

# Eric Gass, PhD



Dr. Eric Gass serves as the Public Health Research and Policy (PHRP) Director for the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD). The PHRP division is responsible for policy coordination, legislation development, oversight of all departmental research, and the evaluation and analysis of programmatic effectiveness.

The goals of the PHRP division are to:

- Assist in establishing the School of Public Health at UW-Milwaukee
  - Establish the MHD as an Academic Health Department
  - Identify and obtain external funding sources for programs and research
  - Ensure research complies with ethical standards and Institutional Review Board policies
- Provide guidance to MHD regarding national, state, and local health policy

Dr. Gass was elected to a three-year term on the Wisconsin Public Health Association Board of Directors, beginning in 2008. He is also a member of Community-Campus Partnerships for Health and the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

Dr. Gass joined MHD in January 2009, after spending over six years at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He was the Operations Manager for the Center for Health Communities from 2002-2007, and an Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine from July 2007 through January 2009. His research interests include public health coalitions, university engagement, community development, and adolescent health.

A native of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, Dr. Gass received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from UW-Green Bay, a Master of Science in Child Development and Family Studies from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, and a PhD in Urban Studies from UW-Milwaukee.