

Milda Aksamitauskas

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

MPP University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy
Master of Public Policy, 2004

BA DePaul University
Bachelor degree with High Honors in Political Science and Honors Program, 2002

ACADEMIC INTEREST

- Health insurance, access to healthcare, and behavioral health economics
- Predictive modeling and machine learning for social good
- Vertical and horizontal tax equity, tax policy
- Game theory and public policy
- Program evaluation and policy analysis

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

State government:

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Health Analytics Section Chief, Office of Health Informatics, 02/2012 – present,

- Manage the Health Analytics Section's staff (22 FTEs that include graduate fellows, research analysts, research scientists, Information System Business Automation Specialists, and unit supervisors). Align section to the Office and Division strategic plans. Supervise direct reports and unit supervisors, conduct performance evaluations, establish and adjust position descriptions based on the civil service rules, reorganized the section to add two unit supervisors, hire, on-board and off-board staff, and implement Department's HR policies. Implement professional staff training plan, promote team environment, and quality improvement culture.
- Manage section's financial resources (about \$3 million annual budget), monitor expenses, grant budgets, carryover requests, and work with budget policy analysts to generate and interpret reports from financial systems.

- Oversee and direct operations of the Wisconsin central cancer registry, violent death reporting system, trauma registry, population health surveys, administration of linked file databases and surveillance systems, and custom research projects.
- Oversee, co-author, and direct development, writing, and visualization of various health data findings, factsheets, infographics, newsletters, annual reports, online data query systems, posters, and academic publications.
- Serve as the principal investigator for the CDC's Enhanced State Surveillance of Opioid-Involved Morbidity and Mortality grant, present findings at the grantee meetings and national conferences, develop and direct projects to improve use of more timely data on opioids. Collaborating with the Injury Prevention program, conceptualized the development of the Health Outcomes Opioid Surveillance System.
- Lead various health informatics projects related to population health surveillance, data matching, healthcare cost utilization, predictive modeling, developing IRB approved research application policies.
- Project manager for Public Health Surveillance Framework; lead internal steering committee and external advisory committee.
- Established advisory boards for the Family Health and Behavior Risk Factor Surveys.
- Prepare and implement annual, project based Memorandum of Understanding between the Office and other Divisions ranging from \$80,000 to \$945,000.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Senior Policy Analyst, Medicaid program, 02/2008 – 02/2012

- Formulated healthcare policy analysis and recommendations for the Medicaid Director and senior managers on various topics such as school nurse funding, HMO contracts, dual-eligibles, employer-sponsored insurance, tax credits, FoodShare and Medicaid policy comparisons. Reviewed and assessed state and federal legislation and CMS rules.
- Prepared healthcare policy analysis and recommendations for the Medicaid Director.
- Administered Wisconsin Funeral and Cemetery Aids Program and served as a policy contact for exemption requests.
- Conceptualized and developed policies and standards of a phone signature for FoodShare applications.
- Participated in health insurance exchange development workgroups, wrote policy option papers.
- Prepared annual CHIP reports, quarterly, and annual 1115 waiver reports.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Policy Initiatives and Budget, 02/2006 – 02/2008

- Prepared background materials and policy memos for the Secretary's Office and Division Administrators about Wisconsin's Medicaid program design and implementation issues, private health insurance markets, and federal legislation.
- Staffed the governor's appointed commission, which studied reinsurance options and was asked to find ways to cut costs of health insurance for small businesses.
- Acted as the Department's liaison to the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute that evaluated several Wisconsin's Medicaid program initiatives.
- Helped design the BadgerCare Plus program, a safety-net health care program for almost a million people.

- Conduct analysis of health insurance markets, trends in employer-sponsored insurance, and number of uninsured in the state.
- Presented Medicaid related initiatives at research and policy conferences.

Wisconsin Department of Revenue

Economist, 07/2004 – 02/2006

- Prepared fiscal estimates, technical memoranda, public hearing testimony, and bill analysis for legislation related to property taxes and credits.
- Built econometric models to estimate \$200 million appropriations for the state budget.
- Analyzed property tax administration and exemption issues, compared tax policy of neighboring states.

City government:

City of Chicago, Department of Transportation

Intern, 09/2000-06/2003, Chicago, IL

- Assisted with the Traffic Safety grant.
- Organized a press-conference about the 8,000th bicycle rack in the city.
- Produced a map of all bicycle racks in the city.
- Organized twelve monthly lectures with guest speakers.
- Recruited and supervised 17 volunteers to analyze bicycle usage during the summer 2001.

Non-profit organizations:

Metropolitan Planning Council

Research Associate for Regional Development, 03/2003-12/2004, Chicago, IL

- Wrote “Economic Development Tools” report analyzing financial incentives for municipalities in the metropolitan Chicago region.
- Designed and conducted survey of 350 municipal officials analyzing watershed management issues.
- Published three reports about impact of zoning laws: “Zoning for Environment,” “Zoning for Sustainable Economy and Social Equity,” and “Lessons Learned: Focus on Overlooked Markets.”

International Organization:

Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania in Chicago

Assistant to Attaché, 09/2002-02/2003, Chicago, IL

- Wrote press releases and briefing papers on various economic issues.
- Member of the Election Commission; administered voting procedures; maintained database.
- Edited newsletter about Lithuania and its economy.
- Developed, implemented, and evaluated projects and programs aimed at promoting cooperation between Lithuania and Lithuanian-American students and young professionals.

TEACHING/MENTORING

University of Wisconsin Madison, Population Health Services Fellowship, Preceptor, 07/2017-present
Preceptor for the graduate level fellow hosted by the Office of Health Informatics; assure fellow meets core activities of learning requirements.

University of Wisconsin Madison, Honorary Associate and Mentor, 2014-present
Mentor preventive medicine residents during their rotation at the Division of Public Health.

Strengthening Health Systems through Interprofessional Education (SHINE), fellowship program by Centers for Disease Control, Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, and Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

Applied Health Informatics Fellowship, Mentor, 06/2013-11/2017
Host site coordinator and mentor for graduate level fellows.

The Health Systems Integration Program Fellowship, Mentor, 06/2015-06/2016
Host site coordinator and mentor for PhD, MD level fellows.

La Follette School of Public Affairs, Lead for the project, 03/2007
Led a capstone project for a group of La Follette graduates on manufacturer's use tax exemption for machinery and equipment.

GRANT EXPERIENCE

Enhanced Surveillance of Opioid-Related Mortality and Morbidity. (Role: Principal Investigator).
Funded by the Centers of Disease Control, awarded to DHS. \$328,000/year. 09/2016-08/2019.

CODES Traffic Crash Record Linkage Project (Role: high level direction and review) Funded by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, awarded to DHS. \$49,989/year. 09/2012-present.

National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, the Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program. (Role: executive sponsor, reviewer, and coordinator of final proposal revisions).
Awaiting for funding decision. Applied for \$19.8 million, 2018-2028.

Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge, Phase 2. (Role: Grant planning/writing team member at the Department of Health Services). Funded by U. S. Departments of Education and Health and Human Services; awarded to WI-DCF, DHS received a portion of the grant. \$34.05 million. 12/ 2012-12/ 2017.

State Health Assistance Program (Role: grant planning/writing team member and project coordinator).
Funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); awarded to DHS. \$9.9 million/year. million. 09/2009-09/2012.

Maximizing Enrollment for Kids: Making Medicaid and SCHIP Work. (Role: grant planning/writing team member; project coordinator). Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; awarded to DHS. \$1.72 million. 02/2009-02/2013.

State Coverage Initiatives Coverage Institute. (Role: grant planning/writing team member; project coordinator). Funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. \$200,000. 02/2008-02/2009.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Coleridge Initiative, Executive Program in Applied Data Analytics (machine learning training), University of Chicago, 09/2017-02/2018.

Leadership Academy, Department of Health Services, 09/2009-05/2010.

Certificate of achievement, BadgerCare Plus Team, Department of Health Services, 2009.

Scholarship to attend workshop “Analyzing Poverty and Socioeconomic Trends Using the American Community Survey,” University of Michigan in Ann Arbor (08/2008).

Discretionary Merit Compensation Award, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, 2008, 2014, 2017.

Phi Beta Kappa scholarship and vice president for public relations, undergraduate student, 1999

Vice president of the Political Science Club, undergraduate student, 2000.

DePaul’s Grant, undergraduate student, 1999-2000.

Oscar Anderson Leadership Award, undergraduate student, 2000-2001.

Lithuanian Foundation Scholarship, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004.

Model Illinois Government: Student member of the only delegation in organizational history to earn the overall “**Outstanding Small Delegation Award**” for three years in a row, 1999, 2000, 2001.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

M. Aksamitauskas, B. Dupont, J. Wagner, J. Yao ***Receiving SNAP Benefits After Prison: What Matters?*** Coleridge Initiative Applied Data Analytics Class 3, University of Chicago Group 1, March 2018.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Office of Health Informatics. ***A Guide to Interpreting Opioid Statistics*** (P-02004), February 2018.

Health Outcome Indicators, panel presentation at the Enhanced Surveillance on Opioid-Related Mortality and Morbidity grantee meeting, Atlanta, GA, May 2017.

Wisconsin’s Novel Approach to Health Outcomes Surveillance System, panel presentation at the International Society for Disease Surveillance annual meeting, December 2016.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Office of Health Informatics. **Annual Wisconsin Death Report, 2015** (P-01170-16). September 2016

Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Office of Health Informatics. **Annual Wisconsin Birth and Infant Mortality Report, 2014** (P-01161-15). November 2015.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Public Health, Office of Health Informatics. **Annual Wisconsin Death Report, 2014** (P-01170-15). November 2015.

M. Aksamitauskas, MPP, S. Blackwell, MPH, J. Martin, MPA, R. Miller, MS. **Combining Maternal Health Information Sources: A Strategic Collaboration between Medicaid and Public Health**. Poster presented at the national Concordium 2015 conference on September 21, 2015.

L. J. Leininger, D. Friedsam, L. Dague, S. Mok, E. Hynes, A. Bergum, M. Aksamitauskas, T. R. Oliver, T. DeLeire. **Wisconsin's BadgerCare Plus Reform: Impact on Low-Income Families' Enrollment and Retention in Public Coverage**. Health Science Research journal 02/2011; 46(1 Pt 2):336-47.

L. J. Leininger, A. Bergum, S. Mok, M. Aksamitauskas, T. R. Oliver, T. DeLeire. **Wisconsin's BadgerCare Plus Coverage Expansion and Simplification: Early Data on Program Impact**. State Health Access Reform Evaluation report. October 2009.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Boards of Directors, Madison-Vilnius Sister Cities (09/2006-06/2012), 4th Ward Lofts Condominium Association (11/2007-11/2012), International Professionals Association (01/2008-01/2009), Creative Learning Preschool and Daycare Center (09/2014 -09/2018).

Member, Affirmative Action Committee at the Department of Health Services (09/2007- 09/2010), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE), Association of State & Territorial Health Officials (ASHTO) informatics directors peer network, International Society of Disease Surveillance (ISDS).