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Jess Hoffelder leads GIS work for the CHR&R team, including the creation of static and interactive maps for the website. Hoffelder holds a bachelor's degree in integrative biology from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, and a master's degree in public health in environmental and occupational health sciences from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her interests include environmental health and environmental justice, and using GIS and interactive maps to communicate data.



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Naiya Patel serves as an analyst on the Evidence & Policy Analysis team at CHR&R. Prior to joining CHR&R, Patel served as a policy and program analyst advanced with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in the Division of Medicaid Services focusing on the Wisconsin FoodShare program. Throughout graduate school, Patel worked on a variety of projects as a research assistant and a project assistant. She analyzed policies and supported projects related to aging, higher education and health equity and researched impacts of substance abuse and telemedicine in rural communities. Naiya holds dual master's degrees in public affairs and public health from the La Follette School of Public Affairs and the School of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has a bachelor's degree in nutritional science, and certificates in global health and leadership from UW. Her interests focus on health disparities, healthcare systems, socioeconomic barriers and access to health services.



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Michael Stevenson most recently served as the Evidence & Policy Analysis team lead at CHR&R. The team's work includes What Works for Health, an online database that provides community leaders, coalitions and policy makers with strategies to advance health and equity. Prior to joining CHR&R, Stevenson was the director of health strategy at the City of Milwaukee Health Department where he led large-scale planning efforts, advised on public health policy, facilitated partnerships and analyzed public health data. He played key roles in rebuilding the Childhood Lead

Poisoning Prevention Program and in supporting the department's COVID-19 response. Stevenson holds a master's degree in public health from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Zilber College of Public Health and a bachelor's degree from Wartburg College. Michael is a lifelong learner committed to centering racial and health equity in public health research and practice.