Hey Community Engagers,

The 2010 Colorado Health Report Card, newly released by the Colorado Health Foundation, monitors the health of our state. "While Colorado has the leanest population of adults, we fall far behind in several other health indicators. In fact, Colorado's obesity rate for adults has actually doubled in fewer than 20 years. If this trend continues, we will not be No. 1 for long as our rates are climbing at a faster rate than other states," said Anne Warhover, president and CEO of the Colorado Health Foundation. For example, the state lags behind in prenatal care (34th), dental care for children (38th) and children's health insurance coverage (44th). The link to read more about the 2010 Colorado Health Report Card is http://www.coloradohealthreportcard.org/reportcard/2010/default.aspx.

A REMINDER that next Friday, April 1—no, not an April Fool’s joke—is the deadline to RSVP and submit posters for the PACT Open House & Poster Session to be held April 14, 5:00-8:00pm at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Research 2 Building, Room 2100. Open House RSVPs - http://tinyurl.com/PACTOpenHouse Call for Posters submission - http://tinyurl.com/4takk8h

We invite you to join this year’s Colorado Cancer Summit on April 25-26 at the Red Lion Hotel Denver Central, 4040 Quebec St., Denver. Exceptional speakers are lined up to follow the theme of Past, Present and Future in the area of cancer control. There are opportunities to learn about building healthy communities, implementation of the 2015 Colorado Cancer Plan, and the chance to network with colleagues. Colorado Foundation for Public Health and the Environment, DHHS Office on Women's Health, Poudre Valley Health System, and Susan G. Komen for the Cure-Denver Metropolitan are sponsors with support from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Please share this information with others who might be interested. For information and registration: Colorado Cancer Summit Registration.

Over the past 30 years, rural health care has changed dramatically. The Country Doctor Revisited is a fascinating collection of essays, poems, and short stories written by rural health care professionals on the experiences of doctors and nurses practicing medicine in rural environments. “In this collection we hear the voices of men and women who provide care and facilitate healing in modern rural settings. . . . These storytellers, essayists, and poets live in small towns across the rural United States. They marvel, grumble, cry, grapple and meditate on the beauty and challenges they encounter in their healing practices.” —excerpt from the Introduction. Watch this You Tube video and share with your colleagues: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6ylqjyEksl.
Focus on PACT Communities - San Luis Valley
The San Luis Valley is a 4,000 sq. mile alpine valley comprised of six southern Colorado counties. Prior to 1868, the Capote band of Ute Indians lived in the Valley. Today, the Valley has the largest native Hispanic population in Colorado; many families are directly descended from New Mexican settlers. Predominantly agricultural in nature, the area also is one of the poorest rural areas of Colorado; however, tourism, solar energy, the arts, and establishment as a retirement community are increasingly important to the economy. The Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center (RMPRC), although not always under the same name, has been conducting community-based participatory evaluation, intervention, and translation research in the San Luis Valley for the past 27 years. The research history includes biological and behavioral factors in diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, asthma management, aging, water quality, physical activity, nutrition, and policy. Find more info on RMPRC at http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/research/centers/RMPRC/Pages/welcome.aspx.

Have a great weekend!
Jack Westfall
Save the Date!
April 14, 2011
5:00-8:00 p.m.

Community Engagement
Open House & Poster Session

Thursday, April 14, 2011  |  5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
University of Colorado Denver  |  Anschutz Medical Campus
Research 2 Building, Room 2100

The Partnership of Academicians and Communities for Translation (PACT) and the Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CCTSI) Community Engagement Core cordially invite you to attend the second annual Community Engagement Open House and Poster Session showcasing community-academic partnerships in translational and community-engaged research. Refreshments will be served.

- Learn about community-based participatory research and how you can get involved
- Learn about flourishing partnerships between community-based organizations and academic researchers from across the state
- Learn about programs designed to improve relationships and build trust between academicians and communities

RSVP online by April 1, 2011: [http://tinyurl.com/PACTOpenHouse](http://tinyurl.com/PACTOpenHouse)

or contact Dee Smyth at 303-724-5731

Check out the [Call for Posters!](#) Abstracts are due by April 1st!