Hey Community Engagers,

Have you heard?
In a June 18th press release, the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) announced the approval of 50 research funding awards, totaling $30 million over two years, through its Pilot Projects Program, which will address a broad range of questions about methods for engaging patients in the health research and dissemination process (http://www.pcori.org/2012/pilot-projects-awards/). The state of Colorado received three PCORI awards...the University of Colorado got two...including the largest! Now, that's exciting! If interested in the other awardees, see http://www.pcori.org/funded/.

Coming Up in July and August...

- **Saturday, July 7, 2012, 10:30am-Noon, 1st Saturday for Seniors**, "Facts About Falls: How to Prevent Falls in Older Age" presented by Karen Villalon, MD. (This topic was rescheduled due to adverse weather in February.) University of Colorado-Anschutz Medical Campus, Building 500 (17th Place and Aurora Court), Bushnell Auditorium, 8th Floor. Public invited, FREE admission, free parking in Ignacio Visitor's Parking Lot. RSVPs not needed.

- **Saturday, July 7, 2012, 8:00am-1:00pm, Health Fair - Asian-Indian Community**, organized by Colorado Alliance for Health Equity and Practice, Gurupurnima celebration at Shirdi Sai Baba Temple, 7899 S. Lincoln Ct., Littleton, CO. Blood pressure measurement, bone density screening, lung function test, BMI measurement, tests for cholesterol, HgA1C, Lipids Hepatic Function Panel, CBC, metabolic panel, women health issues, and others. Health education also provided on-site in a preferred language.

- **Tuesday, July 10, 2012, 5:00-8:00pm, CCTSI PACT Council Meeting**, Lilly Marks Board Room, University Physicians Inc. building (13199 E. Montview Boulevard), Aurora. RSVPs requested (dee.smyth@ucdenver.edu).

- **July 13-15, 2012, Black Arts Festival**, City Park West, Denver. Be sure to visit the Center for African American Health's booth for free blood pressure screenings and lots of useful health information. For more information on the festival, go to www.colbaf.org.

- **Wednesday, July 18, 2012, 1:30-2:30pm, Community Engagement Pilot Grant Applicants Webinar**. Potential applicants are invited to join the webinar for basic information about program requirements and the newly released Community Engagement Pilot Grants RFA along with the opportunity to ask questions. Information about the webinar can be found at http://cctsi.ucdenver.edu/Funding/Pages/CommunityEngagementPilots.aspx.

- **Wednesday, July 25, 2012, 9:00am-Noon, Public Health Training**, "Creating Committed Collaborations: The Key to Program Success" cosponsored by Colorado School of Public Health and Southeastern Colorado Area Health Education Center. Location: Pueblo City County Health Department, 101 W 9th Street, Pueblo, CO 81003, 3rd Floor Conference Room.
Room. This training explores various stages of collaboration and the benefits and elements of successful partnerships. Register for this session by going to:
https://publichealthpractice.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=141.


- **Saturday, July 28, 2012, 8:30am, 2nd Annual Destination Health: Walk, Run, Learn, City Park, Denver, presented by the Center for African American Health. Join in a 5K run/walk on one of three beautiful courses through Denver's City Park. Register at www.caahealth.org.

- **Saturday, August 4, 2012, 10:30am-Noon, 1st Saturday for Seniors**, "Addressing Depression in the Elderly" presented by Jeff Wallace, MD. (This topic was rescheduled due to adverse weather last December.) University of Colorado-Anschutz Medical Campus, Building 500 (17th Place and Aurora Court), Bushnell Auditorium, 8th Floor. Public invited, FREE admission, free parking in Ignacio Visitor's Parking Lot. RSVPs not needed.

- **Saturday, August 4, 2012, 9:00am-1:00pm, Health Fair - Korean Community**, organized by Colorado Alliance for Health Equity and Practice, Memorial Park, 1705 E. Pikes Peak Ave., Colorado Springs, CO. Blood pressure measurement, bone density screening, lung function test, BMI measurement, tests for cholesterol, HgA1C, Lipids Hepatic Function Panel, CBC, metabolic panel, women health issues, and others. Health education also provided on-site in a preferred language.

- **August 23-24, 2012: National Community Engagement Conference**, "Methods, Metrics, and Outcomes: Evaluating the Success of Community Engaged Research." (Bethesda, Maryland), https://www.dtmi.duke.edu/ce-workshop. Our CCTSI PACT Council Chair, Larry Green, will be a speaker at this conference along with Nina Wallerstein and the other Larry Green.

**Asset Based Community Development Workshop - Building Local Partnerships Which Improve Services**
Former PACT scientific staff, Debbi Main, passed along this resource which seems like a great workshop for community partners in CCTSI — September 19, 2012, 9:15am-4:15pm. The attached brochure states, "Asset-Based Community Development is all about utilizing the strengths of everyone in the community—which most especially includes resident leaders." Register online at www.thenetwork-co.org/training.

**Published Letter in Annals of Family Medicine**
A letter that Dr. Marc Ringel (PACT Council member) wrote was published June 9th online by Annals of Family Medicine. He was asked to comment on the article "Communities of Solution: The Folsom Report Revisited." Marc said he "wound up speaking somewhat sharp words about an editorial that presented a very un-communitarian position on nurse practitioners in the same issue of the journal. The question is, what is a community? The obvious answer is, never just family doctors, no matter how well-intentioned we may be and how hip in comparison to our colleagues in other specialties." Read the letter at http://www.annfammed.org/letters/.

Have a great weekend!
Jack Westfall
Creating Committed Collaborations: The Key to Program Success

Date:  Wednesday July 25, 2012
Time:  9:00am-Noon

Location:
Pueblo City County Health Department
101 W 9th Street
Pueblo, CO 81003
3rd Floor Conference Room

Cosponsored by: Southeastern Colorado AHEC

Workshop Description
This training explores various stages of collaboration and the benefits and elements of successful partnerships. Participants will be encouraged to consider a collaboration that they want to develop or strengthen throughout the session. Interactive and engaging training strategies are used to share collaboration research and to learn from each other. Participants will leave this training with new ideas that can be immediately applied to strengthen current collaborations.

Learning Objectives
Participants will be able to:
1. Define types of collaborative interaction
2. Define characteristics of successful collaborations
3. Describe the link between high quality collaborations and successful program outcomes
4. Identify challenges and possible solutions
5. Apply learnings to strengthen current or future collaborations

Intended Audiences
Staff from state and local health agencies, community-based organizations, and others interested in developing more effective collaborations to achieve successful public health outcomes.

Trainers: Janna West Kowalski, MS and Laurie Schneider, MPH

For more information please contact Colorado.CPHP@ucdenver.edu or 303-724-5846

The Southeastern Colorado AHEC can be reached at 719-544-7833 or at info@secahec.org.

Please register for this session by going to: https://publichealthpractice.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=141

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Asset-based community development begins with the assumption that successful community building involves rediscovering and mobilizing resources already present in any community:

- The skills and resources of its individuals,
- The power of voluntary associations, achieved through building relationships
- The assets present in the array of local institutions, the physical infrastructure of the community and the local economy.

Another way of saying this is: successful community development is asset-based, internally-focused, and relationship-driven. Although some resources from outside the community are often needed, the key to lasting solutions comes from within. The gifts and skills of residents and the assets of the physical community are always the starting place.

No plan, solution or organization from outside the community can duplicate what is already there. Over time, some simple but powerful tools have been developed to aid this rediscovery and mobilization, tools that have emerged from practical experience.

The Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Institute is based at Northwestern University, and founded by Jody Kretzmann and John McKnight—authors of *Building Communities from the Inside Out.*

**Participants will:**

- Learn the principles of asset-based community development
- Examine their own views of poverty and helping
- Define the capacity of their current organizational environment to create community change
- Envision their own ability to act within that environment
- Create an action plan to engage their community
- See The Human Services Network as a community of change for human service providers.

Mike Green is affiliated with the Asset Based Community Development Institute. He offers ABCD training and consultation to organizations to engage local communities as partners for collective action. Mike is the coauthor of *When People Care Enough To Act: ABCD In Action,* a book about implementing asset-based community development to create successful community partnerships.

Mike’s present framework for practice came from his life experience in community organizing, social work and business. He is a licensed clinical social worker (M.S.W.) and family therapist. He has worked in human services, public welfare, mental health and schools. He writes, "The end result is that more and more people can come to see truly that, 'there is no one we don’t need,' and that a community without a place for everyone really has a place for no one."
Registration and networking start at 8:30am.
Registration starts at $70 for paid members of The Human Services Network of Colorado

REGISTER ONLINE at www.thenetwork-co.org/training

Special Resident Rate
for Network members only

Bring your resident leaders—or the equivalent for your program. Combined registration for a resident leader attending with a member registrant is only $95 for this workshop!

Asset-Based Community Development is all about utilizing the strengths of everyone in the community—which most especially includes resident leaders.

By examining the assets of all our neighbors and participants, this approach creates powerful resident-centered change movements that solve problems. Our hope is that this special rate will enable our members to send their resident leaders, so that they can become more effective partners in creating positive, lasting change within their communities.