



WVPBRN

**West Virginia
Practice-Based Research Network**

NETWORK MEMBERSHIP AS OF 4/2019

The West Virginia Practice-Based Research Network

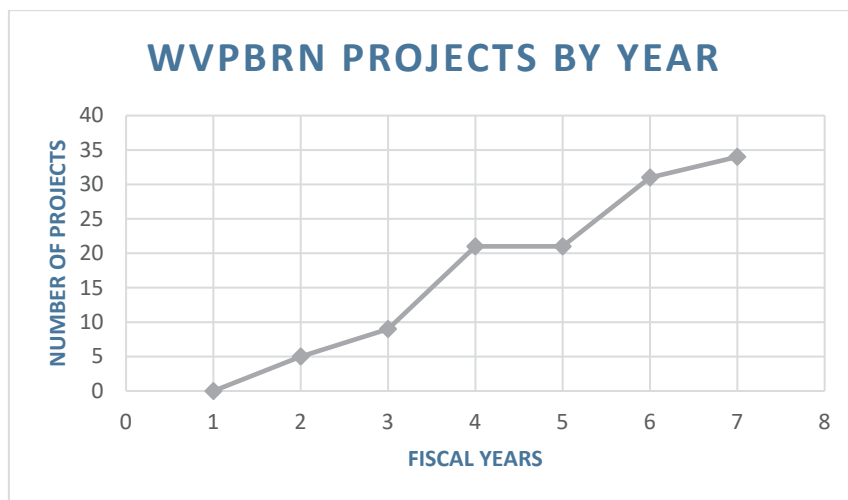
The West Virginia Practice-Based Research Network (WVPBRN), part of the Community Engagement and Outreach Core of the West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute (WVCTSI), is the first-ever practice based research network in the state.

The mission of the WVPBRN is to improve the health of West Virginians by collaborating with primary care practices to conduct translational practice-based research. While a developing network, the WVPBRN has already become a multi-site, multi-county entity which is well-positioned to have a significant, positive impact on priority health disparities.

This occurs through practice-driven research addressing local, regional, and state-wide priority areas. William Lewis, MD – Associate Professor in the WVU Department of Family Medicine-Eastern Division and a primary care provider at Harpers Ferry Family Medicine, and Jennifer Boyd – PA-C, provider at New River Health Association, direct these efforts. The WVPBRN also receives vision and guidance from its Protocol Review Committee to evaluate research submissions for relevance to the Network membership, as well as feasibility in terms of being applicable research in primary care.

Prior to the WVCTSI funding, West Virginia was one of a handful of states that had no PBRN to serve as a platform for engaging rural primary care practitioners in practice-based research. Extensive partner engagement has resulted in a network with 95 clinical sites, 9 organizational partners, and over 28 completed and 26 ongoing projects addressing cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, mental/ behavioral health, neuroscience, pulmonary issues, and emerging epidemics. Critically, 88% of sites have participated in projects.

The WVPBRN has been accepted to present 2 oral and 2 poster presentations at the North American Primary Care Research Group's (NAPCRG) PBRN Conference in the past 3 years, and we plan to present again this year. Additionally, WVPBRN projects have resulted in 8 publications and 19 presentations. The IRIS and WV Project ECHO projects have been nationally recognized in a variety of forums, including Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society and American Public Health Association. The WVPBRN's impact has influenced 60 practice changes among 49 clinical sites, 5 policy changes among 4 payers, and 1 educational institution.



Membership

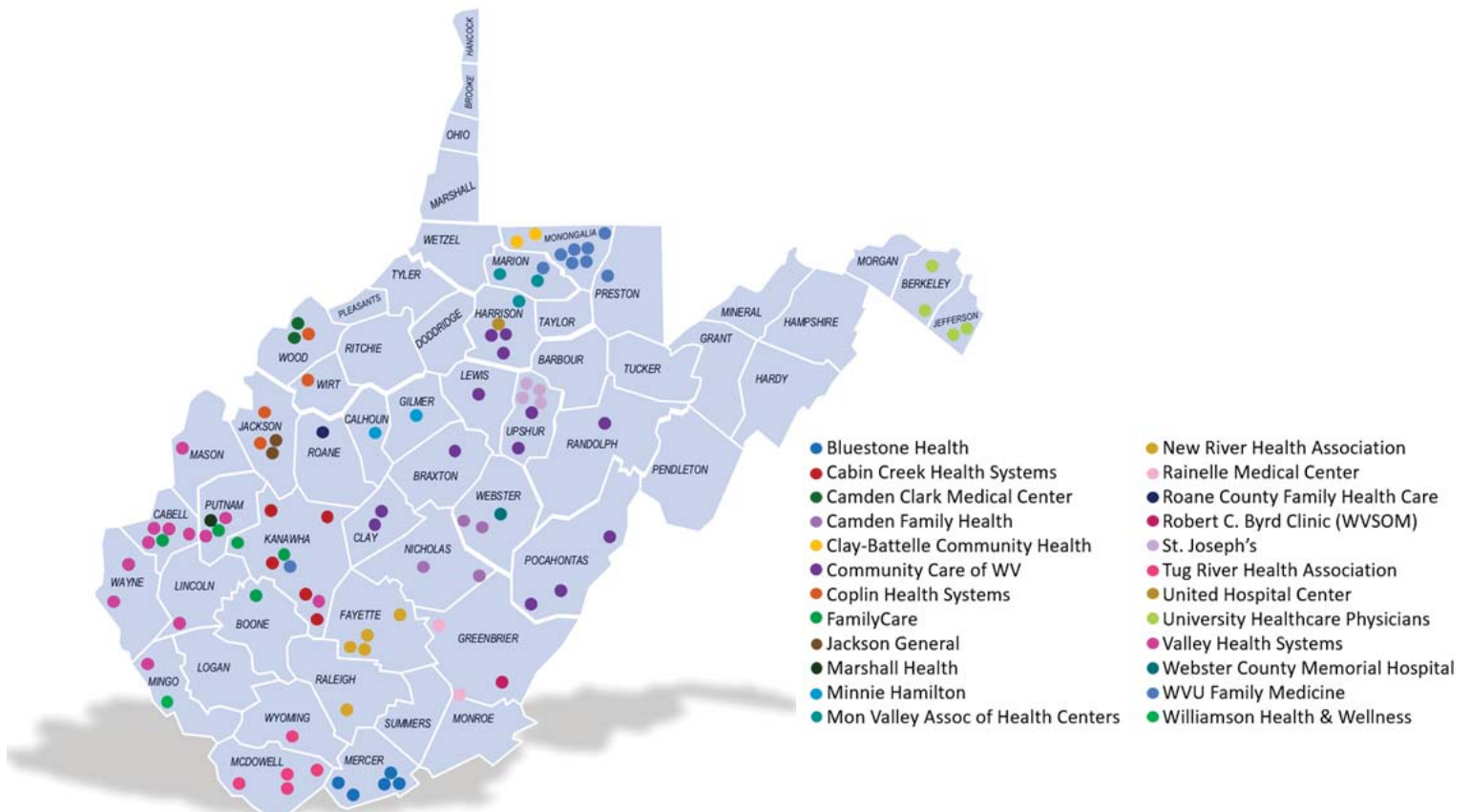
The WVPBRN covers 36 counties and consists of 72 Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), 2 Rural Health Centers (RHCs), 20 academic-based centers, and 1 critical access hospital.

WVPBRN Partners

Educational & Organizational Partners

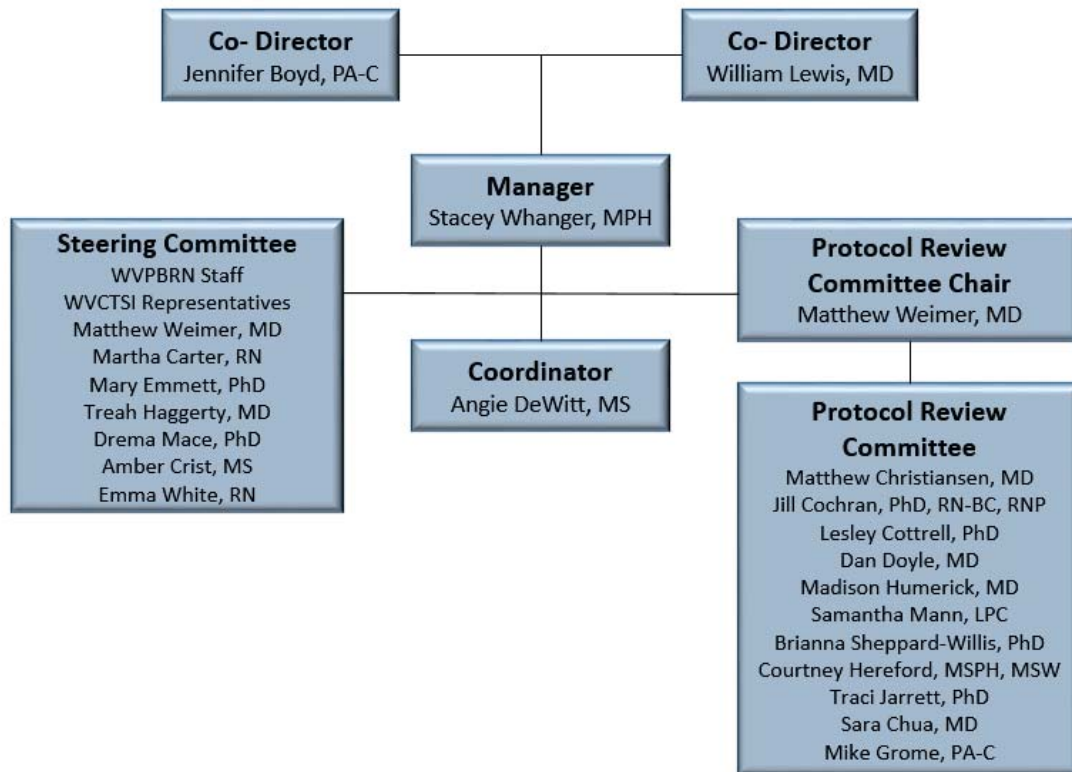
- West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine Center for Rural & Community Health
- Charleston Area Medical Center, Center for Health Services and Outcomes Research
- West Virginia University Office of Health Services Research
- West Virginia University Prevention Research Center
- University of Kentucky Family & Community Medicine
- Northern West Virginia Rural Health Education Center
- West Virginia Academy of Family Physicians
- West Virginia Bureau of Behavioral Health and Health Facilities
- West Virginia Bureau for Public Health Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease
- West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission
- West Virginia Primary Care Association
- West Virginia University Dept of Emergency Medicine
- West Virginia University Dept of General Internal Medicine

Map of Current WVPBRN Membership



For a complete site list, please visit our website.

West Virginia Practice-Based Research Network (WVPBRN) Organizational Chart



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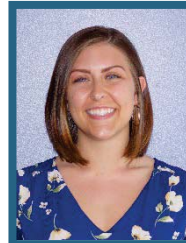
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