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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to our summer edition of SF Bay CRN eNews, a quarterly electronic newsletter for friends and members of the San Francisco Bay Area Collaborative Research Network (SF Bay CRN). SF Bay CRN facilitates practice-based research partnerships between member researchers, clinicians, and clinical practice groups at UCSF and in the San Francisco Bay Area. For more information about SF Bay CRN projects, resources, and publications, visit and bookmark our web page: www.sfbaycrn.org

Funding Opportunity:
SF Bay CRN Small Grants to Build Community-Initiated Research Partnerships
This fall we continue with another round of partnership grants to build research capacity and support the development of research partnerships between UCSF and community-based members of SF Bay CRN. Grants will range up to $3000 in discretionary funds. If you’re interested in applying, email our staff for more details. The deadline for submission is November 2, 2012.

New Practice-Based Research Projects:
David Thom and colleagues to lead PCORI health coaching study
The UCSF Department of Family and Community medicine has been selected to receive a $500,000 Grant from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) to study the role of health coaches in patient decision making. Dr. David Thom will lead a two-year study to develop a model of patient decision making that includes not just the patient and their primary care physician, but also their family members and other health care team members including health coaches. This model will be used to create tools for optimizing support for patient decision making.

Urmimala Sarkar and colleagues to lead AHRQ health coaching study
Congratulations to Dr. Urmimala Sarkar from San Francisco General Hospital, on her R-21 award from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), “Measuring and improving ambulatory safety with an electronic dashboard“. Dr. Sarkar and colleagues will be using health information technology to develop new tools for primary health care teams to identify and mitigate unsafe situations in outpatient primary care, with a focus on safety net settings.

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