



COPR Alumni

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- [Syed M. Ahmed](#) (Wisconsin)
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Syed M. Ahmed

Term: 2006-2010



Dr. Syed M. Ahmed is the Director of the Center for Healthy Communities (CHC) at the Medical College of Wisconsin, where he is also a Professor of Family and Community Medicine. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and a diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine.

Dr. Ahmed has 16 years of experience working with communities in Ohio and Wisconsin as a researcher on more than a dozen federal, non-federal, and foundation grants. As the Director of CHC, he works with very large constituencies, including minorities and the underserved, in Milwaukee. CHC was formed in 1997 to develop community-academic partnerships to improve health in Wisconsin communities. It has established numerous programs related to cardiovascular disease, cancer, substance abuse, and mental health. CHC conducts activities in rural parts of Wisconsin, as well as in Milwaukee, and it is developing programs with Latino communities.

Prior to joining the Medical College of Wisconsin, Dr. Ahmed was vice chair of research in Wright State University's Department of Family Medicine and Director of the Alliance for Research in Community Health in Dayton. In Ohio, he was director of Reach Out of Montgomery County, a successful volunteer health care program that he founded in 1994 with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Through his educational, scholarly, and community work, Dr. Ahmed has made nationally recognized contributions to the fields of community health, community academic partnerships, and community-based participatory research. He has been an invited expert on community academic partnership and community-based participatory research at the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality and, most recently, at NIH. He has presented at a variety of national conferences and published numerous academic papers and book chapters focusing on the health care of underserved and uninsured populations.

Dr. Ahmed has received numerous awards, including the Presidential Award for Faculty Excellence in Professional Service from Wright State University, the Ohio Quality of Care Award from the State of Ohio, and the Humanism in Medicine Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Dr. Ahmed received degrees in medicine and surgery from the Sir Salimullah Medical College at Dhaka University in Bangladesh and a master's and a doctorate in Public Health from the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston. He completed a residency and a fellowship in family medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Recently, Dr. Ahmed was a scholar at the National Public Health Leadership Institute, a highly regarded training program funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Linda Crew-McNamara

Term: 2006-2010



Ms. Linda Crew-McNamara is a nurse manager, community leader, researcher, advocate, public speaker, and person living with a chronic illness. Ms. Crew was diagnosed with systemic lupus erythematosus in 1996. She served as Director of the Joseph F. Sullivan Center, an academic nurse-managed health center at Clemson University, from 1994 to 2006.

Ms. Crew has significant leadership, community development, and project management experience. She has been the principal investigator or project director on numerous interdisciplinary grants to provide primary and preventive health care to medically underserved populations. She has presented at numerous professional conferences in the United States and abroad.

Under her leadership, the Sullivan Center expanded its community health care outreach program using a mobile health van and a team of medical professionals. The Center has received numerous awards for its work promoting minority health issues, improving the health status of minority populations,

