Activities and Progress Report: We had amazing Poster Presentations at the October 2012 Annual OAHPERD Convention held at the University of Central Oklahoma. The peer-reviewed posters were centrally located on the second day of the Convention (October 16, 2012) during mid-morning (a perfect location and time for maximal viewing participation). There were 17 posters presented, eight of which were student developed and presented. Two $50 awards were presented to student posters based on 1) merit of the research project, 2) quality of the poster presentation, and 3) student presentation of content. The first award went to John Rivera, Sarah Ellison and Isaac Henry for, “Hamstring Flexibility Related to Vertical Jump Performance in College Aged Men.” The second award went to Taniqua Ward for, “LIVESTRONG at the YMCA.”

Poster Presentation activity at the Annual OAHPERD Convention directly relates to OAHPERD Strategic Goal #3 To increase and diversify membership and services. Offering this opportunity to students (both undergraduate and graduate) aids in the expansion of types of presentations at OAHPERD Convention (Goal Element 3.2) and, by offering cash incentives, expands the quality of student presentations at OAHPRD Convention (Goal Element 3.2A).

Anticipated Plans: Continue to solicit both student and faculty research proposals for both poster and oral presentations at the 2013 Annual OAHPERD Convention. Also, continue to pursue the dissemination to university faculty the criteria necessary to obtain OAHPERD Research Fellow status.

Actions Required by the Board: None