Hey Community Engagers,

Upcoming ...

- **Saturday, May 18, 2013, 10:00am-1:00pm, Planting Seeds for Health**, North Middle School Garden Festival, northwest corner of North Middle School, 12095 E. Montview Blvd, Aurora. Celebrate the opening of the first school-based community garden in Aurora! This project was initiated by the BRANCH student interest group and is supported through the Department of Family Medicine and funding from The Piton Foundation. For more information: [http://branch4health.org/nms-community-garden-celebration-day/](http://branch4health.org/nms-community-garden-celebration-day/).

- **Monday, May 20, 2013, 8:00-9:30am, Annual Meeting of the Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved**, held at the historic Bosworth House, 1400 Josephine Street, Denver, for members, partners, and health care leaders. Contact Sarah Mapes ([sarah.mapes@ccmu.org](mailto:sarah.mapes@ccmu.org)) or register at [http://www.ccmu.org/events/annual-meeting/](http://www.ccmu.org/events/annual-meeting/).

- **Tuesday, May 21, 2013, Noon-1:00pm MDT, National Cancer Institute Seminar, Health Rankings and Assessment: Tools of the Trade**. Having an understanding of the health of your community in relation to other communities/states can be an important factor in health planning and programming. The May National Cancer Institute (NCI) Research to Reality cyber-seminar will explore two resources that are designed to help users assess the health of their communities using a variety of data sources, and then to use that data to create solutions and implement programs for a healthier community. The final part of the webinar will be dedicated to Q&A and discussion and will offer an opportunity to engage with the presenters, and also to share your own experiences and thoughts on the use of rankings and health assessments to improve the health of your community. To register, access the website at [https://researchtoreality.cancer.gov/node/1208](https://researchtoreality.cancer.gov/node/1208).

- **Tuesday, May 21, 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).

Not too early to put these summer dates on your calendar...

- **Saturday, June 8, 2013, 7:00pm, Black Chefs in the White House**, Tivoli Center Thurnhalle, Room 250, 900 Auraria Parkway, Denver. A celebration with a meal made from White House recipes. Proceeds from this event benefit the Colorado Black Health Collaborative. For information and tickets:
Monday, June 10, 2013, Noon-1:30pm, PACT Ethics Committee Meeting. To be held at campus site: Health Sciences Library, Tower Room, 12950 E. Montview Blvd, Aurora. Brown bag lunch.

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 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).

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.


New Patient-Centered Outcome Research Institute (PCORI) Funding Announcements
PCORI issued two funding announcements for up to $68 million to improve the nation's capacity to efficiently conduct patient-centered comparative clinical effectiveness research (CER). The two linked cooperative agreement funding announcements will support development of a National Patient-Centered Clinical Research Network designed to unite millions of patients through a coordinated collaboration with researchers and healthcare delivery organizations. Under one of PCORI’s five National Priorities for Research, "Accelerating Patient-Centered Outcomes Research and Methodological Research," these announcements will support the development of Clinical Data Research Networks (CDRN) and Patient-Powered Research Networks (PPRN). Required letters of intent (LOI) from applicants are due June 19 and complete applications are due September 27. Complete funding announcements, application guidelines and other related material are available in the Funding Opportunities section of the PCORI website, www.pcori.org

Health Perspectives: Colorado’s Asian Americans & Pacific Islanders
Because May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the newest health infographic from Colorado Coalition for the Medically Underserved seems particularly relevant. The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) population in Colorado includes descendants of and immigrants from 30 Asian and 25 Pacific Island nations, and as a whole, Colorado's AAPI population is one of the healthiest in the state. However, there are significant economic and health disparities between different groups in this community. Take a look, http://www.ccmu.org/public-commentary/articles-publications/infographic-series/health-perspectives-asian-americans-pacific-islanders/.
May Issue of the American Journal of the Board of Family Medicine

Our PACT Chair, Larry Green, pointed out the terrific set of papers in this theme issue regarding communities of solution. JABFM is an open access journal and anyone can get the articles. http://www.jabfm.org/content/vol26/issue3/?etoc. In the Table of Contents, one article in particular may catch your eye, entitled "Boot Camp Translation: A Method For Building a Community of Solution," co-authored by PACT's very own Maret Felzien, Linda Zittleman, Jack Westfall, and others. http://www.jabfm.org/cgi/content/abstract/26/3/254. Congratulations in getting this published!

Until we meet again...

Although today is my last day as CCTSI Community Engagement & Research Director, you'll still see me some on campus, in Denver, and across Colorado. Here's a bit about the CO-OP for which I'll be working.

Colorado HealthOP is a consumer governed and operated, nonprofit insurance company that aims to offer affordable, high quality health coverage to individuals and small businesses. Sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Educational and Charitable Foundation, the CO-OP will primarily be made available through the Colorado Health Benefit Exchange and independent insurance brokers in 2013. The CO-OP was established in 2012 through a $69 million loan awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) under the federally legislated Affordable Care Act (ACA). What sets the CO-OP apart from existing health insurers is its structure. CO-OP members will ultimately be responsible for its operations and growth. We care about connecting Colorado communities to better health. http://www.cohealthop.org/

See you around,
Jack Westfall