CTSI Community Engagement Program (CE) eNews
April 2009

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Send us any information you’d like distributed next month. The deadline for submissions to the May 2009 (CE) eNews is Friday, May 8th. Now you can read archived Community Engagement Program eNewsletters.

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1. Community Engagement Program Calendar

**UPCOMING GROUP CONSULTATIONS**

- ☐ Wednesday, April 22, 2009
  SF General Hospital, Building 3, Room 505 (above Carr Auditorium)
9:00        CE Business  
           CE program faculty, staff and community members

9:30 – 10:45 Tom Bodenheimer, Ellen Chen, Dave Thom, Amireh Ghorob
           Developing and Evaluating *Peers for Progress*: Peer Coaching for Low-
           Income Patients with Diabetes in Primary Care

10:50 – 12:00 Jeff Belkora  
           Barriers and Facilitators to Expanded Reach, Adoption, Implementation
           and Maintenance of Proven Decision Support Interventions for People
           with Cancer in a Rural, Underserved Area

Reminder:
If you’d like to request a consultation, please use one of these links:

- For UCSF researchers: http://ctsi.ucsf.edu/ce/request/
- For community members: http://ctsi.ucsf.edu/ce/request/community.php

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2. CE Program News and Announcements

☐ CE Publications News
           Selected recent publications by Community Engagement Program community
           partners and faculty.

           Health Literacy and Access to Kidney Transplantation. Vanessa Grubbs, Steven E.
           Gregorich, Eliseo J. Perez-Stable, and Chi-yuan Hsu. *Clinical Journal of the
           American Society of Nephrology* 4: 195-200, 2009

           Cohen DJ, Crabtree BF, Etz RS, Balasubramanian BA, Donahue KE, Leviton LC,
           Clark EC, Isaacson NF, Stange KC, and Green LW. Fidelity versus flexibility:
           translating evidence-based research into practice. *American Journal of
           http://highwire.stanford.edu/cgi/medline/pmid;18929985

           Green, L.W. Making research relevant: If it’s an evidence-based practice, where’s

☐ CE Resources News

           We are currently collecting and making available model Memoranda of
           Understanding (MOUs) and agreements between academic researchers and
           clinical partner sites to serve as models for new projects. These MOUs will be
           available on the Virtual Home website, or you can send an e-mail to Paula
Fleisher, CE Navigator, for our current templates or to contribute one of your own. All identifying information is deleted from the documents we distribute.

**CE Training News**

**FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS**
The CE program now offers an orientation to research and evaluation: *CBOs Engaged in Research and Evaluation – Introduction to Creating Your Own Evidence*. Developed in collaboration with San Francisco State University’s Health Equity Initiative, these trainings are now available to individual community-based organizations and small groups of agency representatives. [E-mail us](mailto:) to request training or learn more.

**CE Community and Faculty News**

Lawrence Green and Robert Hiatt were appointed to an Institute of Medicine Committee to develop a framework for evaluation of childhood obesity control.

**CE Community Clinician Registry News**

With the help of UCSF faculty and community partners, CE and the [Collaborative Research Network](http://) have developed a survey to gather information about community clinicians’ practice environments, their research interests and priorities. **We now have over 375 survey responses** from clinicians who have agreed to be included in a clinician registry, the first step toward development of a practice-based research network (PBRN). [Read more about the survey and learn how to participate here](http:).

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3. **Partnership Snapshot – RAMPART Community Notification and Consultation**

This *Partnership Snapshot* revisits our July 2008 group consultation with Claude Hemphill and Michele Meeker of UCSF’s Rapid Anticonvulsant Medication Prior to Arrival Trial (RAMPART). Claude Hemphill, MD, Director of the UCSF Neurocritical Care Program at San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) is Principal Investigator of the RAMPART study. Michele Meeker, RN, is the RAMPART Project Director.

RAMPART is a study of two medications and modes of treatment administration given by first responders for someone having a seizure. Now in the initial phase of enrolling trial participants, RAMPART has been actively involved in an extensive community engagement process known as community notification and consultation in order to qualify for EFIC, an Exception from Informed Consent. RAMPART participants, unlike participants in most research studies, are not able to give
informed consent, so the study must take extensive measures to inform likely participants about the study, give them the chance to ask questions and give feedback to study staff, and give participants the opportunity to opt out in advance. Because RAMPART investigates emergency treatments and their delivery, participants are likely unconscious at the time of the intervention under study. In the grips of a neurological emergency, they are experiencing a prolonged seizure (status epilepticus), are under a paramedic’s care and in an ambulance on their way to the hospital.

As RAMPART began preparing to enroll patients in San Francisco, study staff attended community meetings, delivered public service announcements, conducted interviews with community and city-wide newspapers, and reached out to epilepsy and other advocacy groups. RAMPART’s target populations for community notification and consultation include both adult and pediatric patients at highest risk for status epilepticus: individuals with underlying seizure disorders and traumatic brain injury, stroke victims, and individuals who abuse alcohol and use illicit drugs. In addition to her work with community, local and regional press outlets, Michele Meeker has established ties community groups, including: the Epilepsy Foundation of Northern California, “Brainstorm” (a head injury support group), NICOS Chinese Health Coalition, the Bayview Hunters Point Police, Mission Education Project, and the San Francisco Pediatric Epilepsy Support Group, distributing information to and gathering evaluations from members, the majority of whom have indicated their support for the study.

Asked about the biggest challenges posed by the EFIC process, Meeker mentioned that staff have had to find innovative ways to reach non-English speaking and marginalized (i.e. homeless) populations. Meeker has found that because these populations don’t engage with mainstream media, study staff devised strategies to reach and communicate effectively with these groups. In particular, Meeker says it has been difficult to locate relevant and interested community groups that represent these populations, and therefore RAMPART developed and provided materials in several languages (the cost of which is not currently covered in the RAMPART budget).

In addition, staff have discovered that many groups have a basic need for education about what constitutes a seizure and what constitutes an emergency. In general, Meeker found that information about the study must be presented in a way that simultaneously establishes common understandings and terms for what technically happens before, during, and after an emergency seizure event.

More broadly, Hemphill, Meeker and colleagues are looking for new and better ways to tell the “story” of the study. They are considering production of a video and other materials that can be presented at community meetings and on relevant websites.
Their commitment to a thorough, innovative and equitable community engagement process has launched the San Francisco RAMPART team to the forefront of NIH’s national Neurological Emergency Treatment Trials (NETT)’s efforts to establish best practices for community notification and consultation. This same commitment brought Hemphill and Meeker to the CTSI Community Engagement Program for consultation in July of 2008. Well into their community notification and consultation plan, they were eager to receive feedback and new ideas for their EFIC work.

The San Francisco RAMPART team is now considering the formation of a Neurological Emergency Community Advisory Board to provide ongoing community advice and input into this trial and other NETT projects in development.

This snapshot is an excerpt from the Community Engagement Program’s Profiles in Partnership, a series of community engagement case studies coming soon to the UCSF CTSI Virtual Home.

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4. Workshops, Conferences and Training Opportunities

- **Health Inequities for Undocumented Immigrants**
  Tuesday, April 14, 2009
  12:00 -1:00 pm
  Carr Auditorium, San Francisco General Hospital
  Co-sponsored by the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations and UCSF Medical Humanities Initiative, this special Medical Service Grand Rounds will feature attorney, acclaimed writer, and SFSU associate professor Peter Orner to discuss health issues raised by the Voices of Witness oral history book "Underground America" which tells the stories of "illegal" immigrants in the U.S. Orner will be joined by journalist Sandra Hernandez and, via satellite, by one of the undocumented immigrants depicted in the book. Topics covered will include health and human rights in prison, occupational injuries, and social vulnerabilities leading to poor health status for this at risk population.

- **Communicating with Older Adults: Why Health Literacy Matters**
  April 17 and 18 and May 16, 2009
  Fresno, CA and UCSF Fresno Campus
  $150 (After April 11, 2009)

  The Northern California Geriatric Education Center is pleased to offer an interdisciplinary faculty development program in health literacy and aging. The purpose of this program is to train faculty to teach culturally appropriate approaches to health literacy as it applies to geriatrics. The goal is to disseminate health literacy principles as a vehicle to improve patient outcomes. This course will offer 19.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™.
  [https://www.cme.ucsf.edu/cme/CourseDetail.aspx?coursenumber=MMC09011](https://www.cme.ucsf.edu/cme/CourseDetail.aspx?coursenumber=MMC09011)
How to Apply for Community Researcher Collaboration Funding: Getting Started
California Breast Cancer Research Program
Community Research Collaboration (CRC) Awards
Webinar
Monday, May 11, 12noon-1:00pm
Wednesday, May 13, 10:00am-11:00am

Are you curious about how community members and researchers can form teams, receive funding, and conduct breast cancer research together? Join Marj Plumb, collaborative research consultant, from the comfort of your own desk for a LIVE, engaging, one-hour information webinar about the Community Research Collaboration (CRC) Awards.

CRC awards provide $150,000 to $600,000 of funding (plus indirect funds for most institutions) from the California Breast Cancer Research Program and require a partnership of CA-based community organizations and research scientists. While the call for applications occurs around the end of September each year (with a submission deadline in January of each year), finding a partner, forming your team, discussing research ideas and methodology, and getting prepared to apply should begin now.

For more information: http://www.cbcrp.org/community/workshop.php

San Francisco Department of Public Health
Annual Health Impact Assessment Practitioners Summer Training Course
June 23 – 26, 2009 (attendance all four days is mandatory)
The California Endowment, 1111 Broadway, 7th Floor, Oakland, CA
Registration and full payment due Friday, May 29, 2009

The overall goal of the course is to provide current and future practitioners of health impact assessment (HIA) experience using available procedures, regulations, and tools to implement an HIA.

A draft course outline describing the course in more detail can be accessed at: http://www.sfphes.org/HIA_Training.htm.

To enroll, please complete and submit a registration form. Enrollment is limited, and on a first-come basis. Limit two people per organization. Please note however that if there is more demand than space, we may ask you to reduce your organization’s participation to only one person.

We are committed to ensuring that the training is a good fit for all participants. Based on your responses to registration questions we may contact you to discuss your registration and goals in attending the training. We will send an email confirming your participation as well as course prep materials by mid-May.
Cost: $960 (includes the cost of course materials, breakfast and lunch; accommodations and travel not included)*
While we cannot commit to providing scholarships yet, we are working on raising funds to support the attendance of organizations facing financial hardship.

Questions? Contact hiacourse.dph@sfdph.org or call 415-252-3988.

Improving Health WITH Communities: The Role of Community Engagement in Clinical and Translational Research
May 14 - 15, 2009
Natcher Conference Center, NIH Campus
Online Registration Begins March 2, 2009
Poster abstracts due Friday, March 20, 2009
http://www.aptrweb.org/workshop/index.html

This event is free and open to the public.

This is the second annual conference to discuss and share best practices and collaborate with communities and health care providers to improve health. Participants will develop recommendations for academic-community collaborations and partnerships with other community programs to establish research agendas. Discussions will include ways to transform the clinical research enterprise through effective collaboration. Best practices, effective collaboration strategies and successful models will be discussed and shared.

This conference will:
- Explore methods for Community Engagement within the context of clinical and translational research.
- Provide a forum for discussion of experiences and ideas concerning education and training of researchers and their teams in community engagement principles and practices.
- Provide a forum for discussion of experiences and ideas concerning education and support of community partners working with researchers at academic institutions.
- Provide a networking opportunity across translational and clinical disciplines including new and established CTSA awardees and their respective community partners.
- Identify national and regional resources to support effective localized community engagement research efforts.

Who Should Attend?
Audience for this conference will include community researchers, practice-based researchers and academic researchers interested in community engagement and partnerships in research as well as those interested in community-engaged research.
Community Collaborative Research: Interdisciplinary Conceptual and Methodological Approaches
May 18, 2009
Columbia University School of Social Work
1255 Amsterdam Avenue
Concourse Level, Rm CO3
New York, NY 10027

Collaboration between communities and researchers will be critical to 21st Century research. The Columbia University School of Social Work will host a free symposium featuring six researchers from interdisciplinary backgrounds to address myriad conceptual and methodological issues related to the evaluation of processes and outcomes of collaborative research.

Presentations include:
- Mapping the Ecology of Community-Researcher Collaboration
  Rogério M. Pinto, Ph.D
- Biostatistics in the Emerging Brave New World
  Naihua Duan, Ph.D.
- The Risk-Based Allocation Design in Evaluation Research
  Bruce Levin, Ph.D.
- Qualitative Methods in Collaborative Research and Empowerment
  Deborah Padgett, Ph.D.
- Comprehensive Dynamic Intervention Trials
  Bruce Rapkin, Ph.D.

Register online:
https://www.alumniconnections.com/olc/pub/COUS/events/COUS2224527.html
RSVP is required for this event. For more information, please contact Prema Filippone at 212-851-2113 or plf2107@columbia.edu.

Community-Based Research: New Ethical Challenges
Thursday, May 21, 2009
CARE: Community Alliance for Research and Engagement
Ethical Principles of Engagement Work Group and the Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics

This is a one-day conference at Yale University in New Haven, CT on ethical principles and guidelines for engaging community and university partners in the conduct of community-based research. This provides an opportunity to bring together representatives from the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) sites, community and university representatives of institutional review boards (IRBs), and community leaders responsible for research review in their agencies.

Keynote speaker: Jeremy Sugarman, MD, MPH
Johns Hopkins School of Public Health

To RSVP and for more information, please contact: Laurie Hurshman at 203-432-5299 or Laurie.Hurshman@Yale.edu.

2009 NIH Summer Institute on Community-Based Participatory Research Targeting the Medically Underserved
August 2-7, 2009
Renaissance Pere Marquette Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana

The NIH Summer Institute will address essential conceptual, methodological, and practical issues inherent in planning and conducting research on health promotion, disease prevention, and health disparities that is conducted in partnership between communities and researchers and targets medically underserved areas (MUAs) and medically underserved populations (MUPs) as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This research may include intervention research (i.e., quasi-experimental research projects that seek to influence preventive behaviors, treatment adherences, complementary behaviors, and related attitudes and beliefs). Natural experiments also may fall under the interventions rubric.

Examples include, and are not limited to promotion of physical activity-friendly neighborhoods; tobacco, alcohol and drug abuse prevention among youth; a community-led action plan for cancer, hypertension and cardiovascular disease prevention and control in minority populations; establishing safer work practices among agricultural workers in rural areas; nutrition and reducing childhood obesity; HIV/AIDS and STD prevalence among young adults; promoting infant mental health; and reducing health disparities.

The Institute is intended for investigators who wish to develop NIH grant applications for research targeting the medically underserved. Faculty will include established investigators from social work and other fields and who will provide instruction based on their expertise and own successful projects. The goal is for each participant to develop an NIH R21 or R01 under the above mechanisms.

Participation by both Investigators and the Community Partners is encouraged.


The American Public Health Association
137th APHA Annual Meeting & Exposition
November 7-11, 2009
Philadelphia, PA
The deadline for 2009 Abstract submissions has been extended to Feb 16-20, 2009. The theme of the meeting is: *Water and Public Health: the 21st Century Challenge*. http://www.apha.org/meetings/

5. **Funding Announcements**

Funding opportunities for T2 and community-engaged research also can be found on the [CTSI Virtual Home](http://www.clsi.org).

- **Community-Based Partnerships for Childhood Obesity Prevention and Control: Research to Inform Policy (R03) and(R21)**
  - Department of Health and Human Services
  - National Institutes of Health (NIH)
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
  - National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
  - National Cancer Institute (NCI)
  - National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
  - Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR)
  - National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)
  - Next application due date: June 16, 2009

The NICHD has been leading an effort to promote a multilevel (or complex systems) approach to childhood obesity that recognizes individual food and physical activity behaviors as occurring not in isolation but as a function of the broader socio-environmental context. This approach requires that we simultaneously examine and address the range of biological and socio-environmental drivers (i.e., genes to policy) of diet and physical activity in order to build effective and sustainable intervention strategies. As part of this multilevel approach, the NICHD obesity program is seeking innovative ways to create opportunities for and generate best practices of researchers working with policymakers and other key stakeholders, such as health care practitioners, public health officials, community leaders, and educators, to develop solutions for childhood obesity. The goal is to have researchers and policymakers, and other stakeholders, participate in each phase of the research from conceiving, designing and conducting the research to analyzing, interpreting, and communicating the results. Community-based research processes offer the potential to generate better-informed and timely research questions and hypotheses, develop more effective interventions, and enhance the translation of the research results into practice. See: [PA-09-140](http://www.clsi.org).

- **International Association for Research on Service Learning and Community Engagement**
  - Early Career Research Award
Complete applications must be received by April 20, 2009

The International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement is seeking nominations for its Early Career Research Award. The award recognizes outstanding early career contributions to scholarly endeavors addressing service-learning and community engagement. It is designed to encourage research that systematically addresses the exploration and understanding of the field. The recipient is expected to make a presentation at the annual research conference that relates to his/her research, taking place October 9-12, 2009 in Ottawa, ON Canada. (http://www.researchslce.org/Files/2009Conference/Conference_Main.html)

This award is intended to recognize researchers who have distinguished records of research and scholarly contribution early in their careers. Individuals who have received a terminal degree in their discipline or profession within the past seven years are eligible to apply. Please submit nominations to the Early Career Research Award committee chair at info@researchslce.org.


☐ Research on Clinical Decision Making in Life-Threatening Illness (R21)
     Department of Health and Human Services
     National Institutes of Health (NIH)
     National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)
     National Cancer Institute (NCI)
     Application closing date: May 7, 2009

Despite recent advances, the decisions to be made are usually fraught with uncertainty. This program announcement seeks research on how patients (and, where appropriate, patients and families/support systems) cope with uncertainty and arrive at decisions. These decisions may occur at all points along the disease continuum – from pre-disease (i.e., prevention among at risk individuals) to treatment to end of life. Examples of such decisions could include participating in an HIV vaccine clinical trial, testing for genetic disorder, choosing a treatment intervention vs. watchful waiting (as in early stage prostate cancer), choosing a treatment intervention among several options, joining a therapeutic clinical trial, or making end-of-life care decisions.

This announcement seeks out research to build on knowledge needed for patients to become increasingly involved in the clinical decision-making process. At the same time, this announcement is meant to stimulate research on decision-making styles that involve not only the individual, but also other participants, such as family, non-familial caregiver networks, health care
providers, clergy, or others. Outcomes must be focused on the patient, or where appropriate the patient/caregiver dyad, or patient/support network nexus. Award ceiling: $200,000.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Public Health Law Research Program
Brief proposals due: May 19, 2009

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s (RWJF) Public Health Law Research (PHLR) program released its first call for proposals to fund studies that will examine how laws can improve public health. Studies funded through this program will be at the intersection of two disciplines: law and public health. Other disciplines, such as medicine, economics, sociology, psychology and public policy and administration may also be involved in these studies. About $3.5 million are available for funding through the first call for proposals for two types of studies. Short-term studies that include legal research, policy analysis or public health implications of specific laws or regulations, will be funded up to $150,000 each for up to 18 months. Complex and comprehensive legal and public health studies that include multistate, long-term analyses and other in-depth evaluations of laws will be funded up to $400,000 each for up to 30 months. See: www.publichealthlawresearch.org.

Cooperative Agreements for Family Planning Research
Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Population Affairs
Current closing date for applications: May 26, 2009

This announcement seeks applications from public and non-profit private entities to conduct data analyses and related research and evaluation on issues of interest to the family planning field. Many persons have observed that gaps exist in the array of data and analyses needed by administrators, planners and researchers in the field of family planning. The need for such data is likely to increase. Therefore, funds available under this announcement are for projects to increase the availability of data and research-based information which will be useful to family planning administrators and providers, researchers and officials of local, State and the Federal government, including Office of Population Affairs (OPA), in order to improve the delivery of family planning services to persons needing and desiring such services. The OPA anticipates making available approximately $800,000 to support an estimated two to three research projects. The principal purpose of this project is not to collect original data. However, if it is relevant and it can be demonstrated that appropriate data do not exist elsewhere, some collection of original data is not precluded. Successful applicants will also provide a plan on how information will be disseminated, including three brief fact sheets for dissemination by OPA which document
innovative and unique service delivery initiatives. Awards will range from $250,000 to $400,000 per year. See: PA-FPR-09-001.

Hispanic Health Services Research Grants Program
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Letters of intent due date: May 27, 2009
Grants.gov application due date: June 24, 2009
Mailed application due date: June 26, 2009
Anticipated award date: September 2009
Project Period: Two years

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing the availability of funds under its grant program to assist researchers in conducting health services research for 2009. The purpose of the Hispanic grant program is to implement Hispanic American health services research activities to meet the needs of diverse CMS beneficiary populations. The grant program is designed to:

- Encourage health services and health disparities researchers to pursue research issues which impact Hispanic Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance Program health services issues;
- Conduct outreach activities to apprise Hispanic researchers of funding availability to conduct research-related issues affecting Hispanic American communities to expand the pool of applicants applying for such grants;
- Assist CMS in implementing its mission focusing on health care quality and improvement for its beneficiaries;
- Support extramural research in health care capacity development activities for the Hispanic American communities;
- Promote research that will be aimed at developing a better understanding of health care services issues pertaining to Hispanic Americans; and
- Foster a network for communication and collaboration regarding Hispanic health care issues.

Funding is available for grants to implement research related to health care delivery and health financing issues affecting Hispanic American communities, including issues of access to health care, utilization of health care services, health outcomes, quality of services, cost of care, health and racial disparities, socio-economic differences, cultural barriers, managed care systems, and activities related to health screening, prevention, outreach, and education. Eligible researchers may request $100,000 per year for up to two (2) years for these grants.

To be eligible for grants under this program, applicants must meet one of the following three requirements in order to qualify for funding under this grant
program: 1) A health services/disparities researcher at an university or college offering a Ph.D. or Masters Degree Program in one or more of the following disciplines Allied Health, Gerontology, Health Care Administration, Nursing, Pharmacology, Public Health, Public Policy, Social Work; or 2) a member of a community-based health organization with a Hispanic health services research component; or 3) a member of a professional association focusing on Hispanic health services and health disparities issues.


- **NIOSH Small Research Grant Program (R03)**
  Department of Health and Human Services
  National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (CDC/NIOSH)
  Next Application Due Date: June 16, 2008

  The purpose of this grants program is to develop an understanding of the risks and conditions that are associated with occupational diseases and injuries, to explore methods for reducing risks and for preventing or minimizing exposure to hazardous conditions in the workplace, and to translate significant scientific findings into prevention practices and products that will effectively reduce work-related illnesses and injuries. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. The R03 is intended to support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. See **PA-OH-09-029**.

- **Knowledge Dissemination Conference Grants** (SAMHSA Conference Grants)
  The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
  Closing Date for Applications: September 30, 2009

  The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announces SAMHSA’s Knowledge Dissemination Conference Grants program (also referred to as SAMHSA Conference Grants). The purpose of the Conference Grant program is to disseminate knowledge about practices within the mental health services and substance abuse prevention and treatment fields and to integrate that knowledge into real-world practice as effectively and efficiently as possible. It is not the practice of SAMHSA to provide total support for planned meetings and conferences. The maximum Conference Grant award is $50,000 for a 12-month project period. Only direct costs will be funded under this program. Not all SAMHSA’s Centers will be awarding Conference Grants in any given year.
Please visit the SAMHSA Web site at www.samhsa.gov to learn which Centers are providing funding and the number and size of awards for any specific year. SAMHSA's Conference Grants are subject to the availability of funds. This announcement addresses Healthy People 2010 focus areas 11 (Health Communication), 18 (Mental Health and Mental Disorders) and 26 (Substance Abuse). See: http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/OA_08_002cmhs.aspx.

6. Publications of Interest


Implementation of evidence-based mental health assessment and intervention in community public health practice is a high priority for multiple stakeholders. Academic-community partnerships can assist in the translation of efficacious treatments into community settings; yet, little is known about the processes by which these collaborations are developed. In this paper, we discuss our application of community-based participatory research (CBPR) approach to implementation and present six lessons we have learned from the establishment of an academic-community partnership.


"This highly engaging and very readable how-to book makes a compelling case for why this type of research is necessary and what it takes to get it done in busy clinical environments where researchers must maneuver carefully and be
attentive to a system undergoing constant change. Notably, Sobo addresses the contexts in which research results are released and speaks to the power of teaching stories and translational research in a field largely guided by audit culture. The book is timely and speaks to both health social science and health care audiences."
-Mark Nichter, University of Arizona

"Recognizing that many holes within current evidentiary health knowledge pertain to interactions in which human agency plays a central role, she engages the reader in a delightful and opinionated dialogue that creatively deconstructs conventional assumptions and convincingly reveals what social theorizing contributes to understanding and solving the problems confronting health service researchers today."
-Sally Thorne, Professor and Director, UBC School of Nursing

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7. Other Resources and Opportunities

☐ Open Science: Good for Research, Good for Researchers?
   February 19, 2009
   Streaming video presentation
   Columbia University Libraries/Information Services
   Scholarly Communication Program

   Open science refers to information-sharing among researchers and encompasses a number of initiatives to remove access barriers to data and published papers, and to use digital technology to more efficiently disseminate research results. Advocates for this approach argue that openly sharing information among researchers is fundamental to good science, speeds the progress of research, and increases recognition of researchers. Panelists: Jean-Claude Bradley, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Coordinator of E-Learning for the School of Arts and Sciences at Drexel University; Barry Canton, founder of Gingko BioWorks and the OpenWetWare wiki, an online community of life science researchers committed to open science that has over 5,300 users; Bora Zivkovic, Online Discussion Expert for the Public Library of Science (PLoS) and author of "A Blog Around the Clock." See: http://scholcomm.columbia.edu/past-events.

☐ Community Genetics Forum
   National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)
   National Institutes of Health

   The Community Genetics Forum is an engagement project sponsored by the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) at the National Institutes of Health. For each Forum, the NHGRI selects a different region of the country to host the Forum activities. This current Forum seeks to engage communities in
DHHS regions VIII and IX. This region is defined to include: Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau.

The NHGRI is seeking an organization to host, plan, develop, implement and evaluate the next Community Genetics Forum. The Community Genetics Forum is defined as a community engagement project, focused on developing partnerships between the NHGRI, a host organization, and community-based organizations. It culminates in a single or multiple day public forum event, centered on topics related to genomics that are of interest to the communities involved in its planning.

For more information, please visit http://www.genome.gov/19518473.

Open Access Overview

This site is an online resource on the open access (OA) movement with a focus on peer-reviewed research articles and their preprints. Recently faculty voted in favor of strong OA mandates at Boston University, the Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard Law School, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Stanford School of Education, Oregon State University Library, and MIT. http://www.earlham.edu/~peters/fos/overview.htm

Community-Engaged Scholarship/Community Based Participatory Research Spring Series with Dr. Nina Wallerstein

San Francisco State University announces a special spring series that will address how to move community-engaged efforts into publication, grants, and other forms of generalizable knowledge. Objectives include:

- Creating opportunities for faculty dialogue and mutual learning about CES/CBPR
- Showcasing existing CES/CBPR partnerships
- Supporting faculty skill-building in CES/CBPR

Please save the following remaining dates. All sessions held from 3:30 pm - 5:00pm:

- Wednesday, April 15, HSS 306
  Case Study Session with Jim Quesada, Anthropology

- Wednesday, May 6, HSS 306
  CES/CBPR Conclusion & Next Steps

Award-winning scholar Nina Wallerstein, DrPH, is widely recognized as a leading scholar in community-based participatory research. She is a Visiting Professor from the University of New Mexico in SF State's Department of Health Education,
and has close to three decades of experience working collaboratively with tribal, rural, and urban Latino communities.

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- **New Routes to Community Health**
  New Routes to Community Health is a new approach for improving the health of immigrants through immigrant-created media. Eight diverse immigrant-led collaborations across the United States have received three-year grants from New Routes to create locally-focused media and outreach campaigns that speak directly to immigrants’ health concerns. Locations for current collaborative projects include Oakland and San Francisco. In these communities, immigrant groups, media makers and prominent community institutions are working together to produce original content in English as well as in immigrants’ first languages. Partners include community institutions such as major colleges and universities, television and radio stations, an advertising agency and a museum. [http://newroutes.org/](http://newroutes.org/). Postings on pertinent survey research can be found here: [http://newroutes.org/search/node/survey](http://newroutes.org/search/node/survey).

- **The Center for the Advancement of Health**
  The Center for the Advancement of Health announces its new name, the Center for Advancing Health: Evidence. Engagement. Equity. Increasingly, the success or failure of modern medicine is dependent on individual engagement in informed health care decisions. We will continue to communicate to the public, health professionals, and decision-makers both public and private about what it will take for all Americans to engage in their health and health care. CFAH also announces its new, user-friendly website. The website includes Web 2.0 features that makes it easy to share resources. “Resources for the Prepared Patient: Is This Good Science?” offers information for patients on evaluating scientific studies, trusting internet research, understanding clinical studies, interpreting health news, and the meaning of “risk” numbers. See: [http://www.cfaht.org/resources/science.cfm](http://www.cfaht.org/resources/science.cfm).

- **The Department of Health and Human Services** has named 15 members to a panel that will advise the government on how to spend the $1.1 billion in federal stimulus funding dedicated to comparing the effectiveness of medical treatments. The stimulus package, signed into law by President Obama last month, includes $300 million for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, $400 million for NIH and $400 million for HHS to support comparative effectiveness research. The panel, called the Federal Coordinating Council for
Comparative Effectiveness Research, includes officials from NIH, CDC, CMS, FDA, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Defense and the Office of Management and Budget.

AHRQ Director Carolyn Clancy said the panel will hold its first public meeting on April 14 and will be working to get the money out and invested as expeditiously as possible. To read who has been named to the panel see: http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/os/cerbios.html

CE Services
The CTSI Community Engagement Program provides core consultation, training and networking services. Our work is closely coordinated with our partner, Kaiser Permanente of Northern California, and our affiliates, the University Community Partnership Program, Community Partnership Resource Center, and UCSF’s Practice-Based Research Networks.

• Consultation
We offer individual and group consultations by CE faculty and community experts for community-engaged research projects that are looking for input on community research methods, partnership strategies, dissemination, evaluation goals, advisory board development, or any issue that will further a current or prospective translational research project. Our CE Navigators triage each request, decide whether it would best be met in an individual or group consultation format, and make consultation arrangements.

Group consultations take place on the 4th Wednesday morning of every month. Look for regular announcements about our monthly group consultation meetings. To request a consultation, please complete an online consultation request form. Note: the online request process requires a quick login / account set-up procedure, and then you can fill out your electronic request.

• Training
Our trainings serve both UCSF and community audiences and focus on community-university collaborative research or developing translational research skills. Over the next several months look for announcements about our trainings!

• Registry
The CE Community Clinician Registry Survey has been distributed electronically to members of the Collaborative Research Network, as well as volunteer faculty of the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry and Pharmacy. We now have over 375 responses from those cohorts. Community clinicians interested in filling out the
survey and becoming part of this network can them complete the survey here or contact Sachini Bandara (Bandaras@fcm.ucsf.edu) or Michael Potter at (PotterM@fcm.ucsf.edu).

- **Linkage**
  If you work at UCSF or in a community clinic, community agency, or other community health effort and are looking for a partner for a UCSF-community research project, contact the Community Engagement Program. Our Navigator will help you to identify a potential partner through our linkage service. To request a linkage, please complete an online consultation request.

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