Events

- **The State of the City and County: An Issue Briefing on Lead Poisoning in Chicago and Cook, April 4.** The recent lead crisis in Flint has raised public awareness of the problem of childhood lead poisoning in Chicago, and its devastating impact on children, families, and communities. Join government officials, advocates, researchers, physicians, community members, among others, for a public forum to discuss lead in Chicago and Cook County. Issues to be discussed include: How extensive is the risk of children being lead poisoned? What are the sources of lead and their effects on children? How do the city and county currently respond? What remedies are available? **Details:** [http://bit.ly/22VC7N6](http://bit.ly/22VC7N6).

- **CSU Public Health Week Forum: Unpacking the Impact of Racism in Public Health, April 5.** Chicago State University Department of Health Studies presents this National Public Health Week forum. Keynote Speakers include Linda Rae Murray, MD MPH and Terry Mason, MD. **Details:** gcurry@csu.edu.

- **Speaking Peace; Taking Action: Justice Centered Law Enforcement, April 12.** The National Lewis University Applied Behavioral Sciences Program continues its speaker series with Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart. Since becoming sheriff in 2006, he has introduced sweeping changes at the Cook County Jail, aggressively restructured the Cook County Sheriff’s Police force and improved operations of the Court Services Department. **Details:** [http://www.nl.edu/ABSseries](http://www.nl.edu/ABSseries).

- **Translational Science 2016. April 13-15, Washington, DC.** The mission of the seminar is to bring together all of the disciplines involved in clinical and translational research, for the shared benefit of networking and education. Expanded poster hall, 3 plenary sessions, and over 30 breakout sessions. **Details:** [http://www.actscience.org/page/Translational-Science-2016](http://www.actscience.org/page/Translational-Science-2016).

- **Public Policy Practitioners Series: The Art and Craft of Public Service, April 19.** National Lewis University. The executive director of the Chicago Public Building Commission, Felicia Davis will speak of her long-standing career in public service and present on new initiatives undertaken in her first year with the commission. **Details:** [http://www.nl.edu/PublicPolicySeries](http://www.nl.edu/PublicPolicySeries).

- **Midwest Knowledge Mobilization Network Workshop, April 19.** Learn about knowledge mobilization: and innovative way to make research more accessible and usable by members outside higher education. Todd Barr will discuss the knowledge mobilization framework and lead participants in an interactive journey for creating scholarship that is relevant for the public. **Details:** [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/midwest-knowledge-mobilization-network-event-registration-21530435111](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/midwest-knowledge-mobilization-network-event-registration-21530435111).

- **Innovate, Collaborate, and Elevate: Maternal and Child Health Conference, April 20-21, 2016, Oak Lawn, IL.** Hosted by EverThrive Illinois, the theme will explore the importance of creating environments where innovative ideas can emerge, be tested, and brought to scale. It challenges us all to work together towards equity, social justice, and fair access to quality health care for women, children, and families across Illinois. **Details:** [http://www.everthriveil.org/event/innovate-collaborate-elevate-maternal-child-health-conference](http://www.everthriveil.org/event/innovate-collaborate-elevate-maternal-child-health-conference).

- **Identifying, Specifying, and Applying Implementation Strategies, April 21.** On Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 2:00-3:00pm ET, Dr. Byron Powell will present "Identifying, Specifying, and Applying Implementation Strategies", providing an introduction to implementation strategies. Dr. Powell will describe the development and refinement of a compilation of implementation strategies, emphasize the importance of carefully specifying and reporting implementation strategies to ensure replicability, and discuss ongoing work focusing on the development of more effective ways of tailoring implementation strategies to specific contexts. **Details:** [https://cyberseminar.cancercontrolplanet.org/implementationscience/](https://cyberseminar.cancercontrolplanet.org/implementationscience/).

- **Do Good Data 2016, April 27-29.** Do you believe data can help make the world a better place? Are you wondering how your organization can more effectively harness and gain value from your data? Are you...
constantly thinking about how to gain the information you need to improve your program? Whether you work in Government, a Nonprofit, or inside a Foundation, there will be content focused on how to help your organization use data better. Details: http://www.dogooddata.com/.

- **Healthy Chicago 2.0 Community Town Hall Meetings- May 4, May 5, May 11, May 16, May 18, May 25.** The Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) and more than 400 community leaders and organizations unveiled a new four-year plan to improve health and well-being of Chicago residents. Healthy Chicago 2.0 provides more than 200 strategies to close persistent health disparities facing Chicago communities. Chicago has made tremendous progress over the past several years addressing health issues; however, significant disparities still remain, impacting specific communities and neighborhoods disproportionately. Healthy Chicago 2.0 focuses on those remaining disparities with strategies that address not only traditional health conditions, but also the root causes of health including education, economic development and housing opportunities. CDPH is conducting this series of town hall meetings to engage residents in implementation of the plan. Details: http://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/cdph/CDPH/HC_2.0_FlyerFairs.pdf.

- **Center for Community Health (CCH) Writing Manuscript Retreat, May 5.** Are you ready to turn your conference abstracts into papers, plan for possible papers, make progress on drafts, or finish revisions? If so, register and get a head start at CCH upcoming writing retreats. These retreats focus on manuscripts related to community-engaged research, including community, patient and stakeholder engagement. RSVP: cch@northwestern.edu. Details: http://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/478317.

- **Community Campus Partnerships for Health 2016 International Conference, May 11-14, 2016, New Orleans.** At a time when social and racial justice are at the forefront of conversations about health equity, CCPH seeks to promote, support and encourage partnerships designed to improve health by addressing social and racial justice issues. The CCPH conference will bring together community partners, faculty members, students, funders and policy makers from around to the world to learn from each other and highlight partnerships and research collaborations addressing health equity through social justice. ARCC will be attending and presenting. Details: www.ccph.info

- **7th Living Knowledge Conference, June 22-24, Dublin, Ireland.** Are you interested in exchanging and developing knowledge and practices on how best to bring local communities, civil society organizations, students, researchers and educators together to collaboratively undertake responsible research and innovations? Focus on science shops, community-based research, and other knowledge exchange and creation collaborations between local communities, civil society organizations, researchers, and educators. Details: http://www.livingknowledge.org/lk7/.

- **Advancing the Science of Community Engaged Research (CEnR), August 25-26, Washington, DC.** Theme: “Innovative and Effective Methods of Engagement”. During the past two decades, community and stakeholder engagement have emerged as essential approaches to accelerate the translation of research into practice and translational research programs are expected to ensure community engagement in all phases of research. Poster abstracts & learning lab proposals due April 30. Details: http://advancingCEnRconference.com.

**Grant Opportunities**

- **Aetna Foundation: Cultivating Healthy Communities Grant Program** seeks to support communities’ efforts to become healthier places to live, work, learn, play and pray. The program will support projects that benefit underserved, low-income, and minority communities. Interest in projects that address the social determinants of health and participants’ physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being. **Deadline:** April 16. Details: https://www.aetna-foundation.org/grants-partnerships/grants/cultivating-healthy-communities-rfp.html.

- **Integrating Human Health and Well-Being with Ecosystem Services Grant Program.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) seeks to fund community-based research that will foster better understanding of how human and well-being are interconnected with - and depend on - ecosystem services. Specifically, this research examines how communities can integrate ecosystem services with human health and well-being to inform their decision making and management practices. This RFA aims to develop information that allows communities to integrate environmental, societal and economic information and to better manage multiple stressors and their cumulative impacts on humans and ecosystems. The ultimate goal is to help communities achieve their own objectives while taking advantage of more relevant and accessible
- **NUCATS Pilot Grants**: The Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute pilot (Tier 2) program is designed to accelerate research by providing rapid, targeted funding to address small, but critical gaps in clinical and translational research work that is otherwise at present not funded by other sources. **New Research Dissemination & Implementation Pilots** this year. Up to $10K. Short application. **Deadline**: April 22. **Details**: [http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/funding/pilot-funding/voucher-pilot-programs](http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/funding/pilot-funding/voucher-pilot-programs).

- **William T. Grant Foundation Research Grants**. The Foundation is one of the nation's only philanthropy that primarily supports social science research to inform policies and practices that affect the lives of young people in the United States. For the past 7 years, the Foundation has supported research to increase understanding of how research evidence is acquired, understood, and used in policy and practice relevant to youth, as well as the circumstances that shape its use in decision making. **Deadline**: May 5. **Details**: [http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants](http://wtgrantfoundation.org/grants/research-grants).

- **Healthy Eating Research: Building Evidence to Prevent Childhood Obesity**. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) is seeking research proposals to inform efforts aimed at helping all children grow up at a healthy weight. Studies must be related to food, nutrition, and healthy eating and have strong potential to help reduce children's excess calorie intake and eliminate racial, income, and/or geographic disparities in childhood obesity rates. Up to one-third of the available funds will be allocated to research focused on the rural U.S., Asian/Pacific Islander children, and/or American Indian children. Each grant will award up to $190k for a max funding period of 18 months. Approx. $2.4 million will be awarded. **Deadline**: May 11. **Details**: [http://rwjf.ws/1ULsRVB](http://rwjf.ws/1ULsRVB).

- **Russell Sage Foundation Seeks Letters of Inquiry for Social Inequality Research**. Funding is available for secondary analysis of data or for original data collection. They are especially interested in novel uses of existing data, as well as analyses of new or under-utilized data. Proposals to conduct laboratory or field experiments, in-depth qualitative interviews, and ethnographies are also encouraged. Smaller projects might consist of exploratory fieldwork, a pilot study, or the analysis of existing data. **Deadline**: June 15. **Details**: [http://www.russellsage.org/research/funding/social-inequality](http://www.russellsage.org/research/funding/social-inequality).

- **NUCATS Vouchers**. The Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute has a funding mechanism (Tier 1) designed to accelerate research by providing rapid, targeted funding to address small, but critical gaps in clinical and translational research work that is otherwise at present not funded by other sources. Up to $2500. 500 word application. **Accepted on ongoing basis**. Review within 2 weeks. **Details**: [http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/funding/pilot-funding/voucher-pilot-programs](http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/funding/pilot-funding/voucher-pilot-programs).

- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Evidence for Action: Investigator-Initiated Research to Build a Culture of Health**. Aims to provide individuals, organizations, communities, policymakers, and researchers with the empirical evidence needed to address the key determinants of health encompassed in the Culture of Health Action Framework. Will also support efforts to assess outcomes and set priorities for action by encouraging and supporting creative, rigorous research on the impact of innovative programs, policies and partnerships on health and well-being, and on novel approaches to measuring health determinants and outcomes. Approx. $2.2 million awarded annually. Expect 5-12 grants/year for periods of up to 30 months. **Deadline**: Rolling. **Details**: [http://bit.ly/1KQES8c](http://bit.ly/1KQES8c).

- **Northwestern Interdisciplinary Program 1-2-3 Seed Funding Program**. The Office for Research and Deans seed-funding platform to cultivate investigator-initiated visionary "Big Ideas." Designed to enable faculty to "jump start" bold, innovative science. 3-tiers of non-sequential, funds that address different needs: Ideas (I1), Innovative Initiatives (I2) and Innovative Initiatives Incubators (I3). Funding and guidance to bring together new teams and shepherd "Big Science" from idea inception to securing external funding and possible maturation into University Research Center, focusing on interdisciplinary, innovation, and societal impact. In addition, program will provide project management, assistance in identifying funding opps, proposal development and Team-Science guidance. **Ideas (I1)**: up to $1K for 1-day workshop to brainstorm new, interdisciplinary Ideas, by bringing together key faculty including external collaborators, staff and students. **Innovative Initiatives (I2)**: Up to $15K to cover expenses that are pertinent to the preparation of a large proposal for external funding. Incubators (I3): Up to $60K for up to 2 years to assemble team, develop collaboration track record, generate pilot data, submit large/center grant. **Deadlines**: I1 & I2 accepted on rolling basis. I3 has annual call. **Details**: [http://www.research.northwestern.edu/interdisciplinary123/](http://www.research.northwestern.edu/interdisciplinary123/).
• **Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards** - These awards encourage the more active integration of patients, caregivers, clinicians/providers, industry, payers/purchasers, researchers, and other stakeholders, as integral members of the research enterprise. The awards program provides a platform to expand the role of all stakeholders in the research continuum and support the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute's (PCORI's) engagement goals. Three categories: Knowledge Awards, Training and Development Awards, and Dissemination Awards. PCORI will award up to $15.5 million in this program. **Deadline:** Rolling. 

**National Institutes of Health (NIH) Funding**

• **Population Health Interventions (PHIs): Integrating Individual and Group Level Evidence (R01 & R21)** – To improve health and reduce disease burden, scientific research is best implemented at the biological, clinical and population level. The goal is to promote research that aims to integrate individual factors with community and environmental factors. Population health studies focus on the "upstream" level determinants of health – those basic and primary social factors that are fundamental to group level differences in health outcomes. PHIs provide a way to advance health by linking research at a variety of different levels and allows for the consideration of scale in accounting for human interaction and environmental factors simultaneously. 

• **Implications of New Digital Media Use for Underage Drinking, Drinking-Related Behaviors, and Prevention Research (R01 & R21)** - Seeking research on whether, and how, heavy involvement in new digital media usage, particularly social media and social networking sites, may influence adolescent alcohol use and drinking patterns, as well as drinking-related problems. Also encourages exploring ways in which new digital media may be utilized as platforms for preventive interventions aimed at underage drinking & related problems. **Deadline:** July 5/July 17. 
**Details:** [http://1.usa.gov/1bLqkAe](http://1.usa.gov/1bLqkAe)

• **Education and Health: New Frontiers (R01):** The goal of this funding opportunity announcement is to support research that will further elucidate the pathways involved in the relationship between education and health outcomes and in doing so to carefully identify the specific aspects and qualities of education that are responsible for this relationship and what the mediating factors are that affect the nature of the causal relationship. 
**Details:** [http://1.usa.gov/1ZxRF7Y](http://1.usa.gov/1ZxRF7Y)

• **Research to Actions: Assessing and Addressing Community Exposures to Environmental Contaminants (R01):** This Funding Opportunity Announcement encourages applications using community-engaged research methods to investigate the potential health risks of environmental exposures of concern to the community and to implement an environmental public health action plan based on research findings. The overall goal is to support changes to prevent or reduce exposure to harmful environmental exposures and improve the health of a community. 

• **Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children (R01, R03).** Encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Specific targeted areas include biobehavioral studies that incorporate multiple factors that influence child health disparities such as biological (e.g., genetics, cellular, organ systems), lifestyle factors, environmental (e.g., physical and family environments) social (e.g., peers), economic, institutional, and cultural and family influences; studies that target the specific health promotion needs of children with a known health condition and/or disability; and studies that test and evaluate the comparative effectiveness of health promotion interventions conducted in traditional and nontraditional settings. 

• **Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01, R03, R21).** Supports Research that will identify, develop, evaluate, and refine effective and efficient methods, systems, infrastructures, and strategies to disseminate and implement research-tested health behavior change interventions, evidence-based prevention, early detection, diagnostic, treatment and management, and quality of life improvement services, and data monitoring and surveillance reporting tools into public health and clinical practice settings that focus on patient outcomes. May include incorporation of stakeholder relevant outcomes of research (including relevant outcomes for patients, families, providers, administrators, policymakers). 
- Health of Sexual and Gender Minority (SGM) Populations (R01/R03/R15/21) supports research that will increase scientific understanding of the health status of diverse population groups and thereby improve the effectiveness of health interventions and services for individuals within those groups. Priority is placed on understudied populations with distinctive health risk profiles. Focuses on sexual and gender minority (SGM) populations, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex populations. Basic, social, behavioral, clinical, and services research relevant to the missions of the sponsoring Institutes and Centers may be proposed. Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-263.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-263.html)

- Research on Informal and Formal Caregiving for Alzheimer's Disease (R01/R21): Supports basic and translational research on caregiving for individuals with Alzheimer’s disease (AD), at the individual, family, community, and population level. Scope includes interventions to reduce caregiver burden and improve patient outcomes across various settings; population- and community-based research on the scope and impact of AD caregiving; improved characterization of informal and formal caregiving and the burden of caregiving across the full spectrum of the disease, including differences among socioeconomic, racial/ethnic and geographic sub-populations; and research addressing the unique challenges related to the provision of advanced AD care, including disparities in access to care. Details: [http://1.usa.gov/1JmZUoW](http://1.usa.gov/1JmZUoW)

- Health Disparities and Alzheimer's Disease (AD) (R01/R03): Supports studies on health disparities in AD and related disorders. Should include the study of biological, behavioral, sociocultural, and environmental factors that influence population level health differences. Approaches of interest include 1) improving recruitment and retention of populations underrepresented in AD research, 2) identifying priority factors or locating pathways and mechanisms that create and sustain AD health disparities, 3) addressing challenges faced by informal/family caregivers from diverse racial, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds associated with growing population of individuals with AD, and 4) understanding disparities in access to and utilization of formal long-term supports and services for those with dementia. Details: [http://1.usa.gov/1NORdJF](http://1.usa.gov/1NORdJF)

- Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation (R01): Accelerated review/ award process to support time-sensitive research to evaluate new policy or program likely to influence obesity related behaviors (e.g., dietary intake, physical activity, or sedentary behavior) and/or weight outcomes in effort to prevent or reduce obesity. Applications must demonstrate that evaluation of an obesity related policy and/or program offers uncommon and scientifically compelling research opportunity only available if initiated with minimum delay. Selected apps awarded within 4 mos. of due date. Details: [http://1.usa.gov/1YzmTbQ](http://1.usa.gov/1YzmTbQ)

- Novel Behavioral Targets to Improve Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Interventions (R01 & R34). Part of a trans-NIH initiative, Collaborative Research on Addiction. Areas supported include generation and refinement of novel targets for substance abuse treatment and prevention interventions, modules or adjuncts to existing treatments and prevention interventions that target and modulate behavioral or neurobehavioral processes (e.g., impulsivity, risk-taking propensity, sensation and novelty seeking, distress tolerance, delay discounting, self-regulation, stress reactivity) in adolescents. Additionally, studies to include theoretical links that explore relationship(s) between neural circuitry and treatment and prevention effects, and in particular, how behavioral targets might be affected by treatment and prevention interventions, and how that might be used to improve targeted treatment and prevention development, that translate to reduced morbidity and mortality. Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-035.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-035.html)

- Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease in Older Adults (R01/R21/R03). Supporting basic, clinical, and epidemiological outcomes research on impact of age on the development of, diagnosis, and management of diabetes and cardiovascular disease (CVD) complications in older persons or animal models. Research may focus on 1) epidemiology of increasing incidence and prevalence of DM with advancing age, particularly regarding potential racial-ethnic disparities, 2) elucidation of age-related mechanisms predisposing older adults to diabetes and resultant CVD, 3) understanding role of aging in increased incidence and severity of CVD outcomes in older diabetics, and 4) determining age-specific prevention, screening, diagnostic, and management strategies of DM in older persons and CVD complications. Research expected to elucidate role of aging mechanisms that underlie increased vulnerability of older adults to DM and its CVD complications and to provide evidence-based guidance to improve more appropriate diagnostic criteria, risk stratification, and intervention recommendations to prevent the onset, or improve short- and long-term outcomes, of DM and CVD in older persons. Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-037.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-15-037.html)

- **Systems Science and Health in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (R01 & R21):** Supports breadth and scope of topics addressed with systems science methodologies and calls for research that is applied and/or basic in nature (including methodological and measurement development), have human behavioral and/or social science focus, and employs methodologies suited to addressing complexity inherent in behavioral and social phenomena, referred to as systems science methodologies. Seeks to promote interdisciplinary collaboration among health researchers and experts in computational approaches to further the development of modeling- and simulation-based systems science methodologies and their application to important public health challenges. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-048.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-15-048.html)

- **Arts-Based Approaches in Palliative Care for Symptom Management (R01):** Support mechanistic clinical studies aimed at understanding the impact of arts-based approaches in palliative care for symptom management. Supports mechanistic clinical studies to provide an evidence base for the use of arts in palliative care for symptom management. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-294.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-294.html)

- **Advancing Interventions to Improve Medication Adherence (R01 & R21).** Seeks proposed interventions to significantly improve medication adherence in individuals. May target medication adherence in context of treatment for single illness or chronic condition (e.g., hypertension), to stave off disease recurrence (e.g., cancer) or for multiple comorbid conditions (e.g., hypertension, diabetes, alcohol use disorders and HIV/AIDS). Primary outcomes can include patient self-report of medication adherence, but must also at least one non-self-report measure of medication adherence (e.g., pharmacy refill records, electronic monitoring, etc.). In addition, research encouraged to include relevant health outcome or biomarker (e.g., blood pressure, viral load in HIV-infected individuals, cholesterol levels, HbA1c) that is expected to be affected by changes in the targeted adherence behavior. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-334.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-334.html)

- **Self-Management for Health in Chronic Conditions (R01, R15, R21).** Recent report from Institute of Medicine identifies epidemic of chronic condition as nation’s leading health challenge and calls for cross-cutting, coordinated public health actions for “living well with chronic illness”. Focuses on self-management as mainstream science in order to reduce burden of chronic illnesses/conditions. Self-management is ability of individual, in conjunction with family, community, and healthcare professionals, to manage symptoms, treatments, lifestyle changes, and psychosocial, cultural, and spiritual consequences associated with chronic illness or condition. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-344.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-344.html)

- **Improving Delivery of HIV Prevention and Treatment through Implementation Science and Translational Research (R01 & R21):** Supports research to increase public health impact of efficacious HIV/AIDS-related interventions for prevention & treatment. To maximize impact of available interventions, significant progress needed to advance science designed to get interventions to men, women, & children who need them. The goals are to learn how best to deliver interventions more efficiently and effectively in real-world communities/clinics, to more readily transfer interventions from one setting or population to another, & to make better informed choices for combination intervention packages. **Details:** [http://1.usa.gov/1qsjFdx](http://1.usa.gov/1qsjFdx)

- **Testing and Developing Interventions for Health-Enhancing Physical Activity (R01/R21/R33).** Seeking highly innovative & promising research that tests multi-level intervention programs of 1-2 years in length designed to increase health-enhancing physical activity: 1) in persons or groups that can benefit from such activity; and 2) that could be made scalable & sustainable for broad use across US. R01 provides support for up to 5 yrs for research planning, intervention delivery, and follow-up activities. R21 provides support for up to 2 years for research planning activities and feasibility studies, followed by a possible transition to expanded research support (R33 phase). **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-315.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-14-315.html)

**Calls for Papers/Proposals/Other Opportunities**

- **Special Issue Call for Papers: Community-engaged Research in Dissemination or Implementation.** Guest Editors: Cheryl L. Holt, PhD & David Chambers, DPhil. Special issue of Translational Behavioral Medicine seeks papers with specific focus on research involving dissemination or implementation of evidence-based health interventions within clinical & community-based settings using community-engaged processes or partnerships, including CBPR (community based participatory research). **Deadline:** April 1. **Details:** [http://static.springer.com/sgw/documents/1534873/application/pdf/TBM_SI_CEDI_fin_Nov15.pdf](http://static.springer.com/sgw/documents/1534873/application/pdf/TBM_SI_CEDI_fin_Nov15.pdf)

Compiled by the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities, Northwestern University [www.ARCConline.net](http://www.ARCConline.net)
• **Call for Posters & Learning Lab Proposals: Advancing the Science of Community Engaged Research (CEnR), August 25-26, Washington, DC.** Theme: “Innovative and Effective Methods of Engagement”. The CEnR conference will convene researchers and community stakeholders in order to advance knowledge of the innovative methods and promising practices being used in the rapidly developing field of community engaged research. Learning labs will provide “how to” opportunities for small group learning on specific issues and practices and think tanks will advance discussion and problems solving for issues that can impede or accelerate community engaged research. **Deadline:** April 30. **Details:** [http://advancingCEnRconference.com](http://advancingCEnRconference.com).

• **Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge Application.** We believe a healthy city/county is economically competitive, inclusive and equitable. That’s why we’re calling on cities and counties across the country to join the Healthiest Cities & Counties Challenge. The Challenge is a partnership between the Aetna Foundation, the American Public Health Association and the National Association of Counties and administered by CEOs For Cities. The partnership empowers small to mid-size U.S. cities and counties to create a positive health impact. **Deadline:** May 31. **Details:** [http://test.healthiestcities.org/](http://test.healthiestcities.org/).

• **NUCATS Studios:** The Northwestern Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute can help organize a "studio" where leadership from the Institute and its affiliates are brought together to help support and enhance grant submissions. Outcomes of the meeting include a NUCATS Letter of Support and identification of in-kind cost share infrastructure. **Details:** [http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/about/nucats-faqs.html#researchnav](http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/about/nucats-faqs.html#researchnav).

## Resources

• **CCH Director Presents at IPHAM PCORI Seminar.** On March 10th, CCH Director **Ron Ackermann, M.D.** was a panelist at the special Institute for Public Health and Medicine (IPHAM) seminar "Jump Start Your Patient-Centered Outcome Research (PCOR) Project: Internal and External Funding Opportunities & Resources". **Courtney Clyatt, MA, MPH**, Senior Program Associate for Engagement at the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) and **Zeeshan Butt, PhD**, Associate Director of IPHAM's Center for Patient-Centered Outcomes also presented. **Watch the session recording:** [https://mediasite.fsm.northwestern.edu/Mediasite/Play/abb680882fc740549efe38794c3dd78f1d?platform=hootsuite](https://mediasite.fsm.northwestern.edu/Mediasite/Play/abb680882fc740549efe38794c3dd78f1d?platform=hootsuite).

• **New Northwestern Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing (ISGMH).** Northwestern has launched ISGMH, the first research institute in the United States established university-wide that is focused exclusively on LGBT health. The mission is to connect scholars across disciplines to create collaboration and stimulate new research that will improve the health of LGBT people across their lifespans. The institute’s research will focus not only on understanding the drivers behind health inequities involving sexual and gender minorities, but also on developing innovative programs to address those inequities with interventions that are rigorous and evidence-based. **Details:** [http://news.feinberg.northwestern.edu/2016/02/new-northwestern-institute-commits-to-improving-lgbt-health/](http://news.feinberg.northwestern.edu/2016/02/new-northwestern-institute-commits-to-improving-lgbt-health/).

• **ARCC Online Resource Directory:** The Directory is an online website providing access to materials and resources to help interested community and faith-based organizations and academic partners to learn about how they can build capacity to conduct community-engaged research and support building, strengthening, and sustaining their partnership. Tools like sample MOU or things to consider if engaging a new partner. **Visit:** [www.ARCCresources.net](http://www.ARCCresources.net)