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Send us any information you’d like distributed next month. The deadline for submissions to the April 2009 (CE) eNews is Friday, April 3rd. Now you can read archived Community Engagement Program eNewsletters.

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### 1. Community Engagement Program Calendar

**EVENTS**

- **Friday, March 13, 2009**
  - **CTSI Symposium on Translational Research and Community Engagement**
  - **Noon - 4:00 PM**
Carr Auditorium (Building 3)
San Francisco General Hospital

CTSI’s Community Engagement Program and the UCSF University Community Partnership Program are pleased to announce a special event featuring visiting professor Dr. Steven Woolf, Director of the Center for Human Needs, Virginia Commonwealth University. Dr. Woolf will present a keynote talk on T2 research which will be followed by presentations and discussion of **exemplary projects by UCSF investigators and community partners**. This event explores how translational research is accomplished and improved with community-engaged principles and methods. Participants are invited to join Dr. Woolf in a summary discussion of the implications of lessons learned for the future of translational research.

**UPCOMING GROUP CONSULTATIONS**

- **□ Wednesday, March 25, 2009**
  - Please note that the previously scheduled discussion with Mitch Katz will be rescheduled to Monday, March 30th 2-4pm at the Health Department. Details to follow.
  - A Vision for the UCSF CTSI Community Engagement Program from San Francisco’s Director of the Department of Public Health

  **SF General Hospital, Building 3, Room 505** (above Carr Auditorium)
  
  9:00 – CE Business
  
  9:00 – 12:00  TBD

- **□ 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
  - Peers for Progress: Peer Coaching for Low-Income Patients with Diabetes in Primary Care

  10:50 – 12:00 Consultation TBD

**Reminder:**

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

- For UCSF researchers: [http://ctsi.ucsf.edu/ce/request/](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 Publication News
Selected Community Engagement Program community partners or faculty publications.


☐ CE Training News

FOR UCSF
The Training in Clinical Research (TICR) Program presents a new curriculum focused on translating research evidence into clinical practice and the community ("T2" research). The TICR T2 curriculum will train investigators to use research evidence, behavioral and social science, process improvement, and communications to improve the health behavior of patients and the quality of
health care. Community Engagement Program faculty Margaret Handley, PhD, (Depts. of Epidemiology and Community and Family Medicine) will co-lead the TICR Curriculum in Implementation and Dissemination Sciences with Ralph Gonzales, MD, MSPH (Depts. of Medicine and Epidemiology and Biostatistics). A UCSF-wide Program in Implementation and Dissemination Sciences, also led by Gonzales and Handley, will have funded trainees at the student and fellow levels. The inaugural courses in the TICR curriculum take place this spring:

**Epidemiology 246: Translating Evidence into Practice: Individual-Centered Implementation Strategies**

Several Community Engagement Program faculty are teaching this class, including Larry Green, Dean Schillinger and Claire Brindis. There will be case presentations of innovative work in translating evidence into practice, and some of the presenters of note for this include Jim Mold (University of Oklahoma Health Science Center), and Tom Bodenheimer, Nancy Burke, Doug White, and Anita Stewart (UCSF.)

**Epidemiology 247: Translating Evidence into Practice: System-Centered Implementation Strategies**

Course Director: Laura A. Schmidt, PhD, MSW, MPH

**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 organizations and small groups of agency representatives. Email us to request training or learn more.

**CE Grants News**

We like to alert eNews readers when we get word that Community Engagement Program community partners or faculty have been awarded grants to support their community-engaged work.

**Recipients:** UCSF CTSI and Children’s Hospital Oakland Research Center  
**Title:** Improving community participation in clinical trials on Thalassemia.  
**Project Details:** Funded by the National Center for Research Resources as part of the National Institutes of Health Roadmap Initiative Clinical Research Network Feasibility Awards (CRNFAs), Kevin Grumbach and Tung Nguyen from the CTSI Community Engagement Program will work with Elliott Vichinsky, Medical Director, Hematology/ Oncology Department, Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland (CHRICO) and Director, Northern California Comprehensive
Thalassemia Center to develop strategies to engage participants, practitioners and communities to increase and enhance participation in translational Thalassemia research and dissemination in Northern California.

Recipient: Data Coordinating Center (DCC), UCSF School of Dentistry, Dr. Stuart Gansky, Director

Project Details: The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research has funded the UCSF DCC as part of the UCSF Center to Address Disparities in Children’s Oral Health (CAN-DO), directed by Dr. Jane Weintraub, to coordinate 6 randomized clinical trials in 3 centers for research to reduce oral health disparities in children. The 3 centers - Boston University, University of Colorado – Denver, and UCSF - all focus their translational research on early childhood caries by engaging diverse communities greatly affected by rampant tooth decay in young children.

Recipient: Margaret Handley, PhD

Title: Report on Strategies to Increase the Success of Recent Telemedicine Initiatives Aimed at Improving Access to Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) Screening among Medi-Cal and Uninsured Patients with Diabetes.

Project Details: Funded by the California Program on Access to Care (CPAC), the investigator will develop a policy paper to examine the use of telemedicine to improve diabetic retinopathy screening and treatment rates among underserved patients, focusing on the uninsured and Medi-Cal patients who live in the Central Valley and other parts of California with less availability of specialty services.

Recipient: Oisaeng Hong, RN, PhD

Title: Reducing Hearing Impairment in Fire Fighters.

Project Details: Funded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, researchers will develop and evaluate a theory-driven, tailored, internet-based hearing protection intervention (NOISE-e) to prevent noise-induced hearing loss in fire fighters. The study also seeks to explore the relationship between noise exposure and hearing loss and occupational injuries in fire fighters.

☐ CE Community Clinician Registry News

With the help of UCSF faculty and community partners, CE and the Collaborative Research Network have developed a survey to gather information about community clinicians’ practice environments, their research interests and priorities. We now have over 350 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.

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3. Partnership Snapshot – Symposium Highlights

The UCSF CTSI Community Engagement Program is pleased to present a half-day Symposium on community engagement in health sciences research. The symposium features a plenary lecture by Dr. Steven Woolf, a nationally renowned writer and speaker on the role of community engagement in translational research. The bulk of the day features discussions of partnership snapshots presented by an impressive group of researchers and community partners. These research partnerships represent an array of collaboration types taking place in three settings: the San Francisco public health clinics, San Francisco community-based organizations, and a managed care system (Kaiser Permanente Northern California). Dr. Woolf and Dr. Clay Johnston, PI of UCSF’s Clinical Translational Science Institute, will wrap up the symposium with an open discussion of the day’s main points and lessons learned. Everyone attending is cordially invited to a reception following the event.

UCSF Clinical Translational Science Institute (CTSI)
Symposium on Translational Research and Community Engagement

March 13, 2009
San Francisco General Hospital, Carr Auditorium
12:00 - 5:00 PM

12:00 – 1:00 Plenary Lecture: Steven Woolf, MD, MPH, Virginia Commonwealth University Departments of Family Medicine and Epidemiology and Community Health: The Meaning of Translational Research and Why it Matters.

1:20 – 1:30 Welcome, Kevin Grumbach, MD
Chair, Department of Family and Community Medicine, UCSF
Co-Director, UCSF CTSI Community Engagement Program

Translational Research Partnerships with the San Francisco Community Health Network
1:30 – 1:40 Michael Potter, MD, UCSF Department of Family and Community Medicine and Albert Yu, MD, Chinatown Health Center: Scaling up an innovative colon cancer screening intervention in the CHN primary care clinics

1:40 – 1:50 Margot Kushel, MD and Alice Chen, MD, MPH, UCSF-SFGH Department of Medicine: Evaluation of implementation of the eReferral program

1:50 – 2:05 Moderated discussion, Andy Bindman

Translational Research Partnerships with San Francisco Community-Based Organizations
2:10 – 2:20 Anna Napoles-Springer, PhD, UCSF Medical Effectiveness Research Center for Diverse Populations and Carmen Ortiz, PhD, Circulo de Vida Cancer Support and Resource Center: Developing a Culturally
Competent Peer Support Intervention for Spanish-speaking Latinas with Breast Cancer
2:20 – 2:30 Linda Chafetz, RN, DNSc UCSF Department of Community Health Systems and John Nickens, PhD, Progress Foundation: Wellness Training for Mentally Ill Adults
2:30 – 2:45 Moderated discussion, Ellen Goldstein

Translational Research Partnerships with Kaiser Permanente
3:10 – 3:20 Julie Schmittdiel, PhD, Kaiser Permanente Division of Research and partner Marc Jaffe, MD, Clinical Leader, Kaiser Northern California Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Program: The INFO (Information Feedback and Outcomes) Trial of Treatment Intensification for Cardiovascular Risk Factors
3:25 – 3:35 Moderated discussion, Joe Selby
3:35 – 4:00 Discussant Panel
Steve Woolf, MD, MPH
Clay Johnston, MD, Director, UCSF CTSI
4:00 – 5:00 Reception

4. Workshops, Conferences and Training Opportunities

- 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.

Purpose
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.

Who should submit a poster abstract?
Community partners, academic faculty, trainees, community based health care providers and community researchers interested in participating in the poster sessions are invited to submit abstracts for poster presentation on community engagement in clinical and translational research (e.g. community/academia partnerships, community and practice research partnerships, practice research and academic partnerships, education and training of academic researchers and community partners, and methods for dissemination and implementation and best practices).

Abstracts should summarize the proposed content of the material to be presented and should be submitted electronically, by email attachment, to Dr. Donna Jo McCloskey at mccloskd@mail.nih.gov on or before midnight March 20, 2009.

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.

Call for Proposals: Building Community Resiliency: Role of University Leadership
Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities (CUMU)
15th Annual Conference
Submissions due: April 17, 2009
Conference dates: October 11-13, 2009
Widener University
Philadelphia, PA

The term "distressed" is frequently used in describing the urban environments in which many metropolitan universities are situated. This conference will explore how universities can promote a strengths-based approach to partnering with their communities to nurture community resiliency. Defined as the capacity "to respond effectively to significant adversity and risk," community resiliency depends on social capital, as well as the interactions and engagement among community members to achieve common goals. This conference will provide a forum for faculty, students and administrators to share ideas, experiences and recommendations about the leadership role that metropolitan universities can assume in promoting community resiliency.

Please join us for this stimulating meeting that will include plenary sessions, paper presentations, special topic panels, roundtables, poster sessions and student presentations.

Suggested Topics

- Strengths-based approaches
- Educational infrastructure
- Environmental threats and remediation
- Wellness and public health
- Social capital
- Economic/business development
- Impact assessment

Proposal Submission Guidelines

Individuals may submit proposals for paper presentations, panel discussions, or poster displays. Consistent with the conference theme, the content should relate to institutional commitments by urban and metropolitan universities to drive progress in their regional communities. Complete information about proposal submissions can be viewed at:

http://www.cumuonline.org/conference
Proposals must be submitted electronically at http://www.widenerconferences.com/cumu.html

☐ The Role of the Research Physician: From Golden Past to Threatened Future?
The Office of NIH History, Office of Intramural Affairs
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
March 26-27, 2009
The Cloisters, Building 60,
National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, MD

Physicians who devote themselves to biomedical research have played crucial roles in the development of scientific medicine for more than 100 years. A variety of institutions—hospitals, medical foundations, the Public Health Service, most notably the NIH, universities, and pharmaceutical companies—have supported their research. Since the 'Golden Era' of physician-scientists - roughly 1950 to the mid-1970s - leaders in each research context have expressed increasing concern about the ability of physician-scientists to sustain themselves and their research tradition.

This conference brings together for the first time leading physician researchers, organizational leaders, historians, and social scientists for a multi-disciplinary exploration of the physician-scientist research tradition, its changing contours, and the challenges and opportunities it faces going forward. It seeks to elucidate the many different meanings of the term 'research physician,' whether there ever was a 'golden past,' and if the future is really so bleak as the title of this meeting suggests.

Speakers and commentators include:

Barbara Alving, Director, National Center for Research Resources (NCRR)
Alberto Cambrosio, Chair, Social Studies of Medicine, McGill University
Elaine K. Gallin, Program Director for Medical Research, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation
Michael Gottesman, Director, Office of Intramural Research, NIH
Raynard S. Kington, Acting Director, NIH
David Korn, Vice Provost for Research, Harvard University; Professor of Pathology, Harvard Medical School
Kenneth M. Ludmerer, Professor of History and of Biostatistics, Washington University in St. Louis
Robert Martensen, Director, Office of History, NIH
Londa Schiebinger, The John L. Hinds Professor of History of Science, Stanford University
P. Roy Vagelos, Former President, Chief Executive Officer, Chairman, Merck
For a full program and registration see: 
FREE to REGISTRANTS
All are Welcome

**Evidence, Public Policy, and Practice**

_16th National Evidence-Based Practice Conference_

April 23-24, 2009
Iowa City, Iowa

Jointly sponsored by the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics Department of Nursing Services and Patient Care; Research Dissemination and Translation Core of the Gerontological Nursing Interventions Research Center (GNIRC) at the University of Iowa College of Nursing; The University of Iowa John A. Hartford Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence; and Center for Research in the Implementation of Innovative Strategies in Practice (CRIISP) – a VA HSR&D Center of Excellence


**International Partnership Institute**

Reciprocal Partnerships: Transforming Higher Education and Community for the Future
May 18 & 19, 2009
Portland State University
Portland, Oregon

Developing and sustaining reciprocal partnerships is the basis for effective campus-community engagement. Yet, despite the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's (and others') national call to focus on partnerships a decade ago, this foundational work remains elusive for many campuses and communities. Join community and campus practitioners and scholars to deeply explore engaged teaching, research and service partnerships - their proven mechanisms and strategies for success, persistent challenges, and the scholarship of partnerships.

Questions: Please contact Patrice Hudson: pjhudson@pdx.edu or 503-725-5642

Learn more about PSU's Partnership Initiative:
http://www.pdx.edu/cae/partnershipinitiative.html

Register online: Registration: www.pdx.edu/cae/partnership.html
Registration: $200

**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/

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5. Funding Announcements

Additional funding opportunities for T2 and community-engaged research also can be found on the CTSI Virtual Home.

- **Recovery Act Limited Competition: Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research (RC1)**
  
  **National Institutes of Health**
  
  Application Due Date: April 27, 2009
  Peer Review Date: June/July 2009
  Council Review Date: August 2009
  Earliest Anticipated Start Date: September 30, 2009
  Expiration Date: April 28, 2009

  This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is developed as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), Pub. L. No. 111-5. All NIH Institutes and Centers with funding authority will participate with the NIH Office of the Director in this initiative. This FOA will be administered by the Office of the Director of the NIH.

  As part of the Recovery Act, the NIH invites NIH Challenge Grant (RC1) applications from domestic (United States) institutions/organizations proposing novel research in Challenge Areas, defined by the NIH, that address specific knowledge gaps, scientific opportunities, new technologies, data generation, or research methods that would benefit from an influx of funds to quickly advance the area in significant ways. This new program will support research on Challenge Topics which address specific scientific and health research challenges in biomedical and behavioral research that will benefit from significant 2-year jumpstart funds. The research in these areas should have a high impact in biomedical or behavioral science and/or public health.

  NIH has designated at least $200 million in FYs 2009 - 2010 to fund 200 or more grants, contingent upon the submission of a sufficient number of scientifically meritorious applications. In addition, Recovery Act funds allocated to NIH specifically for comparative effectiveness research (CER) may be available to support additional grants. Projects receiving these funds will need to meet this definition of CER: “a rigorous evaluation of the impact of different options that are available for treating a given medical condition for a particular set of patients. Such a study may compare similar treatments, such as competing
drugs, or it may analyze very different approaches, such as surgery and drug therapy.” Such research may include the development and use of clinical registries, clinical data networks, and other forms of electronic health data that can be used to generate or obtain outcomes data as they apply to CER.

See the attached document for a compilation of challenge grant topics that lend themselves well to community engagement and community-engaged research approaches. Individual NIH Institutes and Centers have also listed their particular topics on their own Web sites and a compilation of all Challenge Topics can be accessed in a single Omnibus.

See the full Funding Opportunity Announcement here:
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-09-003.html

Read general NIH announcements here:
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge_award/ and

http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arr.htm

A related Notice on Scoring, Review and Appeals that will apply to Recovery Act funding has also been posted.

Translational Tools for Clinical Studies of CAM Interventions (R01)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)
Current Closing Date for Applications: May 14, 2009

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages investigator(s)-initiated applications that propose to develop, enhance, and validate translational tools to facilitate rigorous study of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) approaches that are in wide use by the public. Recent data from the National Health Interview Survey establish that Americans are utilizing CAM approaches to promote health and well-being, to treat or prevent disease, and for symptom relief. CAM approaches being widely used include massage and manipulative therapies, meditation, yoga, and acupuncture. Health conditions, particularly chronic pain, back pain and musculoskeletal pain, are the most commonly cited reasons for their use. This FOA focuses on encouraging the development of improved research methodology to study safety, efficacy, and clinical effectiveness of widely used CAM approaches, such as: mind-body interventions, manual therapies, yoga, and acupuncture. This FOA is not focused on the study of natural products, such as herbal therapies.


Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Local Funding Partnerships 2009-2010
April 15, 2009—LFP office begins accepting Stage 1 brief proposals online
May 13 and May 20, 2009—Optional conference calls for applicants
July 7, 2009 (3 p.m. ET)—Deadline for receipt of Stage 1 brief proposals
November 10, 2009—Deadline for receipt of Stage 2 full proposals
July 1, 2010 —Start of grants

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships — formerly Local Initiative Funding Partners — is a 20-year-old national program that provides matching grants for innovative community-based projects aimed at improving the health and health care of underserved and vulnerable populations. The LFP Annual Grantmaking Program awards grants of between $200,000 to $500,000 per project, which must be matched dollar for dollar by local grantmakers such as community foundations, family foundations, corporate grantmakers and others. A project’s total award is paid out over a three-year or four-year period. In 2010 RWJF will award up to $6 million through the LFP annual program, selecting up to 14 projects. To be considered for LFP funding, projects must be new, innovative and community-based. Significant program expansions—into new regions or to new populations—also are acceptable. Please note that this program does not provide funds to maintain existing projects.

We recognize that broad-based collaborations—convening partners from both inside and outside of health care—can create significant opportunities to improve health. We welcome nontraditional coalitions of groups that share a common cause to improve the quality of life and health for the people in their communities. However, one organization must take the lead as the applicant, provide the primary contact and, if awarded, would receive the grant funds on behalf of the project.


☐ Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Pioneer Portfolio

Competition - Designing for Better Health
Entries are accepted through April 1, 2009, 6 p.m. EST

Designing for Better Health, an online, open source competition co-sponsored by RWJF’s Pioneer Portfolio and Ashoka’s Changemakers, launches a global search for individuals and institutions that help people make better decisions regarding their health and the health of others. To learn more about how RWJF and Changemakers have framed this issue, visit the competition welcome letter.

Please read the Program Details before applying. The competition is open to all types of organizations (charitable organizations, private companies or public entities) from all countries. To learn more about competition eligibility and selection criteria, visit the competition guidelines and assessment.
Competition winners will be announced May 27, 2009.

Total Award: Three competition winners will each receive $5,000 from Changemakers. RWJF’s Pioneer Portfolio also will review competition entries to identify ideas that show potential for far-reaching impact on health and health care in the United States. Some of these ideas may receive additional support from RWJF at a later date.

6. Publications of Interest

☐ Call for Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) Articles
Family & Community Health
Submissions due September 1, 2009

The interdisciplinary, peer-reviewed journal Family & Community Health will produce an issue on community based participatory health (CBPR). Please submit articles to Issue Co-Editors Elnora (Nonie) P. Mendias and Elizabeth (Liz) Reifsnider at the University of Texas Medical Branch School of Nursing in Galveston, Texas. Please submit manuscripts for consideration electronically to nmendias@utmb.edu and elreifsn@utmb.edu. Articles are being solicited on CBPR topics as follows:

- CBPR and policy
- Building CBPR infrastructure
- CBPR and environmental health
- Building community partnerships for CBPR
- Using CBPR with vulnerable populations
- CBPR research
- Examples of research using CBPR
- Evaluation research using CBPR

Family & Community Health (FCH) focuses on healthcare practitioners regardless of area of practice. The journal’s common goal is to provide a forum to discuss a holistic approach to family and community healthcare and primary healthcare, including health promotion and disease prevention. Each issue of FCH focuses on a specific topic that can be used by faculty, practitioners, and students in a range of healthcare disciplines.

FCH is indexed in the Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature (CINAHL); Current Contents/Social and Behavioral Sciences; Research Alert; Social SciSearch; Family Studies Database; Health Promotion and Education Database; Cancer Prevention and Control Database; Nursing Abstracts; Psychological Abstracts; PsychINFO; PsysLIT; Journals@ovid; Sociological

The authors review empirical studies published between 1990 and 2007 on the topics of public health organization, financing, staffing, and service delivery. A summary is provided of what is currently known about the attributes of public health delivery systems that influence their performance and outcomes. This review also identifies unanswered questions, highlighting areas where new research is needed. Existing studies suggest that economies of scale and scope exist in the delivery of public health services, and that key organizational and governance characteristics of public health agencies may explain differences in service delivery across communities. Financial resources and staffing characteristics vary widely across public health systems and have expected associations with service delivery and outcomes. Numerous gaps and uncertainties are identified regarding the mechanisms through which organizational, financial, and workforce characteristics influence the effectiveness and efficiency of public health service delivery. This review suggests that new research is needed to evaluate the effects of ongoing changes in delivery system structure, financing, and staffing.

Health research: measuring the social, health and economic benefits
Cyril Frank and Edward Nason
Department of Surgery, University of Calgary (Frank), Calgary, Alta.; and the Canadian Policy Research Network (Nason), Ottawa, Ont.
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Available online at: http://www.cmaj.ca/cgi/content/full/180/5/528?etoc

Despite intense interest in defining the social, health and economic impacts of health research investments globally and in Canada as proof of value-for-money, no validated method for measuring return on investments yet exists. Until now, issues of complexity combined with major gaps in methodology have limited the ability to link health research products to outcomes at a relevant level (e.g., to be useful to stakeholders: individual funders, decision-makers, institutions, researchers or clinicians). In this article, we discuss current approaches to measuring returns on investment, analyze key issues and gaps that need to be bridged to improve returns on investment, and present a new method that may help overcome them.
7. Other Resources and Opportunities

- Community Engagement Program faculty Dean Schillinger and Margaret Handley were interviewed on March 1, 2009 on a local television program, Comunidad del Valle, which reaches a primarily English-speaking audience whose influence reaches large segments of the Latino community. The interview focused on the work at the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations that centers on innovative communication strategies between primary care centers and vulnerable populations in the community who don’t receive the information they need to manage chronic illnesses, due to such factors as limited literacy, language barriers and lack of health insurance.

The interview can be viewed on the following link:
http://www.nbcbayarea.com/station/community/UCSF_Center_for_Vulnerable_Populations_Bay_Area.html

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

  San Francisco State University is pleased to announce 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 dates. All sessions held from 3:30 pm - 5:00pm:
  - Tuesday, Mar. 17, HSS 306
    Case Study Session with Juliana Van Olphen, Health Education
  - Tuesday, Mar. 31, HSS 306
    Skill-Building Session: Publishing CES/CBPR Research
  - 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.

This series is Co-Sponsored by: Office of Research & Sponsored Programs, Department of Health Education, College of Health & Human Services, Research Infrastructure for Minority Institutions (RIMI), Institute for Community & Civic Engagement, Health Equity Initiative, Public Research Institute, Cesar Chavez Institute.

Public Responsibility in Medicine & Research (PRIM&R), a national professional development organization for Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) and others interested in advancing ethical research, started a blog in November 2008 on the topic of ethics of community-engaged research. Join the discussion!

Read the blog listing and post your comments at: http://primr.blogspot.com

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health’s Community-Engaged Scholarship Toolkit is intended as a resource for community-engaged faculty on how to "make their best case" for promotion and tenure. If you haven't checked out the site recently, you might be interested in these updates:

Over a dozen recently promoted and/or tenured faculty members have graciously "donated" excerpts from their portfolios for posting on the toolkit at http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/toolkit-portexamples.html

The Community-Engaged Scholarship Review, Promotion & Tenure (RPT) Package is designed to help RPT committees to understand community-engaged scholarship and how to assess its quality and impact. Download the package at http://depts.washington.edu/ccph/pdf_files/CES_RPT_Package.pdf

The toolkit homepage is www.communityengagedscholarship.info

Young Voices in Research for Health: Innovating for the Health of All

The Global Forum and The Lancet invite young researchers and leaders of tomorrow to submit an essay to the popular competition "Young Voices in Research for Health: Innovating for the Health of All."

The deadline for receipt of entries is 3 May 2009.

Who can participate?
If you are a young professional (under 30) working on or interested in the broad spectrum of research for health, please feel free to submit your original, provocative, idealistic and passionate ideas on this year's theme, taking
What established practices to task in a constructive fashion. You will find the participation guidelines here: http://www.globalforumhealth.org/shlinks/yvhr2009.php

What is the theme?
This year's competition focuses on "Innovating for the Health of All". "Innovation" encompasses the entire process from the generation of new ideas, to their transformation into something useful, to their implementation. Innovation for health includes the development of new and more cost-effective services, products, methods, management practices and policies to improve health outcomes. It involves both social and technological innovation.

What are the prizes?
The 40 most outstanding essays will be published in an anthology and the authors are featured one by one on the Global Forum's home page throughout the year. From these, five or six winners from different geographical regions will be invited to Forum 2009, with all expenses paid (Havana, Cuba, from 16 to 20 November).

You can submit your essay here:
(in English, French or Spanish) and/or help spread the word by forwarding this message.

Global Forum for Health Research
http://www.globalforumhealth.org/

☐ New Website and Resources
The new website for Community-Based Research Canada and the Global Alliance for Community-Engaged Research is now live: www.communityresearchcanada.ca.

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 225 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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