Community Engagement & PACT Colleagues and Friends,

We're happy to say that several applications for the CCTSI Director of Community Engagement & Research position have been received. Thank you to all of you who spread the word and encouraged individuals to apply. The applications/CVs are now being reviewed and considered by the PACT Executive Committee (PEC) for seniority, knowledge of community engagement and community-based participatory research, national exposure, leadership ability, ability to champion community engagement, passion for PACT, and ability to work well with the CE staff. Stay tuned for their recommendation to PACT Council, CCTSI Leadership, University, and NIH approval.

Upcoming...

- **Monday, July 8, 2013, Noon-1:30pm, PACT Ethics Committee Meeting.** To be held at community site: church meeting room, Hope Lutheran Church, 1345 Macon, Aurora. Brown bag lunch.

- **Monday-Wednesday, July 8, 9, & 10, 2013, 1:30pm, Job Locker Series**, CentrePoint Plaza, Littleton Rooms, 14980 E. Alameda Dr., Aurora, CO 80012. For youth aged 14-21 years looking for summer employment or internships. Register at [http://www.adworks.org/index.php/events/category/4/2013/07/](http://www.adworks.org/index.php/events/category/4/2013/07/).

- **Friday-Sunday, July 12-14, 2013, 10:00am-8:00pm, Colorado Black Arts Festival** returns to Denver City Park West. Its African-American Style. Experience the best of African-American culture at the Colorado Black Arts Festival! This regional event sets the standard for all of your soulful shopping, entertainment, and food for the summer. For info, see [www.colbaf.org](http://www.colbaf.org) or call at 1-888-363-1823.

- **Tuesday, July 16, 2013, 5:00-8:00pm, PACT Council meeting**, Lilly Marks Board Room, University Physicians Inc. building (13199 E. Montview Blvd, Aurora). Free parking in visitor spaces of adjacent parking structure (13299 E. Montview). On the agenda will be voting for new Council members, new CE Director recommendation, and revisions to the bylaws.

- **Saturday, July 27, 2013, 8:30am, 3rd Annual Destination Health Walk/Run/Learn** at Denver's City Park, presented by the Center for African American Health. 5K and one mile walk/run. Fun for the whole family with more than 50 booths, activities, and entertainment. For information and registration: [http://www.caahealth.org/destinationHealth_2013.htm](http://www.caahealth.org/destinationHealth_2013.htm).

- **Thursday-Friday, August 22-23, 2013, 6th Annual National CTSA Community Engagement Conference**, Science of Community Engaged Research: Future Directions, Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. The conference goal is to assess the
state of the science of community-engaged research and develop a plan for the future. For additional information, [https://www.dtmi.duke.edu/ce-workshop](https://www.dtmi.duke.edu/ce-workshop). Poster submission deadline is **July 21, 2013** ([https://www.dtmi.duke.edu/ce-workshop/abstracts](https://www.dtmi.duke.edu/ce-workshop/abstracts)).

**SAVE THE DATE...**

- **Wednesday, September 11, 2013, 11:30am-1:00pm, Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved 2013 Luncheon: Health Is Local.** Mile High Station, 2027 W Lower Colfax Ave, Denver. The event will feature Majora Carter, a highly-lauded urban revitalization strategist, Peabody Award-winning radio broadcaster, who was named one of Fast Company’s 100 Most Creative People in Business. Cost: $50. For more information and to register: [http://www.ccmu.org/events/annual-luncheon/](http://www.ccmu.org/events/annual-luncheon/).

- **Saturday, October 6, 2013, 5:30pm, Mental Health America of Colorado's Annual Tribute Event.** Denver Marriott City Center, 1701 California Street, Denver. Entertainment: The Mary Louise Lee Band. Join an evening of cocktails, a silent and live auction, dinner, and dancing to celebrate Mental Health America of Colorado's 60 years of mental health leadership. For more information, contact Mary Catherine Moss at 720.208.2243 or mmoss@mhacolorado.org.

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) recently published a report and a discussion paper well worth reading. Notice the emphasis on patient and community engagement in both...

**The CTSA Program at NIH: Opportunities for Advancing Clinical and Translational Research**
The IOM released their evaluation of the CTSA Program of the National Center for Advancing Translational Science. The report may be accessed at [http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2013/The-CTSA-Program-at-NIH-Opportunities-for-Advancing-Clinical-and-Translational-Research.aspx](http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2013/The-CTSA-Program-at-NIH-Opportunities-for-Advancing-Clinical-and-Translational-Research.aspx)

**Amplifying the Voice of the Underserved in the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act**
The IOM discussion paper on the implementation and implications of the Affordable Care Act on health equity may be accessed at [http://www.iom.edu/Global/Perspectives/2013/AmplifyingTheVoice](http://www.iom.edu/Global/Perspectives/2013/AmplifyingTheVoice)

**Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) Launches Engagement Awards Program**
The Engagement Awards will offer targeted funding to groups of patients, clinicians and other front-line caregivers, and others across the healthcare community who are interested in facilitating patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR), but who traditionally have not been engaged in such research efforts. The program will support projects to enhance knowledge of PCOR and its benefits; training to foster partnerships between patients, other healthcare stakeholders, and scientists that can lead to research projects; and efforts to implement results of the research in clinical practice. For more information visit: [http://www.pcori.org/2013/engagement-awards/](http://www.pcori.org/2013/engagement-awards/)

**Cost of Care: Bridges to Care Program Tackles Aurora Area Patients That Rely on Expensive ER Care**
This article in the *Aurora Sentinel* caught my attention when I spotted the names Metro Community Provider Network, Aurora Mental Health Center (both were community partners in our first cohort of CCTSI Community Engagement Pilot Grants), and Aurora Health Access (a community organization that our Co-Chair of the PACT Ethics Committee works for). These
organizations, along with Together Colorado, identified and helped people in Aurora who frequently used the emergency room for medical care. The Bridges to Care Program seems to be successful to reduce cost and usage of the ER for non-emergent patient care.

ABC's "Extreme Weight Loss" Comes to University of Colorado
Anschutz Health and Wellness Center chosen as location for reality show
Congratulations to Jim Hill, Executive Director of Anschutz Health & Wellness Center and former PACT Council member! Read about the AHWC's role in the TV series' fourth season of "Extreme Weight Loss."
http://www.ucdenver.edu/about/newsroom/newsreleases/Pages/ABC-Extreme-Weight-Loss-comes-to-University-of-Colorado.aspx

Hope you had a spectacular Independence Day holiday,
Montelle Tamez and Larry Green