Hey Community Engagers,

A piece about community engagement in eastern Colorado that mentions the CCTSI was published in the AAMC Reporter (Association of American Medical Colleges) May 2011, entitled Merging Researchers and Communities to Improve Outcomes, by Sarah Mann. "It was an unlikely scenario. In a small town in the eastern Colorado plains, a group of men embroiled in the task of auctioning cattle and ranch equipment suddenly got to talking about colonoscopies."

Read the rest of the article at https://www.aamc.org/newsroom/reporter/may11/188552/merging_researchers.html.

Did you know that one of our 2009-10 CCTSI Community Engagement pilot grantees, Sarah McCarthy (community partner), ran in the recent campaign for Denver Clerk & Recorder? Although Sarah did not win the election, she sure gave it a good try.

PACT Council member Alok Sarwal, PhD, is one of six recipients of the 2011 Asian American Heroes of Colorado award. Alok was recognized for his amazing work establishing the Colorado Alliance for Health Equity and Practice (CAHEP). (See http://asianavenuemagazine.com/.) These distinguished awardees have made unique contributions to the Asian community in Colorado. As one recipient, “Less than 4% of Colorado’s population is Asian. We are invisible. And our culture teaches us to be invisible.” Thank you to Alok for his dedication to making the needs of the expansive Asian and Refugee communities in Colorado more visible and better addressed by creating this model health resource. Congratulations, Alok.

REMINDERS:
The next PACT Council meeting will be **Tuesday, July 12, 2011**, 5:00-8:00pm, in the Lilly Marks Board Room of the University Physicians Inc. building (13199 East Montview Boulevard, Aurora, CO 80045). Several important issues will be on the agenda, so be sure to attend if possible.

The deadline for submission of (1) poster presentation abstracts and/or (2) Think Tank Leader proposals is **Friday, July 22, 2011**, for the 4th Annual National CTSA Community Engagement Conference in Bethesda, Maryland, to be held on August 30-31, 2011. Early bird registration deadline for the conference is **Friday, July 1, 2011**. Contact Montelle Tamez (montelle.tamez@ucdenver.edu, 303-724-5736) if you are interested in attending or planning to submit an abstract/proposal.


Getting to Know You ... **May Tran, Community Liaison**
May Tran is the Community Liaison for the Asian/Refugee community in Denver, Colorado. May works at [Colorado Alliance for Health Equity and Practice](http://www.cahep.org) (CAHEP). Fluent in four languages (Chinese-Cantonese, Vietnamese, French, and English), May is a client navigator, an interpreter, a translator, and a mammogram coordinator for CAHEP. As a boat refugee herself, May has a passion to help the Vietnamese and Chinese communities in Denver by utilizing her networking skills and languages. She was born in a Chinese family, lived in Viet Nam, went to a private French School, and graduated from Metropolitan State College with Magna Cum Laude in Computer Management Science. She is a member of the Asian Roundtable of Colorado, a Board of Director for the Vietnamese Big Heart Non-Profit Organization, and a Board of Director for The Pearl Foundation. May also volunteers her time to play classical piano to the senior citizens in Denver metro areas. As a Community Liaison, she will be able to build relationships and connect the dots between the researchers at the University and the diverse Asian communities.

Have a great weekend!
Jack Westfall
***REMINDER***

Conference Announcement and Call for Poster/Think Tank Proposals

“Using IT to Improve Community Health: How Health Care Reform Supports Innovation”

4th Annual National CTSA Community Engagement Conference

Tuesday & Wednesday, August 30 – 31, 2011

This year’s conference will provide a forum to discuss the interface of Information Technology and community health, present innovative examples of clinicians' and the public's use of information tools to improve health and the emerging and current issues facing expanded use.

Opportunity to Submit abstracts in two categories: (1) Poster presentation abstracts and/or (2) Think Tank Leader proposals.

Poster presentations featured on both days of the 2-day conference.

Selected Think Tank leaders will lead a session on the first day of the conference and after the conference produce a journal article based on the session discussion that will be submitted for publishing in the Science Translational Medicine Journal.

Deadline for both submissions: midnight Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Friday, July 22, 2011.

Location: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Rd, Bethesda, MD 20852??

Program Agenda, Registration, Abstract Details and Submission Form and other Conference Logistics available at: https://www.dtmi.duke.edu/ce-workshop

This conference is sponsored through Cooperative Agreements by the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) — a component of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) — and the CTSA program of Duke University. (U13RR030724-03)