Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to a special spring edition of the San Francisco Area Bay Collaborative Research Network (SFBayCRN) eNews. SFBayCRN facilitates primary health care practice-based research partnerships between researchers and clinical practice groups at UCSF, in the greater Bay Area, and beyond. We offer free initial consultations on practice-based research issues for our members. For more information about SFBayCRN, visit: www.sfbaycrn.org.

**SFBayCRN 4th Annual Meeting**

On May 11th, more than 200 of you gathered at Presidio’s Golden Gate Club to share, learn, and explore the expanding opportunities we all have to work together. Those who came included primary care clinicians, practice-based researchers, health system leaders, public health leaders, patient stakeholders, community-based organizations, informatics specialists, students, fellows and research funders. It was a gorgeous spring day, and one of our most inspiring gatherings yet.

(Left - panel on Mining Clinical Data with Drs. Kirstin Bibbins-Domingo, Rita Nguyen, Mahasin Mujahid, Right - Plenary on Cannabis Legalization with Drs. Derek Satre, Judith Martin and Beau Kilmer, Below - guests)
The meeting began with a keynote address by Kevin Grumbach, who eloquently and at times humorously explored what it takes to create research partnerships at the intersection of community, clinical practice, and public policy. This was followed by two outstanding plenary sessions, one identifying research needs to address uncertainties created by cannabis legalization, and another showcasing exemplary partnership between local government, health systems, and community stakeholders to improve food security and family well being in poor communities in Oakland.

Lively concurrent sessions included a dozen presentations of exemplary practice-based research projects from around the bay area. Presentations included topics such as the use of geocoded clinical data in Contra Costa County to identify neighborhoods in need of more community resources to address childhood obesity, team-based approaches to improve hypertension control, and mobile health technologies to help adolescents adopt healthy behaviors.

For many, the highlight of the day was the opportunity for networking! It is rare that leaders from academia, government, and clinical settings have a chance to interact in person around common interests. Several new working groups were formed or expanded, and we’ll do our best to support these new connections in the year to come. We’ll keep you posted on how they develop through our SFBayCRN eNews. And, whether or not you made it this year, we hope to see you at next year’s annual meeting!

(SFBayCRN Annual Meeting Networking Lunch)*

Regards,

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Steering Committee Spotlight:
Anna Chang, MD & Lenard Lesser, MD, MSHS

Anna Chang is an Endocrinologist with John Muir Health in Concord. Dr. Chang received her MD from the University of California, San Diego, and focuses on diabetes, thyroid disease and osteoporosis. She does work with patient self-management, looking at the interplay between disease and lifestyle.

Lenny Lesser is a Family Physician and leads Clinical Evaluation at One Medical. Dr. Lesser received his MD from the University of Rochester with distinction in research. He works on Quality and Value at One Medical, testing innovative ways to deliver care and measure outcomes. He also works on mental health, musculoskeletal care, and health behavior change.

Welcome Anna and Lenny to the UCSF-SFBayCRN Steering Committee!

Do you have questions or news to share?
We would love to hear from you!

SFBayCRN is a program of UCSF’s Clinical and Translational Science Program and its Community Engagement and Health Policy Program. Bookmark us at www.sfbaycrn.org or follow us on Twitter at @CE_HPatCTSI.

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