Hey Community Engagers,

REMINDER: PACT Council members send in completed nomination forms by Friday, February 3rd — montelle.tamez@ucdenver.edu.

Coming up are some great opportunities ... check 'em out!

3rd Neighborhood Health Summit - February 4, 2012, 8:30am-1:30pm
2040 Partners for Health is hosting their 3rd Neighborhood Health Summit on February 4, 2012, at the Denver School of the Arts (East Montview Boulevard at Quebec). Come listen to guest speaker Senator Irene Aguilar and learn more about mental health resources, the Insurance Exchanges, discrimination in healthcare, and kids obesity. RSVP by January 30: summit@2040health.org or 720-216-0075 ext. 104. See the attached invitation.

Also on February 4th (8:30am-3:30pm) is the 2012 African-American Health Fair being held just up the street at the Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec, Denver. Why not make it an entire Saturday of health — there's time to attend the 2040 Health Summit and then go up the street to the African-American Health Fair.
http://caahealth.org/page.cfm

Call for Abstracts - Deadline Feb 6
The Community-Based Public Health Caucus Call for Abstracts is now open for the 140th American Public Health Association Meeting and Exposition to be held from October 27-31, 2012, in San Francisco, California. http://apha.confex.com/apha/140am/cbph.htm

Call for Reviewers - Deadline Jan 23
Also, the Community Based Public Health Caucus is looking for peer reviewers (community and academic) to review abstracts for the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in 2012. The theme of the 2012 meeting is Prevention and Wellness Across the Lifespan. Abstract review will take place from February 28 to March 12, 2012. Please send an email to Jim.Amell@colostate.edu with the following information by January 23, 2012 if you are interested and available: 1) Name, 2) Email address (this address is where correspondence will be sent to you), 3) Whether you are a community or academic reviewer, and 4) Your areas of expertise (e.g., CBPR, cancer, health disparities). Please provide three to five key words to be used in the review assignments.
Leadership is for Everyone (LIFE) Program - April 13, 2012, 8:30am-5:00pm

Join Colorado Society for Public Health Education (COSOPHE), Colorado Environmental Health Association (CEHA), and Regional Institute Health & Environmental Leadership (RIHEL) for a leadership development and networking event at the Lone Tree Arts Center, City of Lone Tree, Colorado. This event is intended for those who work to create and sustain the health and wellbeing of people and the environment who are interested in developing and refining their leadership skills. For more information and registration, go to the RIHEL website:


In the News...

If you "hang out" with the Partnership of Academicians and Communities for Translation (PACT) any length of time, you have probably heard PACT Chair Larry Green tout the talent and expertise of our various PACT Council members. Indeed, Jim Hill is one of those gems. The January 12, 2012, issue of CU Connections announced that James O. Hill was named to the board of directors for the American Diabetes Association, the nation’s largest voluntary health organization leading the fight to stop diabetes. Congratulations! Furthermore, our same Jim Hill was quoted in a January 17, 2012, Los Angeles Times article about obesity rates leveling off in the United States. Read both articles:

http://connections.cu.edu/people/hill-named-to-diabetes-board/
http://www.latimes.com/health/la-he-obesity-20120118,0,3676687.story

In the CU Newsroom, January 16, 2012, a brief paragraph announced that Eileen Thomas, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing, was selected to receive a CCTSI Community Engagement pilot grant award for the period May 1, 2012-April 31, 2013. In the partnership development pilot project entitled "Integrative Care Services for Asian Pacific Islanders in Colorado Communities," Dr. Thomas' community partner is Lourdes Yun at the Asian Pacific Development Center. We're looking forward to working with this partnership in the coming year, and we'd encourage you to read their planned project abstract below. See the article at

http://www.ucdenver.edu/about/newsroom/ourcolleagues/Pages/Eileen-Thomas-01-16-2012.aspx

Abstract: "Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs) are the least likely to seek help for mental disorders and Asian cultural values of self-reliance, reservation, and fear of shamming the family keep many from seeking assistance for both emotional and physical problems. Due to linguistic, cultural, and other socioeconomic barriers, AAPIs are often unable or unwilling to access mainstream health care services, leaving an unmet void for mental and physical healthcare services. Low service utilization for health and mental health services has been identified as a major concern for AAPIs. Our desired outcome is to provide culturally acceptable medical and behavioral health services in a single seamless and integrated clinical setting. Given that mental disorders simultaneously affect the mind and the body, as a partnership, we strongly believe and are committed to providing integrative healthcare services at a single location with culturally and linguistically skilled providers and staff. By modifying an existing integrative healthcare service model, an evidence-based model of integrated behavioral health and primary healthcare services will be provided at a single location to ensure holistic provision of services. Future research plans include testing the feasibility, cultural acceptability, and efficacy of providing integrative healthcare services for AAPIs."

Have a great weekend!
Jack Westfall
Getting the Health Care You Need

You are Invited...

Join your neighbors to learn and share ideas for how to improve health and healthcare in our five neighborhoods (NW Aurora, East Montclair, Stapleton, Park Hill, NE Park Hill)

Make your voice heard about how you want healthcare to work for you.

Meet the organizations and people working in our neighborhood to improve health and health equity.

Saturday, February 4, 2012

8:15am - 1:30pm
Denver School of the Arts - Concert Hall
7111 Montview Blvd. (at Quebec)
Denver, CO 80222

FREE ADMISSION AND LUNCH
GREAT DOOR PRIZES!

PLEASE RSVP by January 30.
Space is limited, so please RSVP to: summit@2040health.org or 720.216.0075 ext. 104 with the following information:

- Name
- Organization (if any)
- Phone Number
- E-mail
- Neighborhood you live in

Keynote Speaker
Senator Irene Aguilar, MD
Senate District 32

Guest Speakers
Lorez Meinhold & Gretchen Hammer
State of Colorado Health Reform and Implementation

Cec Ortiz
Project Manager, Colorado Latino Aging Wave

Claudine McDonald & Rich Duncan
Access Behavioral Health

Joe Campe
Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved

Tim Cortez & Joscelyn Gay
Colorado Department of Health, Long Term Care

C-STAHR Medical Students
And Community Advisors

Program

8:15am
Registration and Coffee

8:30am-12pm
Program (including lunch)

Topics: Getting the Health Care You Need

- Discrimination in Health Care Project: What do we know and what can we do about it?
- Mental Health Resources: Where to find them.
- The Insurance Exchanges: Will they help you or complicate your life?
- Health Stories: Hear about and sign up to be a part of this program.
- Great Ideas in Community Health: Latino Aging Wave

12-1:15pm
Community Awards & Keynote Address

1:15-1:30pm
Wrap Up, Evaluations & Door Prizes

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