Northwestern’s Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC)

Awards 2014 Seed Grants to Community-Academic Collaborations to Improve Community Health

The Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) at Northwestern University announces the recipients of seed grant funds that support Chicagoland community-engaged partnerships and research projects. The goals of these awards are to support community-engaged research partnership development, foster the development of community-engaged research projects/proposals for external funding, and to support the dissemination and implementation of research findings contributing to community health. This is the seventh round of seed grant funding. Each award of $5,000 supports a partnership that includes a community co-principal investigator from a local community-based organization and an academic co-principal investigator from Northwestern University for a project lasting 12 months.

Grant Recipients and Project Titles:

Partnership Development Grants

Pastors for Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR): Developing Partnership Infrastructure to Facilitate Engagement in PCOR Research Projects. Bishop Gordon, Southlands Ministers Health Network/Pastors4PCOR, and Rebecca Johnson, Buehler Center on Aging, Health, and Society, Feinberg School of Medicine

Community-Academic Partnership to Promote Integration of Health Promotion and Prevention Efforts Benefiting Girls of Color. Laurel Crown, Youth Guidance, and Rebecca Ford-Paz, Pediatrics/Psychiatry, Feinberg School of Medicine

Proposal Development Grant

Developing a care coordination model for substance abusers with co-occurring HIV who are high users of Emergency Department: Proposal Development between Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Haymarket Center. Jessica Dubuar, Haymarket Center, and Robert Turelli, Emergency Medicine, Feinberg School of Medicine

Research Dissemination Grant

Barriers to HIV Testing in African American Men. Marcus Murray, Project Brotherhood, and Adam Murphy, Urology, Feinberg School of Medicine

Brief descriptions of the seed grant program and funded projects can be found online at: www.ARCConline.net

ARCC is a program of the Center for Community Health in Northwestern University Institute for Public Health and Medicine (IPHAM) and also works with the Northwestern University’s Clinical and Translational Sciences (NUCATS) Institute. ARCC supports and promotes equitable and collaborative partnerships between Chicago area communities and Northwestern University for research that leads to measurable improvement in community health. ARCC’s goals and objectives are jointly defined by a steering committee comprised of community and faith-based organizations, public agencies, and Northwestern University faculty.

Community-engaged research is an approach to conducting research in a collaborative way involving partnerships between communities and academics in an exchange of expertise between academics, as scientific experts, and communities, as local and cultural experts.

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ARCC Steering Committee members: Apostolic Faith Church, Cambodian Association of Illinois, Chicago Youth Programs, Chinese Mutual Aid Association, Coalition of Limited English Speaking Elderly, Demoiselle 2 Femme, Healthcare Consortium of Illinois, Korean American Community Services, Logan Square Neighborhood Association, Westside Health Authority, Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago Public Schools, Rebecca Ford-Paz, PhD, Ruchi Gupta, MD MPH, Bill Healey, PT, Ed D, GCS, Anagha Lohikar MD, Darby Morhardt PhD LCSW, Melissa Simon MD MPH, Karen Sheehan, MD, MPH, David Victorson, PhD.