

Community Engagement & Health Policy Program eNews

Connections

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Welcome to **Connections**, a bimonthly news and information resource on translational health research that involves the communities UCSF serves. **Connections** is brought to you by the UCSF CTSI Community Engagement & Health Policy (CE&HP) Program.

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1. CE&HP Program Services

The CTSI Community Engagement & Health Policy Program provides consultation, training and networking services to UCSF and current and prospective community partners. [Contact us](#) ✉ for more information.

Consultation

We offer individual and multidisciplinary consultations by faculty and community experts for community-engaged research projects on community research methods, policy impact, partnership strategies, dissemination, evaluation goals, advisory board development, or any issue that will further a current or prospective translational research project concerning community health or and/or policy issues. Our CE Navigators triage each request, help set up the appropriate consultation format, prepare consultees and consultants, 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 or email us. 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.

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.

Linkage

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

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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2. CE&HP Program News & Announcements

Publications

A Selection of Recent Publications by CE&HP Program Faculty and Partners

[Language Barriers, Physician-Patient Language Concordance, and Glycemic Control Among Insured Latinos with Diabetes: The Diabetes Study of Northern California \(DISTANCE\)](#). Fernandez A, **Schillinger D**, Warton EM, Adler N, Moffet HH, Schenker Y, Salgado MV, Ahmed A, Karter AJ. *Journal of General Internal Medicine* 2010 Sep 29 (epub ahead of print).

Patients who cannot discuss their diabetes with a doctor in their own language may have poorer health outcomes, even when interpreter services are available, according to a new study by researchers at UCSF and the Kaiser Permanente Division of Research. The study found that among Latino diabetes patients with limited English skills, those seen by non-Spanish speaking doctors were nearly twice as likely to have poor control of their blood sugar than those whose doctors spoke Spanish. [Learn more here](#).

[Patient-physicians' information exchange in outpatient cardiac care: Time for a heart to heart?](#) Sarkar U, **Schillinger D**, Bibbins-Domingo K, Nápoles A, Karliner L, **Pérez-Stable EJ**. *Patient Education and Counseling* 2010 Oct 27

Agreement between patients and physicians is an indicator of successful communication. Concordance in domains of communication among patients with heart disease and communication barriers has not been studied. English, Spanish, or Cantonese-speaking patients seen at a public hospital cardiology clinic were assessed with pre-visit questionnaires. Surveys of patients and their physicians immediately after the visit asked each about: (1) cardiac functional status, (2) barriers to self-management, (3) cardiac diagnoses, and (4) treatment. We assessed patient-physician concordance in these domains. Patients and physicians often fail to communicate effectively and determinants of concordance in CVD care require further investigation. Developing strategies to improve communication within the medical encounter are critical to improving ambulatory chronic disease management.

[The literacy divide: health literacy and the use of an internet-based patient portal in an integrated health system-results from the diabetes study of northern California \(DISTANCE\)](#). Sarkar U, Karter AJ, Liu JY, Adler NE, Nguyen R, Lopez A, **Schillinger D**. *Journal of Health Communication* 2010;15 Suppl 2:183-96.

Now Available! Resource Manuals and Guides to Community-Engaged Research ***Exciting New Resources For Researchers and Community Partners***



Both [online](#) and in hard copy, these resources recently published by the UCSF CTSI Community Engagement Program are useful for answering frequently asked questions about collaborative research projects and how they can make a difference in the health of communities. Targeted to researchers, community clinicians, community-based organizations and agencies, these guides and manuals can be used to introduce research activities to potential partners or inform projects already underway. Hard copies are available for sale. [Email Paula Fleisher](#) ✉ for more information.

Grants Awarded

Grants Recently Awarded to CE&HP Faculty, Research Partners, and Consultees

National Center for Reducing Asian American Cancer Health Disparities

UCSF and the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, in conjunction with the UC Davis Cancer Center and the Chinese Community Health Resource Center in San Francisco, has received funding to establish a **National Center for Reducing Asian American Cancer Health Disparities**. With the Center designation comes a five-year, \$5.6 million grant from the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities to conduct cancer research, outreach, and training among Asian Americans. The grant continues and expands the work of the Asian American Network for Cancer Awareness Research and Training (AANCART), established in 2000 and housed at UC Davis Cancer Center since 2002 under the leadership of Dr. Moon Chen, Professor of Hematology and Oncology. The AANCART National Center is also led by **Dr. Tung T. Nguyen**, Professor of Clinical Medicine and Co-Director of the Vietnamese Community Health Promotion Project at UC San Francisco. Dr. Nguyen is also on the faculty of the UCSF CTSI Community Engagement & Health Policy Program and received CE&HP consultation on this project.

The AANCART National Center includes funding to conduct a randomized controlled trial led by UC San Francisco investigators of the effectiveness of lay health worker outreach on the rates of colorectal cancer screening among Korean Americans in Los Angeles, Filipino Americans in Hawaii and Hmong Americans in Sacramento and to conduct a pilot project on how Chinese Americans view the collection of biospecimens. The Center also has funding to conduct outreach using a partnership model between community groups and university researchers to address cancer education, particularly for Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Korean, and Vietnamese Americans in their native languages. In addition, there is a training program to develop the careers of young Asian American investigators whose research interests span a variety of cancer health disparities affecting Asian Americans.

UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center's Community Advisory Board's Faith Communities Committee

Rena Pasick, DrPh, will be the Principal Investigator of a R21 grant from the National Center for Minority Health Disparities to study and test the **UCSF Abundant Life Health Ministries Initiative (ALHMI)** model. The ALHMI focuses - not on delivering health promotion via the church - but on enhancing the capacity of churches to themselves promote health. AHLMI is part of an academic-faith partnership established in 2005 by the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center's Community Advisory Board's Faith Communities Committee (FCC). The FCC subsequently took on the mission of fostering health ministries as a means to reduce health disparities, and to do so through dissemination or development of evidence-based interventions designed specifically for the Black church. The AHLMI model has four capacity-building components: outreach, mini-grants to churches who commit to form a health ministry and to begin by adopting an evidence-based intervention, training in health ministry development and maintenance and adoption of specific interventions, and ongoing technical assistance. Dr. Pasick is on the faculty of the UCSF CTSI Community Engagement & Health Policy Program and received CE&HP consultation on this project.

Decision Services, UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County

Jeff Belkora, PhD, director of **Decision Services at the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center** and research partner **Sara O'Donnell**, executive director of the **Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County** have received the 2010 Faith Fancher Award from the California Breast Cancer Research Program, as well as a \$600,000 grant recognizing the best proposal focused on underserved populations. The project involves training Resource Center staff to help patients compile questions, take notes and record key discussions with surgeons and oncologists. The project aims to help patients in rural Mendocino County better absorb, understand and act upon the information provided by their doctors. Rural communities like Mendocino are often inaccessible to researchers and thus understudied. As a result of the research, the research team will develop a set of policies, procedures and guidelines to help patients address their information needs more effectively. Belkora and O'Donnell received consultation on this project from the UCSF CTSI Community Engagement & Health Policy Program.

Honors

Honors and Awards for CE&HP Faculty, Research Partners, and Consultees

Rena Pasick, DrPH has been invited to join the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Scientific Advisory Board. The appointment comes with a grant of \$250,000/year for 2 years. Along with her other research topic areas of interest, Dr. Pasick will use the grant to study a Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center

collaboration with the San Francisco Bay Area Faith community on education through health ministries on hereditary breast cancer.

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3. Partnership Snapshot

Looking for UCSF Research Partners

Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland Expands Its Focus to Include More Community-Oriented and Public Health Research



Located 10 miles from San Francisco, Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland (CHRCO) is a vibrant health care and research facility looking to expand its partnerships with UCSF investigators. Although CHORI has traditionally excelled in basic and clinical research, CHRCO is expanding its focus to include more community-oriented and public health research to address health disparities, as well as clinical research which investigates or includes minority populations in a substantial way. CHRCO sees about 11,000 inpatient visits and 240,000 outpatient visits annually, of which about 40,000 occur in one of five primary care clinics. CHRCO is the pediatric safety net hospital for Alameda County and Contra Costa County; over 70% of all patients to CHRCO receive Medi-Cal. In addition, Children's Hospital Oakland Research Institute (CHORI) is ranked 6th nationally in NIH research awards to pediatric centers.

CHRCO recently initiated the Children's urban Health Institute to eLIminate Disparities (or, CHILD) to provide an infrastructure for its various community-oriented programs focusing on disease disparities. Some areas of interest for research partnerships for which CHRCO has a program and large numbers of patients include (but is not limited to): asthma, obesity, and diabetes, immunizations, trauma care, child abuse, homeless and foster care children, minority healthcare workforce development, HIV/AIDS, early intervention services, injury prevention, transition-age youth, youth in detention centers, and school based health. CHRCO is also interested in research addressing healthcare quality.

CHRCO's close proximity, large and diverse pediatric population, interest in research, and numerous community oriented programs, provides fertile ground for collaboration with investigators on both sides of the SF Bay. To facilitate partnerships, CHRCO has a navigator to help identify collaborative research opportunities and provide grant writing support. CHRCO also features relatively low indirect costs. UCSF investigators and community providers are invited to [contact Adam Davis](#) ✉ at CHRCO to explore possible research collaborations.

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4. Workshops, Conferences & Training Opportunities

At UCSF

Grand Rounds

San Francisco General Hospital Department of Psychiatry

Nadine Burke, MD, MPH, FAAP

Adverse Child Experience: A Root Cause of Complex Trauma

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010

11:30-1:00

SFGH 7M30

Educational Objectives:

- Understand how traumatic experiences effect long term health
- Understand the long term impact of complex traumatic experiences through the life course and the importance of clinical screening and assessment in effective treatment

UCSF's Program in Implementation and Dissemination Sciences (IDS)

Winter Quarter 2011 • January 3 – March 25

Implementation and dissemination sciences (IDS) are integral to community- and practice-based research. The goal of IDS is to ensure that the knowledge and materials produced by health research actually reach the people for whom they are intended, and that they are used effectively and equitably.

IDS courses are held at China Basin Landing, and are open to UCSF and non-UCSF clinicians, researchers, health professionals, residents, fellows, post-docs, and health professional students. For more information, please contact the IDS Program Coordinator, [Sara Ackerman](#) ✉.

UCSF's IDS Training Program (based at CTSI) is pleased to offer three courses during the upcoming Winter 2011 quarter:

- Translating Evidence into Practice: Individual-Centered Implementation Strategies (Epi 246). Thursdays 8:45-10:15am. Course Director: Margaret Handley, PhD, MPH
- Translating Evidence into Practice: System-Centered Implementation Strategies (Epi 247). Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm. Course Director: Laura Schmidt, PhD, MSW, MPH
- Translating Evidence into Policy: How to Frame Research to Influence Policy and Policymakers (Epi 249). Thursdays 3:15-4:45pm. Course Director: Andy Bindman, MD

And Beyond

Weeklong Summer Course in Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) for Health Equity

San Francisco State University in collaboration with the University of California, Berkeley

August 8-12, 2011

Aug 8: Intro to CBPR, Building & Maintaining Partnerships, Working with Institutional Review Boards (IRBs)

Aug 9: Collaborative Study Design, Data Collection and Data Analysis with Communities

Aug 10: Collaborative Intervention Development, Implementation and Evaluation with Diverse Populations

Aug 11: The Intersection of CBPR and Policy Change

Aug 12: Fundraising/Grant Writing for CBPR

Course Fees: \$650/week or \$150/day; reduced fees for eligible students and community members of \$300/week or \$75/day

Credit: Course fees will be waived for SFSU and UCB students who enroll for credit. [Email](#) ✉ for more information.

PRIM&R 2010

Advancing Ethical Research Conference - Uniting People, Principles, and Practices

December 6-8, 2010

San Diego, CA

Sponsored by:

Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R)

Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)

Boston University School of Medicine

Program includes: *Listening to the Voices of Minorities and Researchers on Building Trust and Capacity for Respectful Engagement*

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

The Science of Research on Discrimination and Health

February 2-4, 2011

Natcher Conference Center

Bethesda, MD

Supported by: National Cancer Institute, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, Applied Research Program and Behavioral Research Program

Poster abstracts are due December 15, 2010.

Registration is now open. Registration deadline: December 31, 2010

Racial/ethnic discrimination is often identified as a contributor to racial/ethnic disparities in health but rarely examined in this context. The Applied Research and the Behavioral Research Programs of the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH) are sponsoring a three-day conference to examine the research and research methods for investigating the role of racial/ethnic discrimination in health. The specific purposes of the meeting are to (1) promote the science/research on racial/ethnic discrimination and its contribution to racial/ethnic disparities in health; (2) identify gaps in the research literature and areas for future research and/or NCI/NIH funding initiatives; and (3) increase awareness of the NCI's interest in funding research in this topic area through the Program Announcement, The Effect of Racial and Ethnic Discrimination/Bias on Health Care Delivery (PA-080-083, PA-08-084, PA-08-085). Meeting presenters will discuss the research literature and/or present research results on the following topics:

- Institutional racism
- Personal prejudice/bias
- Implicit attitudes and stereotypes
- Stereotype threat

Strengths and limitations of existing instruments and methodologies for measuring the prevalence of or exposure to racial/ethnic discrimination
The effect of chronic exposure to discrimination over the life course
Discrimination and its impact on physical and mental health
Perceived discrimination including the role of cultural incompetence and racial discordance. See [the website](#) for details. The conference will be [videocast live](#).

Multilevel Interventions in Health Care

Building the Foundation for Future Research

March 4-5, 2011

Las Vegas, NV

This conference will serve as a forum for discussing multilevel theory, models, and methods from several disciplines; exploring interactions across levels, including mediator and moderator effects; and exploring the efficacy of multilevel interventions in cancer care, as well as other health conditions. The conference will also identify priorities for future research and explore research designs and measurement approaches that address the challenges of developing multilevel interventions that affect individuals' health, health behavior, and organizational-level or system-level health outcomes. The adoption of health care reform and the need for relevant evidence to address the complexities of cancer control within the new health care context reinforce the timeliness of this topic.

For the purposes of this meeting, a multilevel intervention addresses the health outcomes for patients as well as at least two additional levels of contextual influence. We are thereby targeting at least three levels in a multilevel model of improving health status. While there is a long history of interventions targeted at patients and providers in specific contexts, such as the patient's network of social support, or the type of organization (HMO, PPO, MCO) within which care is provided, we are encouraging consideration of a wider set of factors affecting the health behaviors and outcomes of patients seeking care.

Who should attend?

Health services, community, and clinical researchers; public health practitioners; clinicians; and health professionals interested in multilevel intervention and evaluation research. There is no registration fee. Register for the conference and get more information [here](#). [Contact Elizabeth Zimmerman](#) ✉ with questions.

4th Annual NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation: Policy and Practice

March 21-22, 2011

Bethesda North Marriott

Bethesda, MD

Registration Deadline: 11:59 PM Eastern Time, February 18, 2011

There is no fee to register for this conference. This year's conference will NOT be available for viewing online.

There is a recognized need to close the gap between research evidence and clinical and public health practice and policy. How is this best accomplished? Dissemination and implementation research in health seeks to answer this question, and is gaining momentum as a field of scientific inquiry. The goal of the annual NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation is to facilitate growth in the research base by providing a forum for communicating and networking about the science of dissemination and implementation.

Researchers, evaluators and implementers who are interested in identifying opportunities and strategies for overcoming obstacles for dissemination and implementation research/evaluation are encouraged to attend this meeting. The goal is to engage in dialog, exchange ideas, explore contemporary topics and challenge one another to identify and test research approaches that will advance dissemination and implementation science.

CU Expo Conference: Community-University Partnerships: Bringing Global Perspectives to Local Action

May 10-14, 2011

Waterloo Region, ON Canada

As a major partner, Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) is fully supporting CU Expo in lieu of our own major conference in 2011. A discounted registration rate will be offered to CCPH members.

CU Expo 2011 is a Canadian-led conference designed to showcase the exemplars in community-university partnerships worldwide, and together to introduce creative ways of strengthening our local communities. Complex social issues require global perspectives to inform local action. Community-university partnerships can be an effective way to stimulate innovative solutions for the pressing concerns within our communities. Visit the [conference website](#) for the latest updates.

Improvement Science Summit

Academic Center for Evidence-Based Practice (ACE)

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk

San Antonio, TX

June 28 - 29, 2011

Learn how to evaluate improvement strategies. Experience a full immersion in the latest advances in healthcare improvement research. Build the science and apply the science to improve care and patient outcomes. [Learn more.](#)

Summer Institute on Evidence-Based Practice

Academic Center for Evidence-Based Practice (ACE)

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Hyatt Regency on the Riverwalk

San Antonio, TX

June 30 - July 2, 2011

(Pre Conferences June 29, 2011)

[Call for Abstracts](#)

Abstract Submission Deadline: Monday, February 28, 2011

Improve care through evidence, implementation and outcomes. Noted EBP leaders guide participants in this unique coordinated-curriculum conference to build capacity and shape quality and safety. [Learn more.](#)

The Summer Institute brochure will be available online only. For notification, [email your address](#) ✉.

Online Learning Opportunities

RefWorks Tutorial

UCSF/San Francisco General Hospital librarian Terri Mason offers [this tutorial](#) on sharing references in RefWorks, a web-based commercial citation manager — an application for managing references, retrieving bibliographic information, and designing texts in terms of their literature references. Subscribers can store their reference database online, allowing them to use and update it from anywhere, and to share data with other subscribers. Ms. Mason also is available to answer questions by phone, text, or email (see link above for contact information).

Community-Based Participatory Research: Strategies for Reducing Health Disparities

Free Webinar

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

1:00 - 2:30pm (Eastern)

Faculty: Nina Wallerstein, Dr.P.H. and Lorenda Belone, Ph.D., Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico

Sponsored by Academy Health

Overview: This introductory-level session will provide an overview of community-based participatory research (CBPR), an increasingly used approach of researchers collaborating with communities to ethically and effectively design research to address health disparities. Nina Wallerstein, Dr.P.H. and Lorenda Belone, Ph.D. from the RWJF Center for Health Policy and the Center for Participatory Research, Department of Family and Community Medicine, at the University of New Mexico, along with one of their Tribal Partners, will present CBPR definitions and principles, the rationale for using this approach, as well as issues, challenges, and strategies for effective CBPR. Examples will be presented of the process of conducting CBPR, including research design and measurement, and its potential for achieving mutually beneficial outcomes, within communities and within University practices. Register [here](#).

Research to Practice: Translation in Public Health Systems and Services Research (Introductory)

Free webinar with streaming slides and audio

Thursday, December 16, 2010

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Eastern)

Sponsored by Academy Health

Faculty: William Riley, Ph.D., University of Minnesota; Danielle Varda, Ph.D., University of Colorado; Julia Ruschmann, Bay County Health Department, Florida; Kim Gearin, Minnesota Department of Health.

For research to influence the practice of public health, its findings must be relevant for those in the field. Designing research questions in partnership with practitioners, who have their pulse on public health's most pressing needs, can help ensure relevance. Similarly, conducting research with practice partners, and sharing findings with those who can use them, supports the implementation of evidence-based and innovative public health practice. As the field of Public Health Systems and Services Research (PHSSR) grows, it must adopt methods and strategies to translate findings in a way that resonates with key stakeholders, particularly those who conduct the business of public health.

This webinar focuses on two examples of translation in PHSSR. William Riley, Ph.D., associate dean for the School of Public Health at the University of Minnesota, will discuss his work developing a pilot program to expand the use of continuous quality improvement (CQI) principles to public health agencies, with a focus on reducing health disparities. Danielle Varda, Ph.D., assistant professor in the School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado, will discuss her research examining partnerships in public health. In response, the researcher's practice partners will discuss their experience working with the investigators, describe the research's relevance for the field, and give suggestions for translating findings. Learn more and register [here](#).

Health Literacy eCourse

Group Health Research Institute

University of Washington Institute for Translational Health Sciences (ITHS)

Truly “informed” consent is hard. Many consent forms are written at college level, while the average American adult reads at the 8th-grade level. To help address this problem, the University of Washington’s Institute for Translational Health Sciences (ITHS) and Group Health Research Institute have jointly produced a new [Web course](#) in using plain language for health research. The ITHS is part of the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA). Creation of the online training was supported in part by the ITHS grant, which is funded by the National Institutes of Health’s National Center for Research Resources (NCRR). President Obama recently signed into law the Plain Writing Act of 2010. Like the Plain Writing Act, the new Web course is based on the principles of plain language: a communication style centered on the audience's needs, abilities, and levels of literacy and numeracy. The Web course is freely available to anyone. Researchers can see how to use plain language in study materials through the course’s many concrete examples. [Full news release](#). [Online Training](#). [Toolkit](#).

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5. Funding Announcements

Also see the [CTSI website's listing](#) of current funding opportunities for community-engaged and "T2" research.

Intramural Grants

San Francisco Bay Area Collaborative Research Network

Small Grants to Build Community-Initiated Research Partnerships

The San Francisco Bay Area Collaborative Research Network (SF Bay CRN) is a practice-based research network that includes clinicians, clinics, and researchers at UCSF and in diverse communities. SF Bay CRN is a program of the UCSF Clinical and Translational Science Institute’s Community Engagement & Health Policy Program.

The purpose of this small grants program is to build research capacity and support the development of research partnerships between UCSF and community-based members of SF Bay CRN. Up to 5 grants of between \$1000 and \$3000 each will be awarded, with a total of \$10,000 to be distributed in this first grant cycle. This program is funded by UCSF Clinical Research Services.

Examples of grants that may be awarded include expenses associated with:

- Attending research meetings or trainings relevant to community-based SF Bay CRN members
- Piloting a new quality improvement activity or evaluating an existing program that may become part of a future SF Bay CRN research project
- Convening SF Bay CRN members with specific expertise to explore research opportunities
- Developing research infrastructure for patient recruitment or data collection
- Collecting and analyzing a limited amount of patient data (requires IRB approval)

Questions about becoming a SF Bay CRN member, the grant application process, allowable expenses, and/or identifying a UCSF collaborator should be directed to [James Rouse](#) ✉, Program Administrator, 415.206.4048.

UCSF University Community Partnerships Office (UCP) and Council Partnership Grants

Grant funding is available to support projects that strengthen partnerships between San Francisco communities and UCSF. All grants are intended to fund partnership projects and programs where

community-based organizations and UCSF affiliates work together. [2011 Grants Program RFP](#).

Large grant applicants must submit an electronic Letter of Interest by 5:00PM on December 3, 2010. At least one small grant will be reserved for partnership projects between community-based organizations and students/learners at each UCSF School and the Graduate Division. The UCP will host information sessions for those interested in learning more about this year's grants cycle. All interested applicants are encouraged to attend as there will be some significant changes to this year's program.

Next Information Session

Tuesday December 14, 2010

UCSF Mission Center Building, Room 126

1855 Folsom Street [RSVP](#).

Click [here](#) for a google map of the area.

More Information and Resources:

- [View](#) the November 8, 2010 Information Session PowerPoint presentation.
- [View](#) FAQs and other materials presented at the November 8, 2010 Information Session.
- [One-page](#) Grants Program Info Sheet.
- [Listing](#) of the 2010 Awardees. [Informational map](#) about our grant recipients.

Federal Grants

Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities (R01)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Next Application Due Date: January 11, 2011

Expiration Date: May 12, 2013

To encourage behavioral and social science research on the causes and solutions to health and disabilities disparities in the U. S. population. Health disparities between, on the one hand, racial/ethnic populations, lower socioeconomic classes, and rural residents and, on the other hand, the overall U.S. population are major public health concerns. Emphasis is placed on research in and among three broad areas of action: 1) public policy, 2) health care, and 3) disease/disability prevention. Particular attention is given to reducing "health gaps" among groups. Proposals that utilize an interdisciplinary approach, investigate multiple levels of analysis, incorporate a life-course perspective, and/or employ innovative methods such as system science or community-based participatory research are particularly encouraged.

See: [PAR-10-136](#)

Reducing Risk Behaviors by Promoting Positive Youth Development (R01)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Next application Due Date: February 5, 2011

Expiration date: Sep 08, 2011

This purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement is to encourage Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/ organizations that propose to enhance our understanding of effective positive youth development programs and the mechanisms responsible for positive health and developmental outcomes. This will be accomplished through the development, implementation, and evaluation of new or improved positive youth development programs, the evaluation of existing successful

programs, or the evaluation of effective, evidence-based, gender-inclusive programs that are adapted, translated, or disseminated for new populations of youth and adolescents.

See: [PA-08-241](#)

Integrating Comparative Effectiveness Research Findings into Care Delivery through Economic Incentives (R21)

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health ([NIH](#))

Next application due date: January 18, 2011

Expiration date: January 19, 2011

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) solicits exploratory and developmental research (R21) applications from institutions/organizations proposing to advance knowledge on the ways in which comparative effectiveness research (CER) can be used to maximize the value of health care delivery in the United States. Specifically, the research sought under this announcement should inform the ways in which findings from CER can be incorporated into the incentives faced by providers, consumers, and payers, in order to bring about meaningful changes in clinical practice that could improve the quality of care for patients while helping to restrain growth in health care costs.

See: [RFA-RM-11-001](#)

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6. Publications of Interest

Preventing Chronic Disease

Public Health Research, Practice and Policy

Special Issue (November 2010) on Multisector Partnerships to Improve Community Health

This issue of *Preventing Chronic Disease* is the third and final issue that includes articles from the Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health, or MATCH, project. In this issue the articles focus on the partnerships that are required for improving population health. The first set of MATCH articles focused on measures — what is measured gets done. The second set focused on incentives — what is paid for gets done. This final set discusses the importance of the partnerships — who does what. Until we know who is going to take action, and what that action will be, population health is only theoretical. Engaging all sectors makes improved population health a reality. [Available online](#).

Participatory Partnerships for Social Action and Research

Lynn M. Harter, Jane Hamel-Lambert, and Judith Millesen, eds.

Participatory Partnerships for Social Action and Research offers highly reflective accounts from faculty, administrators, students, and community members about the experience of engaged scholarship's promise, politics, and thorny mesh of dilemmas. The book addresses contemporary issues such as environmental degradation, discrimination of gay and lesbian youth, disability rights, pediatric cancer care, HIV and AIDS, poverty and homelessness, suicide, the needs of at-risk students, and the organizing of early childhood mental health care.

Readers will find information about a range of research designs, including experiments, ethnographies, and video-diaries. This resource is suitable for undergraduate/graduate courses on participatory research

methods, to expand pre-existing research methods courses to include participatory approaches, and for professional development opportunities for faculty and community members. [Learn more.](#)

Urban Universities: Anchors Generating Prosperity for America's Cities

The Coalition of Urban Serving Universities (USU)

This policy document demonstrates the value and role of urban universities as anchors for cities. It contains national data, aggregate survey data, and case study examples that showcase the importance of university partnerships to cities, and provides recommendations for federal policies.

Urban Universities as Anchor Institutions: A Report of National Data and Survey Findings, provides a more in-depth look at the data from the USU survey conducted in the Summer, 2009. [Available online.](#)

USU advances the capacity and interest of urban-serving universities to act as anchor institutions in their communities. USU's members partner with cities and metropolitan regions to prompt transformative investment in these urban areas. The Coalition's work revolves around three, key programmatic areas: 1) creating a competitive workforce; 2) building strong communities; and 3) improving the health of a diverse population. More information about USU is available [here](#).

Call for Diverse Products of Community-Engaged Projects Focused on Immigrant and Refugee Health

Deadline for Submissions: December 1, 2010

CES4Health.info is an online mechanism for peer-reviewing, publishing and disseminating diverse products of community-engaged scholarship (CES). The results of CES are often disseminated through diverse products that are accessible and useful to community members and policy makers, such as photovoice exhibits, policy briefs, educational videos and podcasts. CES also often leads to the development of tools that can assist others in implementing or adapting the project in their communities, such as assessment instruments, instructional manuals and patient education materials.

CES4Health.info is publishing a set of diverse products of community-engaged scholarship in immigrant and refugee health in Spring 2011. Submissions are due December 1, 2010 and involve completing an online application and uploading the product or providing a link to it. Products in English from anywhere in the world will be considered.

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7. Other Resources & Opportunities

Health Matters Website Featuring San Francisco Community Vital Signs Health Goals and Indicators

The [Health Matters in San Francisco website](#) was developed by the Building A Healthier San Francisco coalition (BHSF) and the [Healthy Communities Institute](#). BHSF is a citywide collaborative of nonprofit hospitals, San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFPD), McKesson Foundation, San Francisco Foundation, United Way of the Bay Area, Metta Fund, Blue Cross of California-State Sponsored Business, and a variety of health organizations and philanthropic foundations. This cooperative effort established in 1994 conducts a community health needs assessment for San Francisco every three years as set forth in Senate Bill 697. A main feature of the Health Matters site, [Community Vital Signs](#), is designed to provide a clear and dynamic path forward in promoting the health priorities of San Francisco.

Call for Nominations

The Community-Campus Partnerships for Health Award

The Community-Campus Partnerships for Health Award recognizes exemplary partnerships between communities and higher educational institutions that build on each other's strengths to improve higher education, civic engagement, and the overall health of communities.

The intent of the award is to highlight the power and potential of community-campus partnerships as a strategy for social justice. The award recognizes partnerships that are striving to achieve the systems and policy changes needed to overcome the root causes of health, social and economic inequalities.

Through the CCPH Award we seek to recognize community-campus partnerships that:

- Others can aspire to.
- [Embody the CCPH principles.](#)
- Pursue multiple community-campus partnership strategies.
- Involve a full range of partners.
- Achieve significant outcomes that go beyond a process or a single event.

Nominations for the 2011 CCPH Annual Award are due by midnight eastern time (U.S.) on Friday February 4, 2011. Partnerships may nominate themselves and need not be members of CCPH. Nominations in English are welcome from anywhere in the world. For complete nomination guidelines, click [here](#).

The Health Research and Educational Trust Disparities Toolkit

The Health Research and Educational Trust Disparities Toolkit team is proud to release its updated Toolkit. The Toolkit is a web-based tool that provides hospitals, health systems, clinics, and health plans information and resources for systematically collecting race, ethnicity, and primary language data from patients.

We trust you will find this Toolkit useful for educating and informing your staff about the importance of data collection, how to implement a framework to collect race, ethnicity, and primary language data at your organization, and ultimately how to use these data to improve quality of care for all populations. For more information on how to use this Toolkit, click [here](#).

HHS: *Healthy People 2020* Launch

December 2, 2010

Washington, DC

Seats are limited and are first come first served. Web streaming is also available. [Registration](#) is required. Contact: [Geri Tebo](#) ✉ at 240-453-8265. [Learn More](#).

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program

Application Deadline: February 28, 2011 (3 p.m. ET)

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

The RWJ Clinical Scholars program fosters the development of physicians who will lead the transformation of Americans' health and health care. These future leaders will conduct innovative research and work with communities, organizations, practitioners and policy-makers to address issues essential to the health and well-being of all Americans.

Program highlights include:

- leadership training;
- mentoring;
- protected research time;
- local, regional and national networking;
- health services and community-based research training; and
- financial support for research projects and professional travel.

[Learn more](#) about the program and how to apply.

American Association for the Advancement of Science Science & Technology Policy Fellowships


Application deadline: December 5, 2010. We accept only online application submissions.

The Fellowships help to establish and nurture critical links between federal decision-makers and scientific professionals to support public policy that benefits the wellbeing of the nation and the planet. The Fellowships are designed to:

- educate scientists and engineers on the intricacies of federal policymaking;
- provide scientific expertise and analysis to support decision-makers confronting increasingly complex scientific and technical issues;
- foster positive exchange between scientists and policymakers;
- empower scientists and engineers to conduct policy-relevant research and other activities that address challenges facing society; and
- increase the involvement and visibility of scientists and engineers in the public policy realm.

The Fellowships support the AAAS objectives to improve public policymaking through the infusion of science, and to increase public understanding of science and technology and are part of AAAS Science & Policy Programs.

AAAS solicits candidates from a broad array of backgrounds and a diversity of geographic, disciplinary, gender and ethnic perspectives. Fellows come from a range of sectors, including academia, industry, and non-profits, representing a spectrum of career stages, from recent PhD graduates to faculty on sabbatical, to retired scientists and engineers. The age span in the past five classes of Fellows has been from the late twenties to early seventies.

If you have any questions concerning the application or selection process please contact the AAAS Fellowships staff at 202/326-6700 or by [email](#) .

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SciFlies: Grassroots Microinvesting in Scientific Research

SciFlies is a new model for funding scientific research that allows the general public to get involved in scientific research by making small donations toward projects looking for funding to get started. SciFlies highlights a variety of projects looking for funding support and offers the public a means to finance the research through a small, online donation. Members of the general public can participate by looking through researcher profiles, videos and project information and contribute online to projects. SciFlies is a qualified nonprofit and all donations are tax-deductible. [Learn more](#).

8. Feedback

We want to know what our readers think! [Here's our quick eNews survey](#) – just 7 easy questions to give us feedback on this newsletter. We want to hear from you! Thanks!

The deadline for submissions to the next (January/February 2011) **Connections** is Friday, January 14, 2011.

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