Hey Community Engagers,

Alexis Thurlow, CCTSI ResearchMatch Liaison, gave a brief and enlightening presentation at the PACT Scientific Staff meeting on February 2, 2011, on ResearchMatch web registry and how it works. While the PACT had decided not to strongly push ResearchMatch, members recognize the opportunity to participate and promote its utilization. As such, Alexis will be invited to enhance our knowledge at an upcoming PACT Council meeting.

http://cctsi.ucdenver.edu/Research-Resources/Pages/VolunteerRegistry.aspx

Here's an interesting issue brief on the Colorado Health Institute Web site, using 2008-09 Colorado Household Survey data... "This brief examines insurance status, utilization patterns and demographic characteristics of Coloradans who are medically vulnerable, and looks at how state and federal health care reforms might improve their ability to get quality, timely health care."

Medically Vulnerable Coloradans: Challenges and opportunities for improving coverage and access to care - January 18, 2011

Ned Calonge named to Colorado Health Institute board
DENVER, January 26, 2011—The Colorado Health Institute (CHI) has named Ned Calonge, MD, president and CEO of The Colorado Trust, to its Board of Trustees. Before joining The Colorado Trust in September 2010, Dr. Calonge served for more than eight years as chief medical officer for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. In this role, he was responsible for supervision of the health-related divisions and overseeing the Office of Health Disparities. From 1991 to 2002, Dr. Calonge served as chief of the Department of Preventive Medicine for Colorado Permanente Medical Group.

"Ned brings a wealth of experience to CHI from his days as a practicing family physician, researcher, leader for promoting prevention services at Kaiser Permanente, and most recently his decade-long service as chief medical officer," said Art Davidson, MD, director of public health informatics for Denver Health and CHI board chairman. "He has a deep understanding of the relationships between policy and the practical. The board and staff at CHI will benefit from his keen analytic sense and many perspectives."

Dr. Calonge has chaired and served on numerous boards and commissions. Locally Dr. Calonge serves as a member of the Colorado Medical Board, which licenses and regulates physicians and on the boards of directors for LiveWell Colorado and the Delta Dental Foundation. Dr. Calonge also serves as associate professor of family medicine, Department of Family Medicine, University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine (UCD) and associate professor of epidemiology, UCD Colorado School of Public Health.
The Colorado Health Institute works to advance the health of Coloradans through independent data and analysis about health care topics important to the state.

The Colorado Trust is a grantmaking foundation dedicated to achieving access to health for all Coloradans.

Have a great weekend!
Jack Westfall