

### ***Research Updates:***

Omope Carter-Daboiku, head of UAC speakers' bureau, is interested in the *devolution* of identity.

Ann McCracken: evaluator, Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati; shared copies of cardiovascular health studies for Appalachian whites, Latinos and African Americans; also shared rise in mental health issues for second generation UA. Sherry and others recommended sending copies of the cv health studies to Appalachian Commission and other entities.

Phil Obermiller: He & Mike Maloney have finished proofing the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Appalachian textbook (will be ready for January adoption)

Becky Bailey: submitted an in-house grant proposal to NKU to train students to work with community groups interested in oral history project work

John Besl: has been pulling together Children's Hospital data (esp. children from Lower Price Hill) has been for in-house analysis but will inquire about whether can be shared

Bonnie Kroeger: grant writer; shared that study just published about drop out rates in Philly and other cities—has shared this with Cincinnati policy makers

Bob Ludke: UC Health Studies; his study on the use of hospice care by Urban Appalachians has been accepted by the ASA for presentation at the 2007 conference; new NIH study re: dental health literacy

Phyllis Shelton: Human Resources & Advocacy for UAC; data study needs to be done on UA dropouts; brief discussion occurred in which corollary issues

### **II. Primary Focus of the Meeting: *The Direction of the Research Committee:***

Debbie: gave report on subcommittee meeting and because one question raised was about UAC mission and goals, she suggested that Maureen review UAC mission and goals. Debbie and Others then raised the following relevant to the discussion about the evaluation of the UAC's future

\* January meeting – the 19<sup>th</sup>; It's focus centering on:

- I. What Works, What Doesn't?
- II. Issues: Health, Education Jobs

\* Corollary Concerns raised:

1. What is the UAC's constituency: in addition to addressing generational dimensions, might the UAC expand focus to include Northern Ky; Appalachian Latino population
2. UAC retaining its advocacy focus; not pure research (knowledge for knowledge's sake)
3. Phil raised idea from recent informal meeting with M. Maloney: redefine UAC as a "Policy and Advocacy Institute"

\* issues/concerns/observations raised in response included:

- would this constitute move away from Appalachian focus
- such a change would require decision from UAC Board
- would allow broader definition of constituencies

- would this require/accompany redefinition of UAC mission and goals

*Respectfully submitted by Rebecca J. Bailey, 16 January 2007.*