Hey Community Engagers,

This morning, news of a tragic shooting rampage in our neighboring Aurora community saddened our hearts at the Anschutz Medical Campus. Innumerable positive thoughts and prayers go out to friends and families of those involved, along with our sincere condolences.

On a brighter note, CHTSI Community Engagement Pilot Grant Updates...
Thank you to the CHTSI Community Engagement Cycle 4 pilot grantees for sharing their Friday in our "Let's Get Started" training on July 13th or 20th. Academic and community partners from six joint pilot project grants and one partnership development grant spent a full day learning more about community-based participatory research methods as well as exchanging their ideas, experiences, and lessons learned thus far in their partnerships. It was exciting to hear their stories, and we look forward to learning more about their research journey throughout the year.

More than 70 potential applicants participated in the CHTSI Community Engagement Pilot Grants (Cycle 5) Applicants' Webinar on July 18th. Montelle Tamez presented goals of the community engagement pilot grant program, available funding, application categories, examples of project activities, eligibility requirements, budget guidelines, submission requirements, IRB approval, review criteria, post-award requirements, and fielded questions from potential applicants. The Request for Application can be downloaded from funding page of the CHTSI Website, and check out the slides from the Webinar, which soon will be posted there (http://cctsi.ucdenver.edu/Funding/Pages/CommunityEngagementPilots.aspx).

Dr. Larry Allen, the academic partner of a CHTSI Community Engagement Cycle 2 joint pilot project grant, passed along the news that Jessica Retrum, a member of the pilot grant team, recently submitted a manuscript to Circulation: Cardiovascular Outcomes and Quality journal, entitled "Patient-Identified Factors Related to Heart Failure Readmissions." The manuscript abstract states that the "study provides the first systematic qualitative assessment of patient perspectives regarding heart failure readmission." Kaiser Permanente was the community partner of this joint pilot grant, and we'll continue tracking if and when the article is published.

Coming Up...
• 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. 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.

- **July 25-27, 2012, Colorado Health Foundation Symposium**, "Health Equity Bridging the Divides." Keynote speakers: Jeffrey Banner, MD, and Wes Moore — the Plenary presentations and an evening debate will be streamed live on Ustream.tv.

- **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.

- **Monday, August 13, 2012, CCTSI Community Engagement Pilot Grant Program deadline to submit Letters of Intent.** http://cctsi.ucdenver.edu/Funding/Pages/CommunityEngagementPilots.aspx

- **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.

Stay cool and have a great weekend,
Jack Westfall