ARCC Welcomes Five New Steering Committee Members

The Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) is pleased to announce five new Steering Committee members. ARCC is guided by a steering committee of community and faith-based organizations from across the city, as well as faculty at Northwestern University, that guide the goals and activities of ARCC. Our new members are described here. The full member listing is below. Learn more at www.ARCConline.net

Access Living (www.accessliving.org), established in 1980, is a change agent committed to fostering an inclusive society that enables Chicagoans with disabilities to live fully-engaged and self-directed lives. Nationally recognized as a leading force in the disability advocacy community, Access Living challenges stereotypes, protects civil rights and champions social reform. Access Living has previously received ARCC seed grant funding.

Casa Central (www.casacentral.org), established in 1954, is the largest Hispanic social service agency in the Midwest. Through comprehensive, family-centered programming, Casa Central is the conduit by which thousands of individuals build hope for the future while equipping themselves to achieve a sustainable, higher quality of life to the benefit of self, family, community and society.

Vida/SIDA’s (www.facebook.com/vidasida) mission is to educate, empower and advocate for Chicago’s Latino community, and to combat homophobia within that community. Founded in 1972, the Puerto Rican Cultural Center (PRCC), a community-based umbrella institution serving Chicago’s Latin@ community, responded to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in 1988 by opening an all-volunteer health clinic. Vida Health Clinic provided free alternative therapies to people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. In 1992, PRCC developed an HIV/AIDS prevention initiative that evolved into the Vida/SIDA Bartolo Hernandez de Jesus HIV/AIDS Initiative. Vida/SIDA has previously received ARCC seed grant funding.

Amy R Eisenstein, PhD, Research Assistant Professor in Medical Social Sciences and Buehler Center on Aging, Institute for Public Health and Medicine, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Eisenstein’s research interests focus on gerontological public health and include cognitive health, prevention and postponement strategies of dementia, modifiable lifestyle behaviors, caregiver health, and environmental correlates of physical activity. Dr. Eisenstein is also interested in translation, dissemination, and evaluation of community-based interventions for older adults.

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Gail M Huber, PT/PhD Associate Professor in Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Huber’s primary interests are community-based interventions for physical activity in aging and older adults with osteoarthritis. Dr. Huber has previously received ARCC seed grant funding.

ARCC Steering Committee members: **Community:** Access Living, Apostolic Faith Church, Cambodian Association of Illinois, Casa Central, 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, Vida/SIDA, Westside Health Authority. **Public:** Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago Public Schools. **Faculty:** Amy Eisenstein, PhD, Rebecca Ford-Paz, PhD, George Greene, PhD, Ruchi Gupta, MD MPH, Gail Huber, PT/PhD, William Healey, PhD, Anagha Loharikar MD, Darby Morhardt PhD, Melissa Simon MD MPH, Karen Sheehan MD MPH, David Victorson, PhD.