ARCC Welcomes Eleven New Steering Committee Members

The Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC), in Northwestern University’s Center for Community Health, is guided by a steering committee comprised of community– and faith-based organizations, public agencies, and Northwestern University researchers. ARCC is pleased to announce eleven new Steering Committee members, described below along with a listing of the full membership. Learn more at www.ARCConline.net

Founded in 1990, CALOR (Comprensión y Apoyo a Latinos en Oposición al Retrovirus) is a key provider in the Belmont-Cragin neighborhood in northwest Chicago of specialized services for Latinos impacted by HIV/AIDS through HIV testing services, prevention & education, case management, employment, and HIV housing services. CALOR is now a division of Anixter Center, one of the largest nonprofit organizations serving people with disabilities in Chicago.

Established 40 years ago, CJE SeniorLife’s mission is to facilitate independence of older adults and to enhance quality of life by advocating on their behalf and by offering programs and services throughout the continuum of care for individuals, families and the community. CJE has over 40 programs, a nursing home w/rehab unit, assisted living facility, independent housing facilities & several adult day centers.

Founded by Trinity United Church of Christ, the Endeleo Institute is a standalone organization with a mission to empower the underserved by strengthening existing assets through education, health and wellness services and community development resources that build healthier communities. Endeleo serves the Washington Heights and Greater Roseland communities on Chicago’s far south side. Endeleo is a Swahili word that means movement forward, progress and development.

New Beginnings Christian Church, a faith-based organization located in the Woodlawn community on Chicago’s south side, has a mission to empower people with the guidance, information and tools necessary to become healthy, peacemakers, problem solvers, leaders, and entrepreneurs in their communities.

Located in Elgin, IL, the Renz Addiction Counseling Center facilitates substance abuse and problem gambling treatment services, HIV prevention services, teen pregnancy prevention education, and substance abuse prevention education for youth and the community, and drug/gang prevention coalition building.

New academic steering committee members listed on second page.
Rebecca Carl MD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics. Interests include sports concussion management, treatment of clubfoot deformity, overuse conditions affecting young athletes, preparticipation evaluation for sports.

Julia Dudek MPH, Medical Social Sciences, Program Manager for IMPACT LGBT Health and Development Program that conducts translational research that improves the health of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community and to increase understanding of the development of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Rebecca Johnson PhD, Assistant Professor, Buehler Center on Aging, Health & Society. Interests include active aging and aging in community. Also interested in developing flexible evaluation and assessment frameworks for community based engagements.

Matthew O’Brien MD, Assistant Professor, General Internal Medicine & Geriatrics. Interests include partnering closely with community-based organizations to developed and test community health worker programs to prevent cancer, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes.

Siobhan Phillips PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Preventive Medicine-Behavioral Medicine. Interests include the relationship between physical activity and health and disease outcomes in cancer survivors and the prevention of cancer; and the translation of research in these areas to practice using technology and innovative study designs and methods.

Betina Yanez PhD, Assistant Professor, Medical Social Sciences. Interests include psychosocial aspects of undergoing cancer diagnosis and treatment and on quality of life outcomes among post-treatment cancer survivor and racial/ethnic disparities in patient-reported outcomes among cancer survivors, especially among Latinos.

Full ARCC Steering Committee: Community: Access Living, Apostolic Faith Church, CALOR, Cambodian Association of IL, Chicago Youth Programs, CJE Senior Life, Coalition of Limited English Speaking Elderly, Demoiselle 2 Femme, Endeleo, New Beginnings Church, Renz Addiction Counseling Center, Vida/SIDA, Public: Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago Public Schools. Faculty: Rebecca Carl MD, Julia Dudek MPH, Rebecca Ford-Paz PhD, Ruchi Gupta, MD MPH, Gail Huber PT/PhD, Rebecca Johnson PhD, Darby Morhardt PhD, Matthew O’Brien MD, Siobhan Phillips PhD, Betina Yanez PhD.