Since the last newsletter, your SNRS Governing Board and Committees, along with our Executive Director, David Stumph, and the members of the Local Planning Committee for the 2007 SNRS Annual Conference have been enthusiastically assessing, prioritizing, strategizing, implementing and evaluating. This newsletter addresses many of our recent accomplishments.

Notably, the 2007 SNRS Conference Local Planning Committee, with the leadership of Vice President Linda Freeman and LPC Chair Dr. Judith Drew, have created an adventure for both mind and body in Galveston. The 2007 pre-conference brochure has been distributed and is available online. Opportunities for exhibitors are still available, and again, information for exhibitors is posted on the website. An exciting new feature at this year’s conference will be a silent auction to generate funds for additional research awards. One hundred percent of your contributions will go directly to the support of research via our small grants program. Please participate by either donating items or purchasing items at the auction! We look forward to saying “howdy, pardner!” to you in Galveston!

Looking back over the past 9 months, I realize that many conclusions are possible. One in particular stands out—the decision to establish a relationship between SNRS and The Resource Center for Associations is one that will help the Society grow and develop in ways that we are just beginning to understand and experience. Thanks to the members of the Society for your support of this decision!

Establishing a relationship with a comprehensive management firm in February 2006 provided an excellent opportunity to review ways in which the Society operates to achieve our stated mission. Over the past nine months, members of the Governing Board and David Stumph, Executive Director, have examined Society operations in detail. We sought and reviewed feedback from the membership via the Member Survey conducted this summer. These data collectively led us to conduct a comprehensive review of the Bylaws and have provided direction to our goals for the coming months.

Please review the proposed Bylaws revisions posted on the web site (www.snrs.org). This revision removes some procedures from the Bylaws (creating organizational flexibility), removes language that pre-dates the age of electronic communication, updates functions to be consistent with what we are either currently doing or could be doing more efficiently, and provides for a membership committee and new eligibility criteria for those running for office. If you have questions, please feel free to communicate with any of the Governing Board members or contact the Society office at snrs@resourcenter.com. The membership will be asked to vote on the revisions at the upcoming Society Business Meeting, to be held at the Annual Conference.

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From the Editor

It has been my privilege to serve SNRS for the last eighteen months as the editor of Southern Connections – an experience I will remember always. While a lifelong Southerner, a wonderful opportunity has presented to join the faculty at Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis after the beginning of the New Year. Therefore, this will be my last edition of Southern Connections.

Over time, the newsletter has evolved into a cost-conscious method of communicating SNRS information in a way that is readily accessible to our members, thanks to the support of our governing board and our members. This evolution was initially spearheaded by our President, Dr. Patty Gray. It will continue with the support of David Stumph and our management firm. Also, Dr. Cara Krulewich, the SNRS Board Liaison to the newsletter, has been readily available to support efforts to disseminate the newsletter. I anticipate support from these various individuals and groups will at the very least continue if not grow as a new editor is named for Southern Connections.

In this edition, you will find information which celebrates the accomplishments of our members and acknowledges their work and dedication. Also included for your review and consideration are proposed by-laws revisions and information related to our finances. Finally, specifics about our upcoming conference are provided so that you may register early and make plans for attending a well-planned, stimulating and informative annual conference.

My best to each of you during this holiday season!

Joe Burrage, PhD, RN
Editor

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Thanks to Dr. Joe Burrage who is stepping down as the Editor for Southern Connections. We will miss the contributions he has made to SNRS in this capacity. If you are interested in participating in SNRS as Editor of Southern Connections, please contact Dr. Cara Krulewich, Chair of the Communications Committee. Also, we extend our thanks to our archival liaison for the past three years, Dr. Patrick Heyman. If you are interested in the history of SNRS, this could be a wonderful role for you! Please contact Dr. Darlene Gilcreast, Secretary, if this opportunity interests you.

It is difficult to fully express the extent of my gratitude for the contributions of each of the members of the SNRS Governing Board and the members of the 2007 Local Planning Committee and their supporters. Like you, Board and LPC members have multiple and often competing responsibilities. And each of them has looked beyond those responsibilities to find ways to provide leadership to SNRS. My thanks, too, to all of the members who have maintained membership, submitted abstracts, served as abstract reviewers, participated in the small grant program, nominated members for research awards, engaged with colleagues in the Research Interest Groups, served on Society committees and agreed to run for elected office in SNRS. There are many opportunities for involvement; please know that your choices to support SNRS, in so many diverse ways, are greatly appreciated!

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The SNRS 2007 Annual Conference is Approaching Fast!

Make Your Plans Now!
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Network with over 600 nurses and researchers as an Exhibitor. See details at www.snrs.org

Register online for Conference!

Due to the popularity of this program, hotel accommodations are going fast. We have already exceeded our room block at the Moody Gardens. Alternative accommodations are available as follows:

**The Inn at the Waterpark**

Comfort and convenience go hand-in-hand at Galveston’s Inn at the Waterpark, which is adjacent to both the new Schlitterbahn Waterpark and Moody Gardens. Rooms must be booked by January 21, 2007 in order to receive the group rate. If a reservation must be cancelled, you must do so at least 72 hours before arrival date to avoid a charge. For reservations and special rates, call (800) 718-1155.

**La Quinta Inn & Suites Galveston**

The La Quinta is conveniently located on the west side of the island. It is directly across from the beach and barely two miles from the famous Moody Gardens and Schlitterbahn Water Park. The hotel features complimentary Deluxe Continental breakfast buffet, free in-room High Speed Internet access and data port, large outdoor pool with spa, a state of the art fitness center and 24-hour business center. For reservations and special rates, call (800) 531-5900. Refer to group #765 45194

**Keynote Speaker – Lauren Aaronson, RN, PhD, FAAN**

Dr. Aaronson has been professionally affiliated with a number of highly respected nursing research institutions, including the Kansas University School of Nursing, where she was associate dean for research between 1989 and 2001 when she opted to return to full-time teaching and research. Dr. Aaronson has also acted as the Senior Advisor to the Director of NINR, and is currently on the editorial board of Nursing Research and the Western Journal of Nursing Research. She was president of the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) from 2001-2003 and was chair of the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) from 2002-2004. Dr. Aaronson has received numerous awards for her contributions to nursing research.
Registration Fees

To help you plan your attendance for the 2007 Annual Conference, registration fees have been set as follows:

**Before January 22, 2007**
- Pre-Conference Workshops - $45
- Member – Full Registration - $300
- Student Member – Full Registration - $175
- Non-Member – Full Registration - $400

**After January 22, 2007**
- Pre-Conference – Late Registration - $55
- Member – Full – Late Registration - $340
- Student Mbr – Late Registration - $200
- Non-Mbr – Full – Late Registration - $440
  - One-Day – Member - $175
  - Student One-Day - $75

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**Recommendations for Travelers**

**Flight Arrangements:** Houston-Galveston is served by two major airports, Bush Intercontinental (IAH) and William B. Hobby (HOU). Hobby is closer to Galveston than IAH. For details about each airport and the airlines that serve them visit [www.houstonairportsystem.org](http://www.houstonairportsystem.org).

**Ground Transportation:** You can arrange transportation between the hotel and airport online with The Galveston Airport Transfer Reservation Service. Prices typically run $35 each way.

Please take a few minutes to examine your choices for ground transportation so you can be sure to allow plenty of time to get to and from the airport. The Galveston Airport Transfer Reservation Service offers regularly scheduled shuttles as well as limousine (car) service. Or you may contact an independent car rental company. Don’t forget to check with colleagues to coordinate ride sharing! There is no charge for self-parking at Moody Gardens.
SNRS has undertaken a number of initiatives this year to improve the way it conducts its business. It is no longer a business as usual approach but one that looks to models that are more proactive and places the Society in a leadership position in the nursing profession.

While we are striving to do our traditional tasks well, we are also reaching for excellence in such areas as communications, how we use our technological resources to benefit the membership, and the process for providing up-to-date information for the Board enabling it to make informed decisions on your behalf. Staff has also provided sound advice to the Board on such strategic issues as Bylaws, financial operations, and organizational structure. All of these activities are designed to enhance SNRS’s ability to provide optimal service to its members.

In my first message to you, I introduced The Resource Center for Associations (RC), the professional association management company that now provides management services to the Society. The key benefit of working with an organization like RC is that we are exposed to a variety of issues, organizational activities, and other aspects of running associations every day. We have the ability to take those experiences and apply them in areas that might help SNRS in achieving its goals.

The primary resource that we have to offer, in addition to the expertise noted above, is our staff. RC’s staff is your staff and we are here to serve. I would like to use this column to introduce you to your staff.

Kristi Klinke is your Member Services Director. She works closely with the Membership Committee Chair to ensure that the chair has the information that she needs to perform her volunteer responsibilities. Kristi oversees all membership services, meeting registration services, and provides ongoing related statistical reports.

Liz Kretchmer, CMP, is your Meeting Manager. Liz is responsible for all logistics in preparation for your Annual Conference. She works very closely with the Local Planning Committee (LPC) to ensure that the hotel/meeting facility services match the needs of the event and coordinates services with outside event vendors such as audio visual, exhibit decorators, food and beverage arrangements, etc.

Tammy Gustin is your Meetings Assistant and works closely with Liz in performing all the services necessary to produce the meetings as flawlessly as possible. This year, Tammy worked very closely with the LPC Chair, Judith Drew to finalize the online abstract submission process, assemble and verify the information, and produce the text for the 2007 Annual Conference preliminary brochure. Considering that there were 300 more abstracts received this year than in any previous year, this was a major accomplishment.

Chris Ruppert is your Director of Finance. Chris oversees all financial transactions on behalf of the Society and provides in-depth monthly financial reports that keep the Board and staff informed of the current status of
The Small Grants Award

The Small Grants Awards Committee has reviewed 16 proposals this year. The award committee members are Drs. Ann Coleman, Susan Letvak, Julie Meaux, Elizabeth Reifsnider, Sandra Dunbar, Mona Wicks, Myong Kim, Donna Neff, Beth Merwin, Ann Pedon, Marie Nolan, Judy Martin (past chair), Patricia Crane (chair). Special thanks to Dr. Debra Wallace for assisting with the reviews.

The winner this year is Daurice Grossniklaus from Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Her proposal, Factors Associated with the Energy Density of Food Intake in Overweight Adults, was selected to receive the SNRS Small Grant award for 2006.

Specific Aims

Overweight, as defined by a body mass index (BMI) of 25 kg/m² or higher is a public health problem affecting the well being of an estimated 64% of U.S. adults aged 20 years or older. Overweight individuals are at increased risk of developing vascular and metabolic complications including hypertension, dyslipidemia and insulin resistance, which predispose them to subsequent cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes. In addition to excess BMI, distribution of body fat in certain areas, such as the abdomen, confers additional health risks. As the prevalence of overweight and related complications rises at epidemic rates, the health burden and economic costs mount. Each year, 300,000 premature deaths are attributed to overweight and related conditions in the U.S. In 2000 alone, direct and indirect costs attributed to the prevention and treatment of obesity—an overweight condition defined by a BMI of 30 kg/m² or higher—reached as high as $117 billion.

Critical to the treatment of overweight is weight loss and subsequent weight management. This must be accomplished through sustainable changes in dietary and physical activity patterns; since, modifications in physical activity patterns alone achieve only modest weight loss. Modifying food intake is critical to achieving clinically significant weight loss. Nonetheless, traditional educational and behavioral interventions aimed at modifying food intake have failed to result in sustained weight change for many. These interventions may be ineffective due, in part, to gaps in the understanding of the complex interactions among physiological, sociocultural/demographic, psychological, behavioral, and environmental factors that converge to affect food intake.

Contributing to the development of overweight, energy density is an important, yet relatively new concept in terms of characterizing food intake. It reflects the composition of foods in terms of the ratio of macronutrient content to weight; because dietary fat is the most energy dense macronutrient, foods that are high in fat are more energy dense. Regardless of the weight or volume of food, energy dense diets contribute to higher overall daily caloric intake and are linked to overweight.

A greater understanding of how multiple factors influence the intake of energy dense foods in a population in need of weight reduction is essential. Of particular interest, are those factors that can be modified, as they offer the greatest potential for intervention. Therefore, the purpose of this study is to examine the associations among physiological, sociocultural/demographic, psychological, and behavioral factors, the energy density of food intake, and abdominal obesity. The specific aims and associated research questions of this study are:

**Specific Aim 1.** To explore the relationships between physiological, sociocultural/demographic, psychological, and behavioral factors and the energy density of food intake in overweight adults.

RQ.1. What is the relationship between physiological factors (physical activity patterns) and the energy density of food intake in overweight adults?

RQ.2. What is the relationship between sociocultural/demographic factors (age, gender, race/ethnicity, education and socioeconomic status [SES]) and the energy density of food intake in overweight adults?

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RQ.3. What is the relationship between psychological factors (depressive symptoms, dietary restraint, and perceived stress) and the energy density of food intake in overweight adults?

RQ.4. What is the relationship between behavioral factors (nocturnal sleep patterns) and the energy density of food intake in overweight adults?

Specific Aim 2. To explore the association among the physiological, sociocultural/demographic, psychological, behavioral, and energy density of food intake in overweight adults.

H.1. A significant amount of variance in the energy density of food intake will be accounted for by physiological (physical activity patterns), psychological (depressive symptoms, dietary restraint, and perceived stress), and behavioral (nocturnal sleep patterns) factors while controlling for sociocultural/demographic factors (age, gender, race/ethnicity, education and SES).

Specific Aim 3. To explore the relationship between the energy density of food intake and abdominal obesity in overweight adults.

RQ.1. What is the relationship between energy density of food intake and abdominal obesity (waist circumference) in overweight adults while controlling for sociocultural/demographic (age, gender, race/ethnicity, education and SES) and physiological factors (physical activity patterns)?

A New Way of Conducting Business (continued)

SNRS. She keeps tight control and ensures that your financial accounting matches that of the bank and/or other financial institutions.

Ruth Gleason is your Director of Information Services. Her responsibilities encompass the database system, the website, and ensuring that all technological and communications systems are maintained, secured, and running smoothly. She and Kristi Klinke work closely together to maintain the accuracy of the membership and registration data.

Jennifer Waltz is your Website Content Coordinator. She makes sure that the content of the website is up-to-date and coordinates with all of your staff to ensure that she is provided the most recent information for each section of the site. While Board and committee members are responsible for reviewing the content and direct various changes, Jennifer makes the physical change and does a great job in presenting the information in a tasteful, readable fashion.

There you have it. Your staff has been instrumental in achieving some rather important goals for SNRS this year, not the least of which is improved communications. The blast emails that you receive, the up-to-date information on the website, the ability to access your own membership record to keep your information updated, the regular financial and membership reporting services, the online abstract submission process, and the ability to renew your membership and register for the conference online, are all contributing factors to a user-friendly communications environment.

We have only just begun and there is still much to achieve. Be assured that your staff stands ready to continue its efforts and improve its service to you. It would be great to be able to invite you to meet all of your staff in person. To be more realistic, we hope that you will recognize their efforts in all the services that they provide throughout the year.

David Stumph
Southern Nursing Research Society

Proposed Bylaws Changes, Fall 2006

The Bylaws Committee and Board of Directors have been busy this year reviewing the SNRS Bylaws. Proposed revisions remove procedures from the Bylaws (creating organizational flexibility), remove language that pre-dates the age of electronic communication, update functions to be consistent with what we are either currently doing or could be doing more efficiently, and provide for a membership committee and new eligibility criteria for those running for office.

The Bylaw revisions are presented for your review and consideration and will be presented at the 2007 Annual Conference for the approval of the membership. We encourage you to review them carefully. Should you have questions, please contact a member of the Governing Board directly, or the Society office at snrs@resourcenter.com. View the Bylaws revisions online now at www.snrs.org.

Treasurer’s Report
Fall 2006
Marti Rice, PhD, RN

This is a year of transition with the budget and our expenses and income. While our expenses are up, we have obtained new services via our management company. Among these new services are online submission of abstracts for the annual meeting, online membership renewal, online newsletters, and updated web pages and links. The profit from the annual conference was down from previous years but to be expected with the required change of venue due to Hurricane Katrina. The management of the annual conference has been assumed by the Resources Center so all of the business activities of the organization will be handled by one company rather than two.

Advertising through SNRS can reach nurse researchers and prospective students who are interested in entering degree programs, pre and post-doctoral opportunities, and new faculty and research positions. For more advertising information please visit our section on advertising or contact SNRS at snrs@resourcenter.com.

SNRS Newsletter
Membership Report
July 2006
Kathy Jo Ellison, DSN, RN

Membership in SNRS has remained steady with membership totaling 1018 in July 2006. Membership continues to be comprised of about 1/3 students and 2/3 regular members with seven retired members. The new management company’s system of online renewals and email reminders is being effective.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the recent membership survey. Your input is being carefully considered. The Board of Directors is in the process of instituting two new initiatives to help increase and foster communication with our membership. An Institutional Membership plan is being developed that will include several free memberships as well as free job listings and discounts for annual meeting exhibits. Also, the state liaison program is being revitalized to assist in recruitment and welcome of new members and give members a recognized voice in the state to facilitate communication with the Board. Please let me know if you are interested in participating. As always, the Board welcomes your input on membership issues.
Building on the work of former SNRS Board Member Dr. Barbara Haberman, the Research Interest Groups (RIGs) are now in full swing and all 14 RIGs have an active chair and most have a co-chair. In recent emailings, the membership has been encouraged to affiliate with a RIG that best matches their research, practice or educational expertise. During the spring and summer, this group had one conference call and accomplished the following:

- Two dedicated symposia for the 2007 conference in Galveston have been organized by Drs. Rita Jablonski (Virginia Commonwealth University) and Pao-Feng Tsai (University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences) for the Biobehavioral RIG, and Drs. Cynthia Russel (University of Tennessee -Memphis) and Nancey France (Murray State University) for the Qualitative RIG. Thanks to these leaders who were the first to volunteer their group membership to showcase their RIG’s scholarship! Members should look for these invited conferences at the February meeting.

- For the first time in the 2007 conference, Student Posters will be organized by RIGs rather than at a student-only poster session. This will facilitate socialization of students into the RIG where they can network with junior and senior faculty who share their interest and expertise. Hopefully students will continue their affiliation with their RIG upon graduation.

- Listservs have been created for each RIG so that members can more easily access colleagues throughout the region with similar interest and expertise. Please look for announcements from your chair and co-chair and, if you have not already done so, check the SNRS website and join a RIG today!

- Co-chairs are needed for the following RIGs. Please contact the chair whose name is listed if you are interested:
  - Community Health/Public Health – Dr. Susan Letyvak (susan_letvak@uncg.edu)
  - Ethics – Dr. Karen D’Apolito (karen.dapolito@vanderbilt.edu)
  - Health Promotion – Dr. Sheila Davis (spdavis@son.unsmed.edu)
  - Psychometrics – Dr. Hae ra H. Han (hhan@con.jhmi.edu)

- Please feel free to contact the Board Liaison to the RIGs – Dr. Elaine J. Amella at amellaej@musc.edu if you’d like help with locating a RIG or becoming more active in this network. (Please put either RIG or SNRS in the subject line.)

**Other RIG Activities: Academic Nurse Managed Health Center RIG Presents Symposer**

The Academic Nurse-Managed Health Center RIG presented a symposer entitled, “Practice-Based Scholarship in Academic Nurse-Managed Health Centers” for the 2005 SNRS meeting. Presenters were: Juliann G. Sebastian and Marcia Stahnope (University of Kentucky College of Nursing), Susan M. Beidler (Florida Atlantic University) Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing), William K. Cody (Queens University of Charlotte Presbyterian School of Nursing), Nan Gaylord (University of Tennessee, Knoxville, College of Nursing), Terry Doddato and Jan Cooper (University of Mississippi School of Nursing), and Sara G. Fuller, Phyllis C. Poyner, & Suzanne M. Hardeman (University of South Carolina College of Nursing). This was an exciting way for this new RIG to begin its work and to stimulate discussion about scholarship in these often small but always important nurse-managed clinical settings. The symposer prompted discussion of practice-based research, evaluation research, and quality improvement and how academic nurse-managed centers could work together to engage in studies of clinical problems in these environments. Research interest group members look forward to developing these ideas more fully and to the possibilities for collaboration across academic nurse-managed centers in the southern region.

Juliann G. Sebastian, Academic Nurse-Managed Health Centers RIG Chair
Susan M. Beidler, Academic Nurse-Managed Health Centers RIG Co-Chair
Juliann Sebastian and Susan Beidler of the Academic Nurse-Managed Health Centers RIG. Dr. Sebastian is at the College of Nursing, University of Kentucky and Dr. Beidler is at Florida Atlantic University.

SNRS was well represented at this conference, held in Washington DC, Oct. 12-14 and sponsored by NINR. Our booth, staffed by SNRS Board members Dr. Elaine Amella and Dr. Patricia Crane, along with President Patty Gray, provided a place for connecting with current and potential Society members. New membership flyers, developed by Dr. Kathy Jo Ellison, in collaboration with our management company, were also distributed.

SNRS members Dr. Anita Boykin (recipient of an SNRS small grant), Dr. Elaine Amella (2006 SNRS Hartford Geriatric Scholar award recipient) and 2006 SNRS graduate poster winner Hyeon Joo Lee, represented SNRS at the Special Posters Session. This poster session highlighted work by members of the various research regional societies and nursing specialty organizations.

Dr. Gray represented both SNRS and ENRS at a conference panel discussion preceding a larger group discussion on potential for collaboration among regional research societies and specialty nursing organizations that fund research. Many exciting ideas were generated, including the need for a funding clearinghouse to provide "one spot shopping" for announcements of available research awards. Stay tuned for developments in this area. The council also awarded, for the first time, two national research awards. Dr. Gray served as the convener of the Awards Review Group. The review of the applications was a wonderful reminder of the incredible contributions made to health care knowledge by nurse scientists. While members of SNRS were not selected for these awards, several were nominated and were excellent representatives of the contributions of nurse scientists in the southern region. This opportunity for national recognition of achievements in nursing science will be a recurring one--check out the CANS web site at www.nursingscience.org.

Updates from the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science Steering Committee

At the October 2006 meeting of the Council Steering Committee, SNRS President Patty Gray was elected Vice-Chair of the Council. Dr. Lynn Sommers serves as the Council Chair, a position that is filled by appointment by the American Academy of Nursing. The Council voted to continue $1500 sponsorship of the 2008 keynote speaker at the annual meetings of the four regional research societies. The Council also voted to award a $2,500 dissertation grant to each of the regional research societies, along with co-sponsoring a $25,000 unrestricted small grant award with the American Nursing Foundation (ANF). See the SNRS web site for the announcement of the new CANS-sponsored Dissertation Grant!
The Editors of the Southern Online Journal of Nursing Research (SOJNR) are pleased to announce the publication of the latest article, “Effectiveness of Community Efforts to Reduce Unmet Health Needs Among Rural School Children.” Below you will find the title, authors, and abstract. In addition, you will find the hyperlink that will take you directly to the full-text article.

Please note that some of the hyperlinks in the article contain extensive citation references. You may need to double click on these windows in order to see all the citations. You may also be interested in viewing the Table of Contents of the Journal because we have had some interactive comments posted from readers on other articles. The URL for the Table of Contents is: http://www.snrs.org/publications/journal.html

We welcome your feedback about the Journal and encourage you to correspond with the authors via the mechanism provided at the end of each article. Also, feel free to contact one of us with questions or comments about the Journal.

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Effectiveness of Community Efforts to Reduce Unmet Health Needs Among Rural School Children
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ABSTRACT
Unmet health needs among children are a major problem. The purpose of the study is to determine the effectiveness of community efforts to reduce unmet health needs over a five-year period, controlling for health insurance coverage status and age in a rural school-aged population. Data was collected through school-based non-invasive health screenings for 7665 observations for 2813 student participants made throughout a five-year period. The health insurance coverage revealed an 11% uninsured rate. Uninsured and publicly insured children were significantly more likely to have an unmet dental need with elementary students experiencing the greatest amount of unmet dental need. Unmet vision need was significantly greater among publicly insured children with junior high students more likely to experience the need. Privately insured children were significantly less likely to experience an unmet auditory need. It is clear that health insurance plays a significant role in having a child’s overall health needs met. It is imperative that every effort be made to ensure children’s access to health care and enrollment in insurance programs.

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