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Welcome to another issue of the Michigan Journal of Public Health!

As Michigan struggles through another year of a declining economy we are pleased to report signs that public health remains a vibrant and innovative community in our state.

The MJPH Editorial board has just expanded to include additional representation from local public health and the Michigan Department of Community Health. From Macomb County we welcome Steve Gold, from Berrien County we welcome Theresa Green, and from the Michigan Department of Community Health, we welcome Violanda Grigorescu. Thanks to all who applied or otherwise helped us locate such great colleagues for our volunteer board!

We begin this issue with the advent of our newest submission category: “Notes from the Field.” “Notes” is designed with the goal of providing practitioners with an outlet for sharing information on innovations, best practices and other important activities that are not ready for a full treatment and peer review. By providing this category we hope to attract more submissions from practitioners across our state, from as broad a spectrum of public health activities as is possible.

Our Guest Editor this issue is Congressman Fred Upton representing Michigan’s 6th Congressional District in the United States’ House of Representatives. Representative Upton is a strong supporter of public health and health care in Michigan. In his guest editorial he provides us with his perspective on health care reform in our nation, and its potentials for Michigan’s citizens.

Congressman Upton is followed the second installment of our invited historical series tracing the history of public health in Michigan. Elaine Beane and Bob Mosher trace the past and remind us that some aspects of the struggles for the public’s health do not always change.

We all present two practice and research articles, one on the role of obstetrician/gynecologists in immunizations, the other exploratory research on evidenced base nurse practice in Michigan.

As always you may e-mail your comments, feedback and letters to me at clinegr@gvsu.edu.

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