**RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

Purpose:  
The HERO Research Committee sets the HERO Research Agenda and provides guidance and expertise in making HERO a respected contributor and major player in the creation, publication, and dissemination of unbiased and meaningful workplace health and well-being research and best practices. The Research Committee includes two subcommittees that operate under the direction of the Research Committee chairperson.

Chair: Steven Noeldner, PhD; Partner, Mercer

**RESEARCH SUB-COMMITTEES**

***Research Advisory Group***

Chair: Seth Serxner, PhD, MPH; Chief Health Officer, Optum

Purpose: The Research Advisory Group helps set the HERO Research Agenda by aligning the goals of HERO and the Think Tank membership with workplace HWB research needs, opportunities, and funding.

Membership: Experienced workplace health and well-being researchers and practitioners are appointed by the Research Advisory Group Chair in consultation with the HERO CEO and Research Committee Chair, to assure an optimal blend of research expertise and experience to pursue HERO’s research agenda.

***Research Study Subcommittee***

Co-chairs:

Kristi Rahrig Jenkins, PhD, MPH; Research Program Manager, MHealthy, Health and Well-Being Services, University of Michigan

Colleen Saringer, PhD, MEd; FVP, Lead Health and Productivity Consultant, Alliant Employee Benefits

Purpose: To develop research study proposals and provide guidance, oversight, and expertise to the design and implementation of HERO- facilitated research.

Membership: Think Tank members knowledgeable about workplace health and well-being research, as well as employer and other stakeholder members who can specify research needs. Members include a mix of appointees based on expertise and volunteers.

2017 RSS Goals:

* Develop and provide oversight of 1 HERO Scorecard analysis that will be submitted to a peer-reviewed scientific journal
* Develop 2 Industry Research Review commentaries on published research studies that provide context for the HERO Scorecard analysis. Wait until we have research question identified to conduct reviews.
* Have at least 1 RSS member in attendance on all main study committee calls and report updates during RSS calls
* 1 or 2 RSS members needed to author HERO Scorecard descriptive commentaries in 2017