

BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT FOR GARY J. PETRONI

Gary J. Petroni has spent over twenty five years planning and evaluating the organization, delivery, and financing of health care as well as the dynamics of health status within communities.

Currently, as the Director of the Center for Population Health of the Southeastern Michigan Health Association (SEMHA), Gary is responsible for the implementation of leadership development, health assessment, research, planning, and health improvement activities for private and public sector organizations throughout the region. SEMHA is the consortium of the eight local public health jurisdictions in Southeast Michigan. Prior to joining SEMHA, Gary served as Director of Research and Information Systems for the Greater Detroit Area Health Council (GDAHC). Gary has served on several national, state, and regional efforts involved in health planning and developing health related information.

During his career, Gary has been responsible for developing, implementing and/or managing the following health related information.

The Life Services System, an electronic case management application for agencies serving clients with developmental disabilities coordinated or contracted through the Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Board.

The Business Health Care Data Reporting System, a multi-employer health care claims based analysis and reporting system developed by GDAHC.

The Patient Origin and Hospital Use Study, Medical Staff Profile Study and Hospital Utilization Surveys for Southeast Michigan of GDAHC.

Health information resources for the Community Health Assessment Program including: health risk behavior; insurance claims; hospital discharge; physician and related information in support of region-wide Healthy Community Activities.

Physician Organization reports for the Save Lives Save Dollars program of GDAHC.

Gary is actively involved in the governance and programs of many region-wide and community-based organizations such as the Southeast Michigan Census Council, United Way and the Southeast Michigan Council of Government (SEMCOG). Gary was previously a member of the Board (1995-97) and Technical Advisory Committee (1986-1995) of the Michigan Health Data Corporation. Additional memberships include the Association of Health Services Research, American Public Health Association and the Michigan Society for Health Care Planning and Marketing.

Gary holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and Sociology from Wayne State University; a Master of Public Administration Degree from Wayne State University; and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Gerontology from Wayne State University/University of Michigan. Gary is also a graduate of the Michigan Public Health Leadership Institute and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Maternal and Child Health Data Use Institute.