

Community Engagement Program eNews

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1. CE Program Calendar

December 2009

No Consultation Meeting

January 2010

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

SF General Hospital, Building 3, Room 505

9:00 – 9:30 Program Business and Announcements

9:30 – 10:40 Consultation for Kristine Madsen, MD

10:50 – 12:00 Consultation, TBD

2. CE Program News & Announcements

Publications

Recent Publications by Community Engagement Program Community Partners and Faculty

Rena Pasick, DrPH, is an author on seven articles in the journal, [Health Education & Behavior, Supplement on Behavioral Constructs and Culture for Cancer Screening](#) (October 2009, Volume 36, No. 5).

Green, LW, Glasgow, R, Atkins, D, Stange, K. Making evidence from research more relevant, useful, and actionable in policy, program planning, and practice, “slips twixt cup and lip.” [Am J Prev Med 2009;37\(6S1\):S187-S191](#).

Training

For Community-Based Organizations

The CE program now 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.

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 450 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 Paula Fleisher (pfleisher@fcm.ucsf.edu ✉) or Michael Potter at (PotterM@fcm.ucsf.edu ✉) with any questions.

In the Press

Community Engagement Program Consultees in the News

Congratulations to **Jeff Belkora, PhD**, director of [UCSF's Decision Services Unit](#). Decision Services was named a national model of care and was one of three winners of a recent Mayo Clinic Center for Innovation competition focused on "initiatives that are responding to human need to improve health care." Dr. Belkora is conducting community-engaged research on the best design and implementation of decision service units with clinics and resource centers in Santa Clara, Mendocino and Humboldt counties. [Read more about the Mayo award here](#). Over the Summer, Dr. Belkora [discussed the work of the UCSF Decision Services Unit](#) on a regional radio program.

The nation's only clinical trial matching service dedicated exclusively to breast cancer—[BreastCancerTrials.org](#)—is now upgraded with new features, greatly expanding access and ensuring privacy for all who want the latest information about research studies and how to enroll. Cancer patients, survivors and those who are at risk now have a free, easy-to-use resource that custom matches them to clinical trials specifically targeted to their personal health profiles. BreastCancerTrials.org empowers patients with knowledge, opens the door to hope and paves the way for future cures. **Elly Cohen, PhD**, Program Director for BCT, has worked with the CTSI CE Program on evaluation. [Read more here](#).

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3. Partnership Snapshot

2009 University Community Partnerships Celebration and Research Partnership Award

By Wylie Liu, MPH, MPA, Director, UCSF University Community Partnerships

A Lively Celebration

On October 22, 2009, University Community Partnerships (UCP) marked its first Partnerships Celebration event with an evening of food, music and awards at the UCSF Milberry Conference Center.

What is UCP? Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, A. Eugene Washington, MD, MPH, convened a Community Partnerships Task Force in July 2004, which resulted in the creation of the UCP office and UCP

Council in the spring of 2006. The purpose of the office is to coordinate the many existing partnerships between UCSF-affiliated individuals/groups and San Francisco-based community organizations as well as to facilitate new partnerships that address health inequities. UCP serves as a bridge between UCSF and the community, emphasizing partnerships that value and respect the assets and diversity of both. One of its signature programs is the Grants Program, which provides funding to UCSF-community partnerships that address health inequities in some of San Francisco's most vulnerable communities.

UCP Council co-chairs Dixie Horning of the UCSF National Center of Excellence in Women's Health and Lynda Boyer-Chu, RN, MPH, of the San Francisco Unified School District presided over the celebration, which officially introduced UCP to the UCSF campus and our communities and gave attendees and awardees the opportunity to network with one another. The evening also featured an invigorating performance by "Taiko Sisters", a Japanese Taiko drum ensemble (featuring Boyer-Chu in yet another impressive role). The event gave UCP and its council members the opportunity to showcase the many partnerships created between UCSF and San Francisco's communities.

Among the guests at the well-attended event were UCSF's Chancellor, Sue Desmond-Hellmann, MD, MPH, Sue Carlyle, MD, PhD, Associate Dean at San Francisco General Hospital, Vice Provost Student Academic Affairs Joseph I. Castro, PhD and several deans from the various professional schools and division chairs. San Francisco Health Commissioner Steven J. Tierney, EdD, and prominent community leaders were also present. "UCP is a critically important initiative at UCSF. It is at the forefront of our institution's efforts to serve the community", the Chancellor noted as she addressed the audience. "Tonight's celebration marks an important milestone for UCP", added UCP's faculty co-director Naomi Wortis, MD.

Research Award

The heart of the evening's celebration was an awards presentation for exemplary University and community partnerships. *Research* was among the five focal areas in which awards were presented. The recipients of the 2009 UCSF UCP Award for Research are partners with the Lay Health Worker Outreach and Colorectal Cancer Screening among Chinese in San Francisco Project.

- NICOS Chinese Health Coalition
- Department of Health Education, San Francisco State University
- Tung Nguyen, Division of General Internal Medicine, Department of Medicine, UCSF

The [UCSF CTSI Community Engagement Program](#) was well represented at the UCP awards podium. Dr. Nguyen and Dr. Naomi Wortis, recipient of an individual award for excellence in promotion of partnerships between UCSF and communities in San Francisco, are faculty members with the UCSF CTSI Community Engagement Program. Roberto Vargas, now a Navigator with the UCSF CTSI Community Engagement Program, also received an individual award.

For more information about the UCSF University Community Partnerships office, visit the [UCP website](#).

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4. Workshops, Conferences & Training Opportunities

Workshops/Webinars

California Breast Cancer Research Program

Community Research Collaboration

2010 CRC Pilot and Full Awards

Pre-Application Webinars

Monday, November 23 from 12 noon to 1:30pm PST

Tuesday, December 8 from 10am to 11:30am PST

The purpose of these webinars is to give potential applicants an overview of the requirements of the Call for Applications and the online submission system, and to enable attendees to ask questions. Questions will be taken by email during the webinar and answered live. The webinars will be archived and accessible afterwards.

To register, email CRCTeleconference@cabreastcancer.org ✉.

Call-in information will be emailed prior to the start of the webinar. Access to the web is recommended during the webinar but is not required. Attendance is not a pre-requisite for submitting an application but is highly recommended.

For more information about the CRC awards, including a list of previous award topics and partnerships, please visit [this website](#). To learn about more ways to receive technical assistance, visit [this website](#).

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH)

Education Network to Advance Cancer Clinical Trials (ENACCT)

Communities as Partners in Cancer Clinical Trials Implementation Partners Showcase

Free Webinar Series

- December 7, 2009: [Cancer Center Partnering Efforts with African American and Latino Organizations to Enhance Access to Cancer Clinical Trials](#)
- December 10, 2009: [Leadership in a Local Cancer Clinical Trial Public Awareness](#)
- January 7, 2010: [The Potential for Community Advisory Boards in Cancer Clinical Trials](#)
- January 11, 2010: [Expanding Access to Cancer Clinical Trials through Improvements in the Informed Consent Process](#)

Training and Fellowships

The San Francisco Childhood Obesity Taskforce

Childhood Obesity 2010: The Next Generation of Prevention and Management

February 27, 2010

Milton Marks Auditorium

San Francisco, CA

This training will present the science behind childhood obesity as well as practical interventions and skills for physicians and other providers working with children, youth and families in the Bay Area. For more information or to register today (for discounted rate!) visit [this website](#) or call 415-248-1385. This event is designed for physicians, nurses, physician assistants, health educators, nutritionists, social workers,

teachers, physical activity specialists, clinic staff, youth development programs, public health departments, health plans. CMEs and scholarships will be available. Read more about the [Childhood Obesity Taskforce](#).

The Kellogg Health Scholars Program develops new leadership in the effort to reduce and eliminate health disparities and to secure equal access to the conditions and services essential for achieving healthy communities. Through this two-year post doctoral fellowship program, scholars gain:

- competence to undertake research adding to our knowledge about the nature of social disparities in health and about interventions to reduce those disparities,
- capacity to partner with communities in carrying out research and building policy advocacy, and
- skills to inform and support policy makers who seek to reduce and eliminate health disparities.

The program consists of two tracks at eight different training sites. The Community track highlights community-based participatory research (CBPR), and relationships between academic health disparities research and public health practice in communities. The Multidisciplinary track highlights a multidisciplinary approach to studying the determinants of health inequalities and inequities. Both tracks emphasize the translation of research to policy.

Sixteen individuals will be selected for the 2010-2012 fellowship cycle - eight in the Community Track and eight in the Multidisciplinary Track. Each fellowship will provide a stipend of \$63,000 in the first year and \$64,000 in the second year, and an annual research fund and other benefits.

[Applications](#) are due Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 5:00 p.m. Eastern. ONLY online applications are accepted.

The **Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program** is accepting applications for the 2011-2013 cohort.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation 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.

[Applications](#) are due Feb 26, 2010.

Conferences

3rd Annual NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation: Methods and Measurement

March 15-16, 2010

Bethesda, Maryland

Registration Deadline: February 12, 2010

For details, visit [the conference website](#).

There is a recognized need to close the gap between research evidence and clinical and public health practice, but how is this best accomplished? Although emerging as a field of research in health and medicine, dissemination and implementation science is as yet underdeveloped. A forum is needed to facilitate growth in the science of dissemination and implementation.

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

Between the Lines: Border Research Ethics and Methodologies (BREM)

April 23, 2010

University of Arizona

Tucson, Arizona

Call for Papers

Abstracts Due: Jan 15, 2010

The University of Arizona's Binational Migration Institute (at the Department of Mexican American and Raza Studies), Office of Western Hemispheric Programs and the Center for Latin American Studies, invite works that fosters collaboration between scholars in divergent fields & across institutions that address issues of: Border Research Methods, Ethics and Instrumentation.

The purpose of this conference is to bring together binational researchers and students from a variety of disciplines and interests who will focus on methodological and ethical issues inherent in border research, which today increasingly consider dilemmas while researching in and among the various communities impacted by immigration enforcement and emerging enforcement technologies. Such dilemmas also arise from how research goals are defined and the role of science in achieving them. Increasingly, researchers wrestle with issues of ownership of data, its use and management, institutional constraints formulated by the conventions of science and the academy (including human subjects protection guidelines), and practical concerns about how knowledge is applied. More information about the conference will be available [here](#) (click, "Call for Papers"). More information about conference themes is available [here](#).

Action Learning Action Research Association World Congress 2010

6-9 September 2010

Pre-congress workshops: 4-5 September 2010

Melbourne, Australia

Preliminary Call for Abstracts

We are now launching a Preliminary Call for Abstracts for Papers, workshop proposals, proposals for poster sessions and discussions rounds, especially for those who need to apply for leave and for other support from their respective institutions. A further call for papers etc will go out in February, together with a more fulsome program, registration material and other information, early bird opportunities etc.

The Organizing Committee will receive abstracts for proposed refereed contributions (up to 300-400 words) from interested individuals and groups till April 29th 2010. Please email to alara@borderlands.org.au ✉ with 'ALARA Congress' in the subject line; or call 61 - (0)3 - 9819 3239.

The [ALARA website](#) will be regularly updated as to developments in the AR, AL and PAR 'streams' and the more general thematic developments as well as keynote and other presenters as they can be confirmed.

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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 ✉.

UCSF University Community Partnerships (UCP) is pleased to announce the release of the 2010 Request for Proposals (RFP). UCP will award funding to projects that strengthen partnerships between San Francisco communities and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF).

Grant funds will be awarded to projects that are focused on:

- service learning
- education outreach
- community engaged evaluation and research
- workforce development

Applications may be submitted online beginning Friday, January 15, 2010.

Applications are due Friday, February 12, 2010. Only online applications will be accepted. Application materials and information will be available on the [UCP website](#) after January 1, 2010.

UCP will host informational workshops to provide technical assistance and assist with partnership linkages if needed. While not mandatory, first time applicants are encouraged to attend. To sign up for the workshops, please email partnerships@ucsf.edu or ✉ call (415) 476-5696.

Workshop Dates and Times

1. Tuesday, November 24, 10:30 AM- 12 Noon
2. Monday, December 7, 4 PM- 5:30 PM

Workshop Location (for both)

UCSF Mission Center Building'

1855 Folsom Street (between 14th and 15th Street)

Rooms 126 & 128

6. Publications of Interest

For a listing of articles, reports, books and other publications and resources on community-engaged and "T2" research, click [here](#).

Bridging Clinical Scholarship and Community Scholarship

The Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program has supported a special supplemental issue of the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* dedicated to community-based participatory research (CBPR).

The Women's Health Research Network (WHRN)

WHRN has published four primers focused on key areas and innovative approaches in girls' and women's health and gender and health research. The latest WHRN Primer, *Our Common Ground: Cultivating Women's Health Through Community Based Research*, is now available online.

International Journal of Prevention Practice and Research (IJPPR)

IJPPR is a new peer-reviewed journal that publishes high quality articles reporting the development and results of community-driven prevention programs, innovative community/campus partnerships that seek to prevent or mediate health compromising behaviors, community-engaged research that creates tangible products or directly translational results, or other prevention practice and research projects developed with and for communities. The goal of IJPPR is to further scientific discoveries that protect population health by fostering academic and community discourse across the spectrum of community-based prevention practice and research. Community involvement in the preparation of articles is required for publication.

The peer-reviewed journal **Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education and Action (PCHP)** will now be indexed in [MEDLINE](#). Also known as "the journal of CBPR published by Johns Hopkins University Press," PCHP's mission is to identify and publicize model programs that use community partnerships to improve public health, to promote progress in the methods of research and education involving community health partnerships, and to stimulate action that will improve the health of people and communities.

7. Other Resources & Opportunities

Group Health Research Institute and its partners - the University of Washington, Institute of Translational Health Sciences, Duke Translational Medicine Institute, and Wayne State University - have developed [a new website](#) to help researchers create and sustain successful multisite research collaborations, including those involving community-academic partnerships. The project team created the site to enhance the efficiency of

research from start to finish, including developing research networks, launching and managing projects, and sharing study results or other products such as data sets, tools, and training resources.

The website was developed as part of a project known as **PRIMER**, or Partnership-driven Resources to IMprove and Enhance Research. PRIMER was awarded to the Institute for Translational Health Sciences (ITHS) at the University of Washington by the National Center for Research Resources of the National Institutes of Health. Read the complete [press release](#) about this resource.

The Foundation Center announces the beta launch of an online database of **Tools and Resources for Assessing Social Impact (TRASI)**. [TRASI](#) contains a comprehensive listing of 150 approaches to measuring and analyzing social impact for programs and investments. Authored by a range of organizations, including social investors, foundations, NGOs, microfinance institutions, and others seeking social change, these resources range from off-the-shelf tools and concrete methodologies to generalized best practices. In consultation with the respective organizations and authors of these resources, the authors have classified the approaches in TRASI along 18 categories. For a more in-depth look at the categories, please consult the Terms Defined page or hover your mouse over the search terms in the Basic or Advanced Search pages.

TRASI is scheduled to launch officially in the spring of 2010. If you are interested in participating in a beta test of TRASI or in receiving more information at the time of launch, please sign up [here](#).

The National Cancer Institute has made available online the **Health Disparities Calculator (HD*Calc)**, statistical software that generates multiple summary measures for evaluating and monitoring health disparities. It can be used either as an extension of SEER*Stat, which allows users to import Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) data or on its own with other population-based health data, such as that from the National Health Interview Survey. The intended audience for HD*Calc includes anyone interested in health and cancer-related disparities, as well as those interested in learning about summary measures of health disparities.

The public comment period for the **National Cancer Institute (NCI) Advocates in Research Working Group (ARWG) final recommendations** is open until November 30, 2009. The [ARWG](#) has proposed comprehensive recommendations on the most effective ways to engage individual advocates in NCI activities. The recommendations focus on:

1. Recruitment of individual advocates for NCI activities
2. Assessment and matching of individual advocates to NCI activities
3. Training of individual advocates and NCI staff to prepare for a research advocacy engagement
4. Facilitating the engagement process
5. Evaluating and tracking advocacy involvement
6. Retaining research advocates and NCI staff and promoting advocate involvement in NCI activities

Provide comment on the recommendations by email to nciadvocacywg@mail.nih.gov ✉ or by regular mail:

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8. Feedback

This is the second edition of our online format and we want to know what our readers think! [Here's our quick eNews survey](#) – just 7 easy questions. We want to hear from you! Thanks!

The deadline for submissions to the January 2010 *CTSI Community Engagement Program eNews* is **Friday, January 15th**.

Now you can read [archived Community Engagement Program eNewsletters](#).