Hey Community Engagers,

Congratulations to Leslie Wright, the Community Liaison for Kaiser Permanente! Leslie cofounded and currently chairs a program called "Global Diversity: The Trippin' Out Series." This program just won a National Kaiser Permanente Award for Diversity. The program is a monthly brown bag lunch series featuring internal and external presenters who share experiences related to cultural competency diversity, and social and health disparities. The topics have ranged from hand-cycling for people with disabilities to historical and cultural experiences of black women and their hair, to power and oppression from the perspective of a male, gay, Jewish, feminist. Leslie and two coworkers developed the program, which is now in it's 6th year, to create a safe space for our coworkers and community colleagues to talk about their experiences.

Reminder, the CCTSI Community Engagement PACT Council meeting is this coming Tuesday, November 9th, 5:00-8:00pm, to be held in the Lily Marks Board Room of the NEW University Physicians Inc. building (13199 E. Montview Blvd, Aurora). We know that lots of folks are attending the APHA Annual Meeting & Expo here in Denver next week (November 6-10), and we would encourage others to take the opportunity to participate in the APHA meeting as well (http://www.apha.org/meetings/highlights/).

Getting to Know You ... Lucille Johnson, Community Liaison
Lucille serves as the Director of Health Initiatives at The Center for African-American Health (http://www.caahealth.org/page.cfm). She is the executive producer of three health education outreach videos and has served as voiceover talent on numerous projects. Lucille holds a Master of Arts in Psychology and a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration. She was recently appointed by Mayor Hickenlooper to serve on the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Center of Denver. Lucille also volunteers her services on the national African-American Initiative Sub-Committee for the American Diabetes Association and the Board of Directors for More than Music, an organization serving the margins of society through concert ministry, music education, and relationship building. Lucille is the recipient of RIHEL’s Excellence in Leadership Award and the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation’s Livingston Fellowship Award.

Have a good weekend!
Jack Westfall