Hey Community Engagers,

Did you know that November is American Diabetes Month? Visit the Center for African American Health's website (www.caahealth.org) to learn more about diabetes education, management and support, as well as other activities to help you "Live Well"!

Spaces Still Available: Crucial Conversations Revisited
Thursday, November 29, 2012, 8am-12pm
Problem Solve, Practice and Propel Your Skills
LOCATION: CDPHE Lab Bldg., 8100 Lowry Blvd., Denver, CO 80230
COST: $50/person

Remember what motivated you to take the Crucial Conversations Course in the first place? Have you used some of the skills, but feel the need to “brush up” and reinforce what you learned? Are there tools you are able to use easily, and others that you struggle to implement? Do you find yourself able to use the skills with some people or in some situations, but not others? Do you have lingering questions about what has and hasn’t worked for you? Any or all of these may be reasons to enroll in a half-day Crucial Conversations refresher course. It is specifically designed for anyone who has previously taken the official Crucial Conversations® Training… anywhere, and at any time – not just in connection with RIHEL (Regional Institute Health Environmental Leadership). So please share with others who may be interested. It’s not too late! Want to refresh, reinforce, and raise your Crucial Conversation skills? Then this course is for you. Register online today!
http://www.rihel.org/training-events/crucial-conversations-revisited

Upcoming...
• Saturday, December 1, 2012, 11:00am-2:00pm, 21st Founder's Day Harambee Brunch & Awards Program, Doubletree Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO. Owetta McNeil will be honored by the National Council of Negro Women-Denver Section. Tickets may be purchased online at www.ncnwdenver.org.
• Tuesday, December 4, 2012, Colorado Gives Day, an initiative to increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving, presented by Community First Foundation and FirstBank, with a goal to inspire and unite Coloradans in supporting local nonprofits. Donations will be accepted through the GivingFirst.org website.
• December 5-7, 2012, 2nd National Community Partner Forum, Washington, DC. Community partners from across the U.S. will convene to advance a health research equity and action agenda. The forum seeks to grow & deepen a national network of community partners that has a significant voice in decisions about research practice & policy. Key
stakeholders from academia, government, philanthropy and the non-profit sector will join the dialogue on Dec 6-7. For details, http://ccph.info/.

- **Saturday, December 8, 2012, 9:30am-4:00pm, American Association for Strengthening Families & Communities Annual Conference**, Denver Department of Human Services, 3815 Steele, Denver, CO 80218. Networking, information sharing, informing public policy. RSVP by email: AASFC@ccesj.org.

- **Tuesday, December 11, 2012, Noon-1:30pm, Research through Community-Academic Partnerships: Lessons Learned.** Seminar 4: Partnership Infrastructure: Formalization of Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations. Speaker: Debbi Main, PhD. University of Colorado-Anschutz Medical Campus, Education 2 North Building (13120 E. 19th Ave, Aurora), Room 1103. Open to the public, brown bag free parking in any visitors lot with parking code 3986.

**PCORI Patient Engagement Workshop Archived Webcast**

Those who attended the November PACT Council meeting heard a bit from Maret Felzien about the recent Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Patient Engagement Workshop, "Transforming Patient-Centered Research: Building Partnerships and Promising Models," held in Washington, DC, in which she and her husband Ned Norman participated as community voices from the High Plains Research Network. They gave lots of great input and it appears some of their ideas are moving forward within PCORI. This was the first in a series of workshops aimed at bringing PCORI's vision for patient and stakeholder engagement to life. Workshop participants provided input to help PCORI establish procedures for identifying research questions, reviewing research proposals for funding, and ensuring patient participation throughout the research process. At the PACT Council meeting, Maret commented that the conversations she heard throughout the two days of workshops reminded her of PACT Council's conversations four years ago, and that our Partnership of Academicians and Communities for Translation, indeed, from its experience could contribute much to PCORI.

Listen to an audio recording of the webcast...Maret and Ned speak at 49 minutes...and read a summary article about the workshop.
http://www.onlinevideoservice.com/clients/pcori/1012/index.html
http://www.pcori.org/blog/pcori-is-opportunity-reflections-from-our-workshop-on-transforming-patient-centered-research/

**New CBPR Resource**

CCTSI Community Liaison Robert McGranaghan announced a new and great community-based participatory (CBPR) resource has become available. The 2nd Edition of *Methods For Community-Based Participatory Research For Health* was just published by Jossey-Bass and officially released at the American Public Health Association meeting in San Francisco. The book is edited by four of Robert's closest CBPR colleagues (three from Michigan and one from UNC Chapel Hill)—Barbara Israel, Eugenia Eng, Amy Schulz, and Edith Parker—and has a foreword by David Satcher. Incidentally, Robert is a co-author of a chapter, entitled "Documentation and Evaluation of CBPR Partnerships: The Use of In-Depth Interviews and Closed-Ended Questionnaires." Thanks for sharing, Robert!

**Health Perspectives: Colorado's Veterans**

As we celebrated the recent Veteran's Day holiday, how many of us thought about the health needs of our Colorado veterans? Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved launched its new Health Perspectives Infographic Series, starting with November's edition, "Colorado's Veterans." This infographic helps illustrate the different challenges Colorado vets face, and I'll
bet there are some data here that will surprise you. Take a look.

Congratulations...
There's a new county commissioner in PACT Council member Noel Dunne's household—his wife, Marianne Dunne, was just elected in Alamosa County. Noel confided that waiting for election results was a most stressful time, not only for Marianne, but for him as well. Our best wishes for a successful term of office!

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday,
Jack Westfall