Hey Community Engagers,

**Liaisons in the Field**

Liaison Lorenzo Ramirez conducted an interactive educational presentation on HIV/AIDS on Dec 1st at the Denver Center For International Studies (DCIS). His presentation included a brief video followed by a great discussion about the facts of HIV infection and the stigma that still exists—a topic he discusses openly with reference to his own personal experiences that results in a candid exchange of information. He introduced his work as a CCTSI Community Liaison in addressing health disparities in the Latino community to this new audience. Lorenzo was invited by Juana Cena, a DCIS student and participant in the 2011 Summer Academic Immersion.

Liaison Leslie Wright also demonstrates the networking opportunities of the Liaisons. In October, Leslie and members of the GLBT SUSTAIN project (CCTSI pilot grant) met with State Senator Irene Aguilar, MD. Senator Aguilar is the current Senator for District 32, which contains Capitol Hill, the geographic focus area for the SUSTAIN project. Senator Aguilar was intrigued with the project’s adaptation of the Naturally Occurring Retirement Community (NORC) model to a specific population, such as seniors in the GLBT community. She expressed her support for the project in Capitol Hill and asked to receive project updates. Senator Aguilar invited the SUSTAIN partners to the Capitol after Leslie described the project to her at the recent Culture of Data Conference in Denver. (Contact Leslie at Leslie.A.Wright@kp.org for more information on the NORC model.)

**Posters/Presentations by CCTSI PACT Community Liaisons and Scientific Staff**

Colorado Immersion Training in CE (CIT) was presented at the North American Primary Care Research Group (NAPCRG) Conference in Banff, Canada, in November. Linda Zittleman and Liaison Christin Sutter presented the CIT poster. There was strong interest and appreciation for this program. NAPCRG attracts researchers, physicians, medical students, program coordinators and many other “hats” from the U.S., Canada, England, Australia, and other exotic parts of the world.

Abstracts for the “Day in the Life of a Community Liaison” (prepared by Liaison Leslie Wright) and Colorado Immersion Training in CE (prepared by Linda Zittleman) were accepted to Campus-Community Partnerships for Health Conference (Houston, April 2012). Both abstracts were accepted as “thematic posters.” For the same conference, Sara Miller and Montelle Tamez were accepted to present a skill-building workshop, entitled "The Science of Community Engagement: Using a public health institute to increase effectiveness of translational research through an innovative community and academic partnership."
Call for Presentations/Speakers

Funding Opportunity - Pfizer
Deadline: February 10, 2012
Bioethics Research Fellowship: The fellowship is intended to support research proposals for programs and initiatives that seek to uncover mechanisms for improving the organization, financing, and delivery of public health strategies that promote health and prevent disease and disability on a population-wide basis. The Fellowship in Bioethics provides an opportunity for researchers to explore ethical issues that arise in the everyday practice of contemporary medicine. Institutions interested in this fellowship program should submit research proposals for programs and initiatives centered on issues such as doctor-patient confidentiality, genetic testing, stem cell research, professional boundaries, conflicts of interest, informed consent for treatment and research, and end-of-life care.

Coming Up in 2012
The Center for African American Health will start new diabetes classes beginning in January 2012. The Diabetes Self-Management program is a six-session education program for people with diabetes, at risk for diabetes, or caring for someone with the disease. The purpose is to teach the skills related to taking care of the daily tasks of living with diabetes. The program was developed and tested by the Stanford University School of Medicine, and it works! Call 303-355-3423 to register, or for more information.

2040 Partners for Health will be holding their 3rd Annual Neighborhood Health Summit on February 4, 2012, at the Denver School of the Arts. Watch for details at http://www.2040partnersforhealth.org/content/health-summit.

Have a great weekend!
Jack Westfall