practicum experience most closely relates to the “mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems” of the essential services of public health.

Harris County measures far behind national and state statistics for obesity at 67.5% among adults. Moreover, 73.7% are identified as Hispanic, the largest obese group in Harris County. These statistics may not be surprising with people eating out more. Those in low SES communities are also faced with increased numbers of fast food, less grocery stores or places to access fruits and vegetables.

To further implement change in a community, an assessment tool needed to be identified to give baseline information of items that are currently in the food environment.

NEMS is a useful tool that can be applied to various outlets such as restaurants, grocery stores and convenience stores in any community.

Eat Healthy Pilot Project: Using NEMS as an Assessment Tool
By: Elizabeth Torres

This practicum was performed in the Office of Health Education and Promotion (HEP) at Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services (HCPHES). I was able to work on a pilot project new to HEP in assessing restaurant food environments in locally owned restaurants with < 20 establishments.

The goal was to identify an assessment tool, Nutrition Examination Measures Survey for Restaurants (NEMS-R), for the pilot assessment to be performed in a Harris County community.

Upon the completion of this project, I developed HCPHES training protocols for using NEMS-R and gave a presentation to several staff from HEP and Policy and Planning Offices.

The pilot assessment found that locally owned restaurants with < 20 establishments did not provide voluntary nutrition information. Also, based off their menu we were unable to identify any entrée as “healthy” defined by NEMS.
Program Implementation: Recruitment to Post-Test

Implementing SMART Moves a Learning Experience

By: Amber Brooke Trueblood

When you think of the Boys & Girls Clubs you do not typically think of public health. However, the Boys & Girls Club is a great place to learn about social disparities, the grant process, working directly with the community, and how to implement programs. This semester I learned how to successfully implement programs from recruitment to the last post-test through facilitating SMART Moves at the Boys and Girls Club of Brazos Valley.

The position’s responsibilities included recruiting, writing press releases, preparing material for each session, grant reports, pre/post-tests, and working directly with the community. The main goal of this practicum was to learn more about program implementation and working with community members.

Public Health Significance

Out of the ten essential public health services the Boys and Girls club works towards informing, educating, and empowering; mobilizing community partnerships; assuring a competent workforce; evaluating; and diagnosing & investigating.

Day-to-day you see informing, educating, and empowering at the club through various programs (such as SMART Moves) that provide the club members with knowledge and tools.

In addition, the club is known for mobilizing community partnerships. The club has local organizations, such as the Junior League host different programs that focus on healthy habits and career paths. Through my practicum, I attempted to build community partnerships with local organizations to talk about drug and alcohol use for the SMART Moves program.

Lastly, Tiffany Parker, the Vice President of Program Services, is responsible for assuring a competent workforce through interviewing all interns and volunteers. This helps to assure the interns and volunteers meet the needs of the club which change each semester based on club members.
Monitoring Colo-Rectal Cancer Patients

Using Wireless Technology to Monitor Health and Physical Activity in Colo-Rectal Cancer Patients

By: Jeena Vaid

Project CYCORE at the Department of Behavioral Sciences at MD Anderson Cancer Center is a feasibility trial to analyze the practicality of remote electronic monitoring of health vitals of patients afflicted with a variety of cancers. I worked with Colo-rectal Cancer patients to recruit them and train them in the use of home-based health care devices. This on-going study will help in determining the contribution of such a remote electronic health monitoring system in reducing these cancer patients’ ER visits, hospitalization frequency for acute-on-chronic problems and help in curbing their non-adherence to prescribed health care regimes.

Public Health Significance

The project involves the members from the cancer community to participate in this trial by using the health care devices and providing feedback about them thereby Mobilizing Community Partnerships. In terms of Assurance, the team CYCORE at MDACC strives to generate a competent workforce by constantly updating the team members’ training and skills. This project employs the use of accelerometers to monitor the physical activity levels of the cancer patients. Apart from this, the patients are subjected to Ecological Momentary Assessments related to their physical activity and together this is aimed at encouraging them to exercise and thereby improve their quality of life.

Despite their difficult situation, a lot of cancer patients are willing to contribute their bit of time and effort for the sake of a future greater good by participating in research studies.
Facilitating the Use of School-Based Vaccination Clinics

By: SHEILA VENKATESH

With Dr. Amy Middleman, Director of the Center of Vaccine Awareness at Texas Children’s Hospital, I worked on a research project regarding the attitudes and beliefs of parents of children who attend private middle school concerning school-based vaccination clinics.

Partnering with local private middle schools, we were able to give surveys to all their middle school students for their parents to fill out and return to us.

“Taking it to the Schools” Project allows us to better understand the parent’s views of school-based immunization clinics.

I was in charge of communicating with schools to recruit them to participate, distributing and collecting the surveys, inputting data into a dataset, and analyzing the findings in an article to be published.

Public Health Significance

We are working to help MOBILIZE the community, so that school-based vaccination clinics can be offered at private middle schools.

The surveys allow us to see the perceived benefits and barriers the parents have concerning this health issue.

The Center of Vaccine Awareness at Texas Children’s Hospital has also done a study concerning the same issue with parents of public middle schoolers.

These studies will all aid in facilitating the use of school-based vaccination clinics, allowing for more children to be up to date with their vaccinations.
HIV Prevention in MSM

HIV Community Outreach, Testing, and Counseling in Men who Have Sex With Men (MSM) and Transgender Women in Houston

By: Maggie White

I spent this semester with Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast’s (PPGC) HIV Prevention Department working with community outreach in men’s sexual health, particularly in the MSM community.

MSM in Houston still count for the highest percentage of the incidence of HIV.

PPGC works with the Houston GLBT community to provide HIV testing and outreach in bars and community centers where there is a high-risk population.

We networked with various bars in the Montrose area to provide HIV, syphilis, chlamydia, and gonorrhea screening free of charge to clientele.

I conducted testing and risk-reduction counseling and talked with local transgender women about their HIV-risk behavior and healthcare concerns.

Public Health Significance

This practicum experience empowered and informed the Houston GLBT community about the importance of HIV testing in a nonjudgemental way and worked with community members and key stakeholders to identify areas to provide testing, counseling, and condoms to individuals that might not seek those services elsewhere.

Linkage is the public health essential service that we provided to everyone. We linked people to services and organizations where they could receive help or obtain more information about their specific needs. By screening people who otherwise might not test for HIV, we could identify HIV-positive individuals and link them into care and provide support to them throughout the process.

As a registered nurse, I was able to conduct testing and screening as well as the medical assessment and background to help tell people who did not have regular access to healthcare where they could seek treatment and reinforce health promotion behaviors. I learned about the 2011 Transgender Standards of Care to interact with transgender clients in a culturally competent manner.

Places We Tested

• Weekly drag show’s at TC’s showbar
• Happy Hour at Bayou City Bar
• Nights at the 611 Bar
• Provided condoms and education for LUEY weekend, consisting of over 400 MSM.

Participants at LUEY Weekend, where PPGC provided condom packets for all attendees.
Source: lueyweekend.com
For more information regarding The University of Texas School of Public Health, Office of Public Health Practice and the practicum program, please visit:

https://sph.uth.tmc.edu/practicum/