

Community Engagement and Health Policy Program eNews

May / June 2010



Welcome to the May 2010 *CTSI Community Engagement & Health Policy (CE&HP) eNews*, a bi-monthly resource for translational health research involving the communities UCSF serves.

The deadline for submissions to the next (July) *CE&HP eNews* is **Friday, July 16th**. Want to read what we've covered in past issues? Now you can access archived Community Engagement Program eNewsletters (see links in the box at right).

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1. CE&HP Program Calendar

Meetings and Happenings

Multidisciplinary Consultation

On the 4th Wednesday of every month the Community Engagement & Health Policy Program provides multidisciplinary consultations to collaborative projects that involve new research or implementing and disseminating research in community agencies, practice settings and/or public health arenas. Consultation slots are available in June. Please [email us](#) ✉ if you'd like a consultation or would like to attend a consultation session.

Wednesday, June 23, 2010

SF General Hospital, Building 3, Room 505

9:00 - 12:00

9:00-9:30 **Program Business Meeting**

9:30-10:40 **Consultation to be Announced**

Events

Partnership Workshop

Thursday, June 3rd, 12 - 2pm (lunch provided)

SOMARTS Cultural Center, 934 Brannan St. San Francisco, CA

The [UCSF University Community Partnerships Office](#) is convening a workshop on university-community partnerships. This is an opportunity to share best practices, identify possible collaboration opportunities and network. UCSF students, faculty and staff AND everyone interested in partnering with UCSF students, faculty and staff (e.g. non-profits, schools, public agencies, etc.) are invited to attend.

RSVP: partnerships@ucsf.edu ✉

Questions: Please contact Gavin Tolentino at 415.476.5696

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2. CE&HP Program News & Announcements

Updates from Community Engagement & Health Policy Program Faculty, Partners, Staff & Consultees

Awards

SFGH's Automated Telephone Diabetes Self-Management Support Model was awarded Top Honors at the 2009 Quality Leaders Awards of the California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems and California Healthcare Safety Net Institute. Learn about the model in this webinar presented by **Dean Schillinger** and **Margaret Handley**. [Streaming recording link](#). [Download recording link](#).

CE&HP Navigator **Paula Fleisher** was awarded a 2009 CTSI Consultant of the Year Impact Award in recognition of consultation service that had an impact on one or more projects. Paula was nominated by client(s) for going "above and beyond" normal expectations or providing a "transformative" consultation that substantially affected the aims, success, or disposition of a research study.

Training

For Community-Based Organizations

The CTSI Community Engagement & Health Policy Program offers a 3-hour 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, this training is now available to individual community-based organizations and small groups of agency representatives. [Email us](#) ✉ to request training or learn more.

Publications

Recent Publications by Community Engagement & Health Policy Program Faculty and Partners

Julie A Schmittziel, Kevin Grumbach, and Joe V. Selby. [System-Based Participatory Research in Health Care: An Approach for Sustainable Translational Research and Quality Improvement](#). *Annals of Family Medicine* 8(3):256-259 (2010)

Sarkar U, **Handley MA**, Gupta R, et al. [What happens between visits? Adverse and potential adverse events among a low-income, urban, ambulatory population with diabetes](#). *Quality and Safety in Health Care*. 2010 Apr

8; [Epub ahead of print]. This publication was recently featured on the [Agency for Health Research and Quality Patient Safety Network website](#).

Schenker Y, Fernandez A, Sudore R, **Schillinger D**. [Interventions to Improve Patient Comprehension in Informed Consent for Medical and Surgical Procedures: A Systematic Review](#). *Medical Decision Making*. 2010 Mar 31.

Dean Schillinger and Hilary Seligman's research on food insecurity was included in the California Pan Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN) diabetes brief entitled [The Inextricable Link between Food Insecurity and Diabetes](#).

The Seva* Project, funded by a UCSF's University Community Partnerships grant, is culminating in a health policy brief based on a series of community dialogues joining UC SF General Hospital internal medicine residents with community leaders and community organizations in Bayview Hunters Point. Following the "Community-Based Participatory Research" model, Seva* developed the policy recommendations, a draft of which is available [here](#). Seva partners are currently incorporating feedback and comments into the final draft. The 2nd Accountability Council, a forum for community review, will finalize this document on Friday, June 4th, from 12-2:30pm at the Bayview YMCA at 1601 Lane St, SF, CA 94134. Interested participants are requested to RSVP at Seva@BeautifulCommunities.org ✉.

A new study has found that invasive breast cancer rates in Marin County fell dramatically, by more than 33% between 2001 and 2004, following a sharp reduction in the use of combined estrogen/progesterone hormone replacement therapy (EPHT). Further details on the new findings from the [Marin Women's Study](#), sponsored by the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services in collaboration with Kaiser Permanente, Marin General Hospital, The Buck Institute for Age Research, The Cancer Prevention Institute of California, the University of California at San Francisco and **Zero Breast Cancer** are available [here](#). The full study is available [here](#).

Community Clinician Registry

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 500 survey responses from clinicians who have agreed to be included in a clinician registry, the first step toward development of a multidiscipline primary health care practice-based research network (PBRN). Community clinicians interested in filling out the survey and becoming part of this network can [complete the survey here](#) or contact [James Rouse](#) ✉ or [Michael Potter](#) ✉ with any questions.

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3. Partnership Snapshot

Seneca Center and UCSF Department of Psychiatry Collaborate to Evaluate Practice and Explore Broader Work Together

by **Sarah Chance, PhD**

Research Director, Seneca Center

Over 65,000 children are in the foster care system in California. Many of these children have been exposed to serious trauma and have complex emotional and behavioral challenges. As important as these children are to our community, to date no comprehensive psychosocial intervention has been shown to be consistently effective in improving their safety, permanency and well-being.

[Seneca Center](#), a non-profit agency with programs throughout the Bay Area, has developed a model for engaging the most challenging children and families who are served by the child welfare, juvenile justice and special education systems. The approach, called Unconditional Care, weaves together attachment theory and learning theory into a relationship-based intervention strategy built around a no-fail policy: a child can never be discharged from a program for exhibiting the behaviors that resulted in the placement. Instead, the focus is on building safe and supportive relationships with caregivers using new behaviors and skills to replace the destructive ones that have, until now, organized their worldviews.

In a relationship facilitated by the UCSF **Clinical and Translational Science Institute**, Seneca Center will join forces with Dr. Robert Hendren, Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, [UCSF Department of Psychiatry](#), to rigorously evaluate the effectiveness of Seneca Center's treatment model, and explore the feasibility of developing a services treatment evaluation core for collaborative engagement of the larger mental health community in the Bay Area. We look forward to seeing the fruits of this exciting collaboration!

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4. Workshops, Conferences & Training Opportunities

Summer Institute on Evidence-Based Practice Improvement Science Summit

Frontline Improvement - How to Do It, How to Lead It, How to Inform It

University of Texas Health Science Center School of Nursing

Academic Center for Evidence-Based Practice

July 8-10, 2010

Pre-Conferences July 7

Hyatt Regency Riverwalk Hotel

San Antonio, Texas

This Institute builds capacity for healthcare providers to shape the future of quality and safety in healthcare through translating evidence into practice. Engaging frontline leaders, midlevel managers, and top directors is key to improving care and ensuring patient safety. Cutting edge approaches require knowing how to inform improvement with evidence, how to employ improvement strategies, and how to lead improvement at every level. Recognizing that gains are made through convergence of evidence, organizational climate, clinician vitality, and change, this all-new conference explores best approaches to accelerate frontline improvement.

Participants will learn 'what works' in building care processes and supporting care providers in the evolving environment of improvement. In each discussion, effective strategies are underscored with evidence. Because frontline and evidence are powerful drivers in building quality and safety, we look at 'what it takes' to move healthcare to a high level of quality and safety.

[Register Online](#)

National Latino Cancer Summit

July 27-29, 2010

San Francisco, CA

UCSF Mission Bay Conference Center

Latinas Contra Cancer presents:

Science Meets Service, Moving Forward Together:

Exploring the Cancer Continuum-Prevention, Diagnosis, Treatment, Survivorship, End of Life through the lens of Prevention, Intervention and Innovation, Translation Research from Lab to Community

The Summit will address cancer issues in the Latino community, along the cancer continuum - prevention, diagnosis, treatment, survivorship and end of life - with special focus on research, prevention, intervention and innovation. This year's agenda features 12 workshops that will underscore the impact of cancer on the Latino community. As in the past, *Redes En Acción* will co-sponsor the event.

Limited to the first 350 registrants. Discount hotel room rates till June 25th
Register [here](#) at and click on Summit.

For more information, contact:

Ysabel Duron or Mercy Clark

Latinas Contra Cancer

408-280-0811 or Toll Free 1-888-LCC (522) -8110

Academy for Health Equity Conference

August 18-20, 2010

Littleton, Colorado

Conference Theme: *Achieving Health Equity in the Era of Health Care Reform*

Please see the [conference website](#) for registration information.

This meeting develops the knowledge base of those engaged in health disparity activities by facilitating trans-disciplinary exchanges of the latest research and practical applications by:

- Increasing the capacity of researchers, practitioners, policymakers and communities to address complex health systems change, delivery of services, new models of medical care and public health, policies that facilitate access to health, and new methods of measurement for preventable diseases in underserved, poorly served and never served populations;
- Promoting the application of evidence-based, theory-driven findings of disease prevention and health promotion for the elimination racial and ethnic health disparities;
- Identifying gaps in knowledge and data of the broad spectrum of causal factors of health disparities and bringing together inter-disciplinary, trans-disciplinary and community-based approaches to achieve equity in health;
- Exploring effective trans-disciplinary approaches to identify and address the social determinants of health related to health disparities; and,
- Applying the latest theories, principles, programs, and practices to improving health literacy, cultural competency, and health communications programs to promote health and prevent disease among individuals living in communities characterized by poverty and health disparities.

UCSF Health Disparities Research Symposium 4

A Showcase Presentation during UCSF's Annual Diversity Celebration

Friday, October 22, 2010

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

UCSF Laurel Heights Conference Center

Abstracts due: Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m

Guidelines forthcoming

Space is limited; RSVP requested

UCSF has a multitude of researchers with national and international reputations in disparities research and this symposium will provide a forum to showcase the breadth and depth of this work. We invite you to attend this innovative symposium, which will include oral presentations and poster sessions. Food and drink will be provided.

For this call, health disparities refer to gaps in the quality of health and health care, differences in biological and behavioral aspects of health and disease, and clinical and population studies by racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups. The definition of health disparities includes differences in the presence of disease, health outcomes, and quality of and/or access to health care. We welcome research from the diversity of disciplines at UCSF, from translational, clinical and population scientists, and both quantitative and qualitative work. We welcome studies based outside the US if these studies address disparities by race and ethnicity or social class.

For additional information, please contact the organizers, [Eliseo Perez-Stable](#) ✉, [Victor Y. Fujimoto](#) ✉, or [Barbara Gerbert](#) ✉.

Please RSVP via email to Andrelyn.rivera@ucsf.edu ✉

AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities

September 30 - October 3, 2010

Miami, Florida

The 3rd Annual American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) *Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial Minorities and the Medically Underserved* aims to bring together health care professionals from a variety of disciplines to discuss the latest findings in their fields, foster collaborative interdisciplinary interactions and partnerships, and stimulate the development of new research in cancer health disparities. For more information about the conference, click [here](#).

The 9th International Conference on Urban Health Good Governance for Healthy Cities

October 27 – 29, 2010

The New York Academy of Medicine

New York, NY

This conference will address how governments can develop and implement policy that improves the health of all urban residents and reduces urban inequities. Although governance and health are the focus, these issues will be examined in a multitude of sectors: health services, violence and security, transportation and injuries, housing and infrastructure, neighborhoods and the urban environment, reproductive and maternal child health, the social determinants of health, substance use and homeless populations, and still others. See the [conference website](#) for more details and registration information.

American Public Health Association 138th Annual Meeting & Exposition

November 6-10, 2010

Denver, Colorado

2010 Theme: *Social Justice: A Public Health Imperative*

Registration and housing open June 1, 2010. Register [here](#).

North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG)

2010 Annual Meeting

November 13-17, 2010

Seattle, WA

This is a great meeting at which to present research projects and see what others are doing, especially for fellows and junior faculty. See the [NAPCRG website](#) for more information.

Online Training

Health Literacy for the Public Health Professionals

To help public health professionals respond to the problem of limited health literacy, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have launched a free "Health Literacy for Public Health Professionals Online Training" program. The purpose of this training is to educate public health professionals about limited health literacy and their role in addressing it in a public health context.

This is a web-based course and can be accessed 24/7 by any computer with Internet access. It takes 1.5 to 2 hours to complete. Trainees can earn a variety of continuing education credits. Access the Health Literacy for Public Health Professionals training on the [CDC website](#).

Why Cancer Clinical Trials Are Important for My Practice

Interested in Ways to Enhance Support for Patients as You Make Referrals to Hematology/Oncology?

A new 1 hour FREE E-learning course (with CME/CEU) offered by ENACCT (Education Network to Advance Cancer Clinical Trials) and The Wellness Community

After completing this educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Describe the Open to Options project and explain its focus on hematologic cancers
- Define cancer clinical trials, including how they work and their risks and benefits
- Identify common barriers to referral and participation
- Discuss the potential importance of health care providers
- being the first point of contact for patient participation in clinical trials
- Identify specific actions providers can take to increase patient access to clinical trials

The Wellness Community has a 5 year grant through the Centers for Disease Control. Part of what they are doing is to work at engaging primary care providers to be aware of how their role is so important when their patients are diagnosed with a blood cancer at starting the conversation about the role of cancer clinical trials. They are also trying to engage underserved communities in looking at clinical trials as a possible treatment option. Click [here](#) for course information and free registration.

To learn more, please contact:

[Margaret Stauffer](#) ✉

The Wellness Community


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5. Funding Announcements

For a listing of current funding opportunities for community-engaged and "T2" research, click [here](#). If you would like to add funding opportunities to this list, please email them to pfleisher@fcm.ucsf.edu .



Center for Aging in Diverse Communities: A Resource Center for Minority Aging Research

Minority Scholars to conduct 1-2 year Pilot Studies on Aging in Ethnic and Racial Minority Communities

Applications Due: Monday, June 28, 2010

Background: The UCSF Center for Aging in Diverse Communities (CADC) was established in October 1997 with funding from the National Institute on Aging (NIA), the National Institute of Nursing Research, and the Office of Research on Minority Health, National Institutes of Health. We were funded for a second 5-year cycle in 2002 and a third 5-year cycle in 2007 with sole support from NIA. CADC is expected to enhance aging research in minority populations and increase involvement of minority investigators in the field. The ultimate goal of CADC is to close the gap in health between minority and non-minority older people. Although the emphasis is on later life, aging is a life-long process and many factors bearing on the aging process are linked to earlier life. Therefore, we interpret aging research broadly.

One of the principal goals of CADC is to fund pilot studies led by minority investigators that focus on health and health care issues of minority populations. **CADC is now requesting applications for pilot studies to investigate issues of health and aging in African American, Latino, Asian American, Pacific Islander and American Indian populations.** CADC will fund up to four pilot studies for the year starting September 1, 2010. The main indicator of success for the pilot studies will be the research career development of the investigator or CADC scholar as measured by publication of the results and subsequent grant applications and funding. CADC is committed to mentoring the funded scholar during and following the study to support development of a successful research career.

Request the full RFA and send completed electronic original applications to [Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, M.D](#) , with a cc to: [Cecilia Populus-Eudave](#) .

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships

Through matching grants programs, offers communities an opportunity to leverage national dollars for local projects that propose ambitious new solutions to community health challenges. The **LFP Annual Grantmaking** program provides matching grants of \$200,000 to \$500,000 to fund new, original community-based projects that can significantly improve the health of vulnerable people. Acknowledging that factors such as violence, poverty, inadequate housing and education contribute to poor health, we seek proposals to make better health possible in the context of difficult life circumstances.

- [Read the Call for Proposals](#)
- [Learn the eligibility criteria](#)
- **Deadline: June 30, 2010**

For more information, call the Local Funding Partnerships office at 609-275-4128.

Pauline M. Seitz, Director

Curtis Holloman & Leticia Peguero, Deputy Directors

6. Publications of Interest

Special Issue of American Journal of Community Psychology Call for Papers

Topic: *Advances in Bridging Research and Practice Using The Interactive System Framework for Dissemination and Implementation*

Proposals due: August 15, 2010

Final online submissions due: December 15, 2010

If we are to achieve better outcomes in public health, education, and other social arenas, it is essential to: 1) integrate research to practice models with community-centered models (practice-centered models); and 2) bring funders, researchers/evaluators, and practitioners together in a partnership for results. AJCP published a special issue in June 2008 that introduced the *Interactive Systems Framework for Dissemination and Implementation* (ISF) (Wandersman et al, 2008) which established such a foundation to bridge research and practice. Since the publication of the special issue, the ISF has received increasing attention in the dissemination/implementation (D/I) field and among translation researchers from a broad spectrum of disciplines, e.g. public health, education, evaluation, and treatment.

This special issue is extremely timely and relevant to the work of community psychologists and allied disciplines vested in conducting community research and designing programs, policies, and practices that create or sustain effective community action. The challenge facing many change agents (practitioners and researchers alike) is how to use the best available evidence to inform and mobilize communities and systems to optimize the benefit of the programs, policies, and practices as they are delivered. It is crucial to have a framework that can be illuminated and enhanced by the unique and common perspectives of funders, researchers, and practitioners. The special issue offers a timely opportunity to highlight application and innovation in the use of the ISF; to assess the framework via application and evaluation; and to encourage multi-disciplinary dialogue about the framework.

2008 Special Issue Citation:

Wandersman, A., Flaspohler, P., & Saul, J. (2008). Illuminating the Interactive Systems Framework for Dissemination and Implementation. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 41(3-4).

Please submit proposals to any of the Guest Editors:

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[Richard W. Puddy, PhD, MPH](#) ✉, ph: 770-488-1369

Journal of Empirical Research on Human Research Ethics (JERHRE)

Call for Papers

Theme of September and December 2010 issues: *New Models for Reducing Barriers between Researchers and Communities*

Deadlines for submission of manuscripts:

June 1, 2010 for possible September publication.

August 1, 2010 for possible December publication.

These special issues of JERHRE will explore new models for achieving success in community-based participatory research using new media, new kinds of collaborations, new social dynamics, new combinations of social research methods, new goals, or new ways of assessing risks to the community per se and its members. They may also examine ways to sustain programs when funding is interrupted. While researchers are primarily interested in research, communities are primarily interested in programs and services; accordingly, these special issues of JERHRE may also examine ways of creating and sustaining program services along with research.

Papers accepted for publication, but not in time for inclusion in these special issues, will be published in the next issue of JERHRE.

Please see [our website](#) for manuscript preparation instructions and other details about JERHRE.

Authors are invited to nominate one of their three peer reviewers. Send the name, email address and a sentence or two about the individual. It is suggested that you send 2 or more nominees in case your first choice is unable to accept the invitation to review.

CBPR was also the theme of the [June 2008 issue of JERHRE](#).

Authors wishing to submit abstracts or concept papers to Editor Joan Sieber are welcome to [email queries](#) or phone 510-538-5424.

American Journal of Public Health

[April 2010 Supplement Theme: *Science of Eliminating Health Disparities*](#)

This issue includes several articles about community-based participatory research (CBPR) and research papers using CBPR approaches. Titles include:

TRANSLATIONAL, TRANSFORMATIONAL, AND TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH:

Irene Dankwa-Mullan, Kyu B. Rhee, Kester Williams, Idalia Sanchez, Francisco S. Sy, Nathaniel Stinson, Jr, and John Ruffin

The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities: Summary and Analysis of the NIH Summit Recommendations

Irene Dankwa-Mullan, Kyu B. Rhee, David M. Stoff, Jennifer Reineke Pohlhaus, Francisco S. Sy, Nathaniel Stinson, Jr, and John Ruffin

Moving Toward Paradigm-Shifting Research in Health Disparities Through Translational, Transformational, and Transdisciplinary Approaches

COMMENTARIES:

Nina Wallerstein and Bonnie Duran

Community-Based Participatory Research Contributions to Intervention Research: The Intersection of Science and Practice to Improve Health Equity

FRAMING HEALTH MATTERS:

Howard K. Koh, Sarah C. Oppenheimer, Sarah B. Massin-Short, Karen M. Emmons, Alan C. Geller, and K. Viswanath

Translating Research Evidence Into Practice to Reduce Health Disparities: A Social Determinants Approach

Meredith Minkler

Linking Science and Policy Through Community-Based Participatory Research to Study and Address Health Disparities

Angelica P. Herrera, Shedra Amy Snipes, Denae W. King, Isabel Torres-Vigil, Daniel S. Goldberg, and Armin D. Weinberg

Disparate Inclusion of Older Adults in Clinical Trials: Priorities and Opportunities for Policy and Practice Change

RESEARCH AND PRACTICE:

Jeanine Suurmond, Ellen Uiters, Martine C. de Bruijne, Karien Stronks, and Marie-Louise Essink-Bot
Explaining Ethnic Disparities in Patient Safety: A Qualitative Analysis

Jessica P. Hwang, Mahfam Mohseni, Beverly J. Gor, Sijin Wen, Heather Guerrero, and John M. Vierling
Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C Prevalence and Treatment Referral Among Asian Americans Undergoing Community-Based Hepatitis Screening

Scarlett Lin Gomez, Thu Quach, Pamela L. Horn-Ross, Jane T. Pham, Myles Cockburn, Ellen T. Chang, Theresa H. M. Keegan, Sally L. Glaser, and Christina A. Clarke

Hidden Breast Cancer Disparities in Asian Women: Disaggregating Incidence Rates by Ethnicity and Migrant Status

Paula A. Braveman, Catherine Cubbin, Susan Egerter, David R. Williams, and Elsie Pamuk
Socioeconomic Disparities in Health in the United States: What the Patterns Tell Us

Sandra A. Ham and Barbara E. Ainsworth

Disparities in Data on Healthy People 2010 Physical Activity Objectives Collected by Accelerometry and Self-Report

Progress in Community Health Partnerships (PCHP)

[Spring 2010 Issue](#)

This issue of Progress in Community Health Partnerships features the work of Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) and its members. Six papers demonstrate the transformational power of partnerships and point to the larger systems changes that are needed to achieve health equity - the ultimate goal of community-based participatory research (CBPR).

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7. Other Resources & Opportunities

Solving the Problem of Childhood Obesity Within a Generation

US White House Task Force on Childhood Obesity Report

May 11, 2010

[Available online](#) [PDF 124 pages]

The childhood obesity epidemic in America is a national health crisis. One in every three children (31.7%) ages 2-19 is overweight or obese.¹ The life-threatening consequences of this epidemic create a compelling and critical call for action that cannot be ignored. Obesity is estimated to cause 112,000 deaths per year in the United States,² and one third of all children born in the year 2000 are expected to develop diabetes

during their lifetime.³ The current generation may even be on track to have a shorter lifespan than their parents. Along with the effects on our children's health, childhood obesity imposes substantial economic costs. Each year, obese adults incur an estimated \$1,429 more in medical expenses than their normal-weight peers.⁵ Overall, medical spending on adults that was attributed to obesity topped approximately \$40 billion in 1998, and by 2008, increased to an estimated \$147 billion.⁶ Excess weight is also costly during childhood, estimated at \$3 billion per year in direct medical costs.

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH)

Online Database of Faculty Mentors & Portfolio Reviewers

Search for mentors and portfolio reviewers, or to apply to be listed in the database [here](#).

For Community-Academic Partnerships to Reach their Full Potential, Involved Faculty Need to Be Supported.

Graduate students, post-docs and faculty members who seek community-engaged careers in the academy can face a number of institutional challenges to achieving their goals. With few established mentoring and career development programs in place, community-engaged scholars are often left to piece together their own with little guidance or support. Building a portfolio for promotion and tenure review can be daunting for those focusing on community-engaged scholarship (CES), particularly when review committees and external reviewers are not familiar with this form of scholarship. Without a system in place to easily identify reviewers who understand CES and can assess its quality and impact, community-engaged faculty may be inadequately or unfairly reviewed. The consequences are real for communities engaged in the work, as Freeman, Gust and Aloschen illustrate in their paper, [Why Faculty Promotion and Tenure Matters to Community Partners](#).

The Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) Online Database of Faculty Mentors & Portfolio Reviewers is intended to help address these challenges. The database is designed to be used by community-engaged graduate students, post-docs and faculty who are searching for faculty mentors and by deans, department chairs and others seeking external experts to review portfolios of community-engaged faculty being considered for reappointment, promotion and/or tenure. The database can be searched by keyword, faculty rank, tenure status, discipline/profession, gender, state, country, race/ethnicity, methodological approaches and areas of experience.

Faculty members in the database are selected because of their experience as community-engaged scholars and their commitment to supporting those supporting others who aspire to join them. All have agreed to voluntarily serve as mentors and/or portfolio reviewers. In addition to demographic and biographical information, each entry includes career planning advice and tips for preparing a strong portfolio.

The database is a component of Community-Campus Partnerships for Health's [Faculty for the Engaged Campus project](#). The project aims to strengthen community-engaged career paths in the academy and is supported by a grant from the US Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education. Other project components include support for innovative, campus-wide, competency-based models of faculty development, and CES4Health.info an online mechanism for peer-reviewed publication and dissemination of products of community-engaged scholarship that are in forms other than journal articles.

Society for Community Research and Action

The Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA) - Community Psychology, Division 27 of the [American Psychological Association](#) - serves many different disciplines that focus on community research and action. Our members are committed to promoting health and empowerment and to preventing problems in communities, groups, and individuals. The Society for Community Research and Action will have a strong, global impact on enhancing well-being and promoting social justice for all people by fostering collaboration where there is division and empowerment where there is oppression.

The Society for Community Research and Action is an international organization devoted to advancing theory, research, and social action. Its members are committed to promoting health and empowerment and to preventing problems in communities, groups, and individuals. SCRA serves many different disciplines that focus on community research and action. Our goals are:

- To promote the use of social and behavioral science to enhance the well-being of people and their communities and to prevent harmful outcomes.
- To promote theory development and research that increases our understanding of human behavior in context.
- To encourage the ongoing and mutual exchange of knowledge and skills among community psychologists, those in other academic disciplines, and community stakeholders so that community research and action benefits from the strengths of all perspectives.
- To engage in action, research, and practice committed to promoting equitable distribution of resources, equal opportunity for all, non-exploitation, prevention of violence, active citizenry, liberation of oppressed peoples, greater inclusion for historically marginalized groups, and respecting all cultures.
- To promote the development of careers in community research and action in both academic and applied settings.
- To promote an international field of inquiry and action that respects cultural differences, honors human rights, seeks out and incorporates contributions from all corners of the world, and is not dominated by any one nation or group.
- To influence the formation and institutionalization of economic, and social policy consistent with community psychological principles and with the social justice values that are at the core of our discipline.

More information and resources are available on the [Society for Community Research and Action website](#).

National Health IT Collaborative for the Underserved Website

Health information technology is an important aspect of health disparities of underrepresented populations. [The National Health IT Collaborative for the Underserved](#) was established in 2008 as a public/private/community partnership with the purpose of supporting the full engagement of HIT in underserved populations, with an emphasis on communities of color. The Collaborative's Website focuses attention on several areas: education and outreach, policy, workforce development and training, and finance and sustainability.

Statehealthfacts.org Updates

Data on Health Coverage Status, "Clawback" Rates, Disability, Cancer Incidence, Oral Health Status, Rural Health Clinics, and Medical School Graduates

Statehealthfacts.org has added new data on the [health insurance status](#) of the nonelderly population with incomes up to [133%](#) of the federal poverty level (FPL) based on the 2007 and 2008 Current Population

Survey. Also new to the site are data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on state per-capita "[clawback](#)" rates reflecting increased federal matching assistance percentages (FMAP) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the first quarter of 2009 through the second quarter of 2010 for all states. Updated data on the prevalence of [disability](#) among adults for 2008 from Cornell University analysis of the American Community Survey; updated data on [colorectal cancer](#) death rates for 2005 from the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research (AHRQ); and the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on [cancer incidence](#) rates for 2006 and the percentage of children who are [immunized](#) for 2008 are now available for all states and the nation. New data on children have been added including the latest information from the National Newborn Screening and Genetics Resource Center on [newborn hearing](#) and [cystic fibrosis](#) screening; child [oral health status](#) for 2007 from the Data Resource Center for Child and Adolescent Health (DRC); and the growth in the number of [children of immigrants](#) from 1990 to 2005/2006 from the Urban Institute. New tobacco-related information have also been added and include state-by-state [cigarette excise taxes](#) for 2009 from the American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation and [tobacco settlement](#) payment data for 2009 from the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. Updated data from CMS on Medicare certified [rural health clinics](#) in 2010 and demographic data from the Association of American Medical Colleges on [medical school graduates](#) for 2009 are now available for all states and the nation. The latest data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on the number of [workers in unions](#) for 2009 and 2008 state [incarceration rates](#) from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics are also now available. The most recent data from the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service on [monthly food stamp enrollment](#) for December 2009 and average monthly participation in the food stamp program, average monthly food stamp benefits, and total food stamp program benefits for fiscal year (FY) 2009 are now available. Also updated are the most recent [unemployment](#) figures from the BLS, which are included in an updated composite measure of [state fiscal distress](#).

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Civil Service List for Future Employment Opportunities San Francisco

The city of San Francisco has begun the process of certifying a new civil service list for the job class Epidemiologist II. After the list is certified, recruitment for vacancies at SFDPH will be restricted to eligible candidates on the list. While we are not recruiting currently, the Program on Health, Equity, and Sustainability anticipates hiring at least one position during the time the civil service list is certified and so we encourage potentially interested candidates to apply to be placed on the list. Application information may be found [here](#).

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8. Feedback

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