

**URBAN APPALACHIAN COUNCIL RESEARCH COMMITTEE**  
**May 22, 2009**

**Present:** John Bryant, Roberta Campbell, Maureen Dillon, Bonnie Kroeger, Rebecca Lee, Robert Ludke (Chair), Ann McCracken, Kay Rush, Maureen Sullivan, Debbie Zorn

The committee discussed education of urban Appalachians. Roberta reported that she had called Louise Spiegel regarding her request for ways to disseminate research needs. Louise is going to meet the new CPS superintendent in June and wanted some “talking points”. Maureen S. will follow up with a phone call to Louise for clarification on what she needs from the committee.

Ann showed some maps that she had drawn up using Healthquest. This kind of visual data could be useful for funding proposals. She also brought information on the Urban League’s attempt to create reliable measures of outcomes. She noted that we need to keep abreast of health care reform.

The committee asked Maureen to have the staff prioritize their previous list of data needs. Bonnie suggested that the community, including the youth, should be involved in determining data needs.

*Miscellaneous:*

Cincinnati State is hosting a summit June 25 on retention. It is free and open to the public. Roberta announced that Lee Sanders is stepping down as Academic Dean of Miami University Hamilton. She will be the Director of Appalachian Studies at MUH and Roberta will help her build the program. The book on Appalachian health that Bob and Phil are working on is coming along. Kay noted that Lindsey-Wilson is also doing a text on Mental and Physical Health Services in Appalachia.

Becky was named the 2009 Raymond Walters College Distinguished Alumni. She also delivered two keynote addresses during Nurse’s Week – one to Raymond Walters College nursing faculty and students and another to the Cincinnati Health Department Public Health Nurses.

The UAC got an expansion grant for Americorps members. Larry Redden is recruiting.

Kay asked for help finding mental health supervisors for eastern Ohio.

The next research committee meeting will be July 17 at 10 am at UAC headquarters.

*Respectfully submitted by Roberta M. Campbell on May 25, 2009*