Resources & Opportunities for Community & Academic Partners

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Events

- **Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) Spring 2014 Conference in Chicago.** April 30 – May 3, 2014. Founded in 1996, CCPH is a non-profit membership organization that promotes health equity and social justice through partnerships between communities and academic institutions. **ARCC will be presenting.** Whether you are directly involved in community-engaged research, service-learning or other community-campus partnerships - or are working to ensure the conditions are in place for such partnerships to thrive and have impact - CCPH conference is designed to challenge and inspire you! **Northwestern Medicine is a conference core partner. Details:** https://ccph.memberclicks.net/registration.

- **Conference on Healthcare Innovation (CHI): Improving Healthcare Value – May 2, 8:30am-5p.** Prentice Women’s Hospital. Inaugural conference on improving healthcare value by increasing quality and decreasing cost. Innovation to improve value in healthcare may be achieved via a multitude of pathways: by scientific, translational research, or novel ways to utilize technology or modification in process. Innovation occurs when the “discovery”, be it drug, device, or process, adds value to healthcare by improving quality or reducing costs. This convening seeks to educate, inspire, and forge networks regionally, nationally, transatlantically, and globally to lead to better healthcare value. **Register:** http://globalchi.wordpress.com/conference/

- **Health Reform, Public Health, and Health Planning in Illinois Forum – May 5, 9-11am:** UIC School of Public Health, 1603 W Taylor: This forum is focused on current health reform and public health efforts in Illinois. It will include a panel discussion regarding an overview and update on each of the initiatives listed below, relationships and overlap among these efforts. Implementation progress, barriers and gaps, and ways for stakeholders to be involved. **Details:** http://www.hmprg.org/Events/HealthReformForumMay

- **Food is Medicine: Integrating Food Programs into Health Care – May 8, 11am-12pm.** We invite hospital administrators, insurers, providers who focus on diet-related chronic disease, diabetes advocates, community health workers, legislators and state agency personnel for a discussion on how incorporating food-based interventions into health care can improve patient outcomes while dramatically reducing public and private insurer cost. **Details:** https://publichealthinstitute.webex.com/publichealthinstitute/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=965394357

- **20th Annual Alzheimer Day, May 8, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Feinberg Pavilion – 250 E Huron, 3rd Floor Conference Center.** Alzheimer Day showcases Northwestern research on Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and features guest speakers who are internationally renowned experts in research and treatment in the field. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet and speak with nearly 50 University researchers in basic, clinical, and social sciences who will present posters about the latest in Alzheimer’s research and treatment. **RSVP by April 25.** **Details:** www.brain.northwestern.edu

- **Webinar: Multilevel Interventions to Increase Physical Activity & Improve Nutrition and Create Changes in Communities – May 13, 1-2pm.** Multi-level interventions to improve the health of communities and decrease chronic disease risk are an essential part of cancer control strategies. The policies, systems, and environments (PSEs) in communities significantly shape lives and impact cancer risk. PSEs in communities that make healthy choices easy, safe and affordable can have a positive impact on the way people live, learn, work and play. Partnerships with community leaders in education, government, transportation and business are essential in creating sustainable change to reduce the burden of chronic disease. Our May NCI cyber-seminar will highlight two exciting interventions that are creating healthy communities by implementing policy and environmental changes that have a lasting impact. **Details:** https://researchtoreality.cancer.gov/cyber-seminars/multilevel-interventions-increase-physical-activity-improve-nutrition-and-create-chan

- **Northwestern University Qualitative Research Interest Group Meeting – May 16, 12-1pm – Feedback session.** **Details:** trime@northwestern.edu

- **Center for Community Health Manuscript Writing Retreat: May 20, 2014, 9am-4:30pm – 750 N Lake Shore Drive, Northwestern’s Chicago Campus.** Community and academic partners and partnerships are invited. These are not educational workshops but dedicated space and time for attendees to focus on their own manuscripts. Faculty and staff (including CCH Associate Director, Darius Tandon), will be on hand to

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share publishing experience, answer questions, and provide guidance as needed. RSVP: cch@northwestern.edu. Details: http://planitpurple.northwestern.edu/event/444668/ToP3O0Sn


- **20\textsuperscript{th} National Health Equity Research Webcast: School to Prison Pipeline: From Perceptions to Solutions – June 3, 2:30-5pm.** Free, interactive session broadcast with live audience from University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill and can be viewed by webcast. **Registration required:** http://go.unc.edu/nherw

- **Chicago Asthma Consortium Summer Meeting: Emergency Management of Asthma – June 4; 8am-12pm – University Center, 525 S State St, Chicago.** Details: http://www.chicagoasthma.org/2014-summer


- **Northwestern University Qualitative Research Interest Group Meeting – June 20, 12-1pm – Publishing.** Details: trime@northwestern.edu

- **Collaboration with Chicago Department of Public Health: Applied Research, Program Evaluation, and Epidemiology to Inform Evidence-Based Policy: June 25**, 2014, 2-4:30 pm. 240 E. Huron. Commissioner Choucair of the Chicago Department of Public Health will provide a brief overview of Healthy Chicago, the public health agenda for the city. Additional speakers from the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) will also share current CDPH applied research and program evaluation priority areas, guidance on accessing CDPH and other relevant data resources, and best practices for ensuring that research can inform public health policy-making. There will be opportunity for Q & A with CDPH staff. This session is open to academic institutions across Chicago, community-based organizations and analytics partners. The summit is hosted by Chicago Department of Public Health and Northwestern’s Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC). RSVP: ARCC@northwestern.edu. Details: www.ARConline.net

- **¡Vive tu vida! Get Up! Get Moving! - June 28.** Details: www.chicagohispanichealthcoalition.org

- **2014 Casual Inference Workshops on Research and Design: Main and Advanced.** Main workshop: July 7-11 [at Northwestern]. **Advanced workshop:** August 13-15 [at Duke]. Both workshops taught by world-class causal inference researchers. Details: law.northwestern.edu/faculty/conferences/causalinference/

- **What Went Wrong? Reflecting and Learning from Community-Engaged Research Conference- July 11-12th, 2014 - Minneapolis, MN.** Members of the Twin Cities metropolitan area in conjunction with the University of Minnesota are convening this meeting dedicated to understanding and enhancing community-engaged research practices. We recognize there is often just as much (if not more) potential to learn from our failures as our successes. Yet, we are rarely given intellectual settings to discuss, learn, and grow from our most challenging research experiences. Details: http://engagedresearchconference.wordpress.com

- **National Conference on Engaging Patients, Families and Communities in all Phases of Translational Research to Improve Health, August 21-22**, Bethesda, MD. The aim of this year’s conference is to present and compare perspectives of community-engaged research, which can involve individual patients, families, community organizations and disease advocates, as well as clinicians and researchers. Details: www.dtmi.duke.edu/ce-workshop

- **NACHC’s 2014 Community health Institute in San Diego, Aug 22-26th – Manchester Grand Hyatt:** Community Health Institute (CHI) & Expo is the largest and most important annual gathering of 2000 community health center managers, clinicians, employees, board members and leaders. Every aspect of the community health center movement is represented and fully vested at CHI. CHI provides essential up-to-date information, training and technical assistance on the latest community health center challenges, providing professionals in the industry with cutting edge strategies for community health center success. Details: https://s4.goeshow.com/nachc/community/2014/

- **2nd Intl. Forum for Health Promotion Research - August 25-27. "Next Health", Trondheim, Norway.** Objective is to enable researchers, practitioners and policy makers to share, discuss and develop health promotion research and practice specifically related to future health. Details: www.ntnu.edu/healthforum

Chicago Asthma Consortium Educational Meetings – November 5; 8am-12:30pm, Updates in Asthma Management – University Center – 525 S State. Details: [http://www.chicagoasthma.org](http://www.chicagoasthma.org)

2014 International Symposium on Minority Health and Health Disparities – Dec 1-3rd, Maryland. This symposium is designed to bring together scientists conducting transdisciplinary biomedical, clinical, population and health policy research; members of the global community; health care providers; government officials; and private industry to focus on the collective efforts to improve minority health, promote health equity, and eliminate health disparities. Details: [http://www.ismhhd.com/](http://www.ismhhd.com/)

Grant Opportunities

**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. Details: [http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/eugene-washington-pcori-engagement-awards/](http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/eugene-washington-pcori-engagement-awards/)

**Research & Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Teen Dating Violence, Sexual Violence, and Intimate Partner Violence FY 2014** - The purpose of the National Institute of Justice grants program is to encourage and support research, development, and evaluation to improve criminal justice policy and practice in the United States. With this solicitation, NIJ seeks applications for funding of research and evaluation related to violence against women in the areas of teen dating violence, sexual violence, and intimate partner violence. Research proposed may be focused at state, local, federal, juvenile justice policy and/or practice level. **Deadline:** May 21. Details: [http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=251203](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=251203)

**National Institute of Nursing Research Issues: 3 New Funding Announcements for Community Partnerships to Advance Research (CPAR):** The purpose is to stimulate researchers to partner with communities using Community Engaged Research (CEnR) methodologies that will enhance relationships leading to better interventions and positive health outcomes.


**NIH: Healthy Habits: Timing for Developing Sustainable Healthy Behaviors in Children and Adolescents (R01 and R21)** - Seeks applications that employ innovative research to identify mechanisms of influence and/or promote positive sustainable health behavior(s) in children and youth (birth to age 21). Applications to promote positive health behavior(s) should target social and cultural factors, including, but not limited to: schools, families, communities, population, food industry, age-appropriate learning tools and games, social media, social networking, technology and mass media. Topics to be addressed in this announcement include: effective, sustainable processes for influencing young people to make healthy behavior choices; identification of the appropriate stage of influence for learning sustainable lifelong health behaviors; the role of technology and new media in promoting healthy behavior; identification of factors that support healthy behavior development in vulnerable populations, identification of barriers to healthy behaviors; and, identification of mechanisms and mediators that are common to the development of a range of habitual health behaviors. Given the many factors involved in developing sustainable health behaviors, applications from multidisciplinary teams are strongly encouraged. The ultimate goal of this call is to promote research that identifies and enhances processes that promote sustainable positive behavior or changes social and cultural norms that influence health and future health behaviors. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16, Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-177.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-177.html)

**NIH: mHealth Tools for Individuals with Chronic Conditions to Promote Effective Patient-Provider Communication, Adherence to Treatment and Self-Management (R01 and R21)** - Seeking to stimulate research utilizing Mobile Health (mHealth) tools aimed at the improvement of effective patient–provider...
communication, adherence to treatment and self-management of chronic diseases in underserved populations. With the rapid expansion of cellular networks and substantial advancements in Smartphone technologies, it is now possible - and affordable - to transmit patient data digitally from remote areas to specialists in urban areas, receive real-time feedback, and capture that consultation in a database. These mHealth tools, therefore, may facilitate more timely and effective patient-provider communication through education communication around goal setting, treatment reminders, feedback on patient progress and may improve health outcomes. This announcement encourages the development, testing and comparative effective analysis of interventions utilizing mHealth technologies. There is also an interest in studying mHealth technologies in underserved populations. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16, Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-180.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-180.html)

- **NIH: Using Social Media to Understand and Address Substance Use and Addiction (R01 and R21)**. This is part of a trans-NIH initiative known as Collaborative Research on Addiction (CRAN). Goal is to inspire and support research projects investigating the role of social media in risk behaviors associated with the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs ("ATOD") and projects using social media to ameliorate such behaviors. Each research project proposed must be focused on one of two distinct areas: 1) observational research using social media interactions as surveillance tools to aid in the understanding of the epidemiology, risk factors, attitudes, and behaviors associated with ATOD use and addiction, or 2) intervention research measuring the reach, engagement, and behavioral and health impact of social media-based interventions for the screening, prevention, and treatment, of ATOD use and addiction. Original research preliminary data are not required but all projects are expected to be supported by a strong rationale that is based on integrating to the extent possible the available relevant information from various sources. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16, Oct 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-14-008.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CA-14-008.html)

- **NIH: Reducing Health Disparities Among Minority and Underserved Children (R01 and R21)**. This initiative encourages research that targets the reduction of health disparities among children. Specific targeted areas of research 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. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-033.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-033.html). **Deadline:** Jun 5/16, Oct 5/16

- **NIH: Chronic Condition Self-Management in Children and Adolescents (R01 and R21)**. This call encourages research to improve self-management and quality of life in children and adolescents (age 8-21) with chronic conditions. Managing a chronic condition is an unremitting responsibility for children and their families. Children with a chronic condition and their families have a long-term responsibility for self-management. This call encourages research that takes into consideration various factors that influence self-management such as individual differences, biological and psychological factors, family and sociocultural context, family-community dynamics, healthcare system factors, technological advances, and the role of the environment. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16, Oct 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-030.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-030.html)

- **NIH: Translational Research to Improve Diabetes and Obesity Outcomes (R01)**. This opportunity encourages proposals to test practical, sustainable, and cost efficient adaptations of efficacious strategies or approaches to prevent and treat diabetes and/or obesity. Research focused on the prevention or reversal of obesity, prevention of type 2 diabetes, improved care of type 1 and type 2 diabetes, or the prevention or delay of the complications of these conditions is encouraged. Approaches tested should have the potential for wide dissemination and implementation outside of an academic setting such as in routine clinical practice or communities at risk. **Deadlines:** Jun 5. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-352.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-352.html)

- **NIH: Research on the Health Determinants and Consequences of Violence and its Prevention, Particularly Firearm Violence (R01, R03, R21)**: NIH developed this call for proposals in response to the Presidential memorandum ([www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/01/16/presidential-memorandum-engaging-public-health-research-causes-and-preve](http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/01/16/presidential-memorandum-engaging-public-health-research-causes-and-preve)). NIH plans to fund research projects over the next three years beginning in fiscal year 2014 into the causes and consequences of violence as it relates to the health of individuals and communities. The goal is to identify evidence-based strategies for preventing violence and incorporating them into clinical and community settings. Particular consideration will be given to applications...
that propose studies of the intersection that focus on the various types of violence (homicide, suicide, youth and gang-related, intimate partner) and firearms. **Priorities on research that includes meaningful partnerships between researchers and community-based professionals in law enforcement, criminal justice and public health for developing evidence-based interventions to reduce violence.** Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-363.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-363.html). **Details:** Jun 5/16.

- **NIH: Research to Action: Assessing and Addressing Community Exposures to Environmental Contaminants (R01):** This opportunity encourages applications using community-engaged research methods to investigate potential health risks of environmental exposures of concern to the community and to implement an environmental public health action plan based on research findings. Overall goal is to support changes to prevent or reduce exposure to harmful environmental exposures and improve the health of a community. **Deadline:** Jun 5 **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-153.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-153.html)

- **NIH: Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities (R01 & R21) - Seeking behavioral and social science research on the causes and solutions to health and disabilities disparities in the US population.** Emphasis is placed on research in and among three broad areas of action: 1) public policy, 2) health care, and 3) disease/disability prevention. Particular attention is given to reducing “health gaps” among groups. Applications using interdisciplinary approach, investigate multiple levels of analysis, incorporate a life-course perspective, and/or employ innovative methods such as systems science or community-based participatory research are particularly encouraged. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-292.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-292.html)

- **NIH: Implications of New Digital Media Use for Underage Drinking, Drinking-Related Behaviors, and Prevention Research (R01 and R21) - Seeking investigations of 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 applications proposing to explore the ways in which new digital media may be utilized as platforms for preventive interventions aimed at underage drinking and related problems. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-262.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-262.html)

- **NIH: Research to Characterize and Reduce Stigma to Improve Health (R21, R03, R01) - Encourages applications to characterize the role of stigma in health, life course development, and aging, both in the U.S. and globally, and to test interventions to prevent or reduce the impact of stigma at the individual, community, health care system, and policy levels.** The goal is to promote research addressing the health-related aspects of stigma, including the etiology and perpetuation of stigma; its impact on physical and mental health, well-being, life course development, and aging; its influence on health behaviors and on use, access to, and quality of received healthcare services; its contribution to health disparities affecting vulnerable demographic groups; and intervention strategies to reduce health-related stigma and/or the negative health and life course developmental impacts of stigma. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-246.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-246.html)

- **NIH: Addressing Health Disparities in NIDDK Diseases (R01):** National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) seeks research to improve understanding of the causes of high priority diseases in the US and to develop and test more effective interventions for reducing/eliminating health disparities. Research is encouraged in following high priority diseases: diabetes, obesity, nutrition-related disorders, hepatitis C, gallbladder disease, *H. Pylori* infection, sickle cell disease, kidney diseases, urologic diseases, hematologic diseases, metabolic, gastrointestinal, hepatic, and renal complications from infection with HIV. **Deadlines:** Jun 5, Oct 5. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-183.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-183.html)

- **NIH: Understanding and Promoting Health Literacy (R01/R03/R21):** To encourage methodological, intervention and dissemination research for understanding and promoting health literacy. Health literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions. **Deadlines:** Jun 5/16, Oct 5/16. **Details:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-130.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-13-130.html)

- **NIH Grant Announcement: Health Promotion Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Males (R01 and R21)** This initiative seeks applications from applicants that propose to stimulate and expand research in the health of minority men. Specifically to: 1) enhance our understanding of the numerous factors (e.g., sociodemographic, community, societal, personal) influencing the health

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- **NIH: Innovative Measurement Tools for Community Engaged Research Efforts (R01) (R21).** This announcement seeks to develop innovative measurement tools for community engaged research (CEnR) efforts. The use of CEnR methodologies, such as community-based participatory, community-based, and practice-based research are regarded as valid approaches to prevent disease and promote health. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16. Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-209.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-209.html)

- **NIH: Home and Family Based Approaches for the Prevention or Management of Overweight or Obesity in Early Childhood (R01/R21).** This grant is seeking applications that propose randomized clinical trials testing novel home- or family-based interventions for the prevention or management of overweight in infancy and early childhood. Tested interventions can use behavioral (including dietary and physical activity), environmental, or other relevant approaches. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16, Oct 5/16. Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-153.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-13-153.html)

- **NIH: Family-Centered Self-Management of Chronic Conditions (R01 and R21):** Seeks to build the science of family-centered self-management (FCSM) in chronic conditions. FCSM recognizes and addresses family needs and preferences, and integrates family members as partners in care while promoting individual self-management. Intended that FCSM improves health, well-being and quality of life of both individual and family member(s) by strengthening the interdependency and equilibrium of the family, and promoting sustainable health care participation that reduces hospitalization and other types of health care utilization. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16, Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16 Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-112.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-112.html).

- **NIH: Behavioral Interventions to Address Multiple Chronic Health Conditions in Primary Care (R01).** Seeks applications that propose to use a common conceptual model to develop behavioral interventions to modify health behaviors and improve health outcomes in patients with comorbid chronic diseases and health conditions. Specifically, this will support research in primary care that uses a multi-disease care management approach to behavioral interventions with high potential impact to improve patient-level health outcomes for individuals with three or more chronic health conditions. The proposed approach must modify behaviors using a common approach rather than administering a distinct intervention for each targeted behavior and/or condition. Diseases and health conditions can include, but are not limited to: mental health disorders (e.g., depression), diabetes, smoking, obesity, chronic pain, alcohol and substance abuse and dependence, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder, cancer and hypertension **Deadline:** Jun 5/16, Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-114.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-114.html).

- **NIH: Strengthening Adherence to Antiretroviral-Based HIV Treatment and Prevention (R01 and R21).** This call encourages research to understand and promote adherence to antiretroviral (ARV) regimens for HIV treatment and prevention. Studies addressing pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and antiretroviral therapy (ART) are the foci of this FOA. The overarching emphasis is on the development of feasible interventions to improve and sustain PrEP or ART adherence which could be rapidly implemented in clinical, community, and policy environments to improve HIV treatment and prevention outcomes. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16, Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16 Details: [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-126.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-126.html).

- **NIH: Targeted Basic Behavioral and Social Science and Intervention Development for HIV Prevention and Care (R01 and R21).** The goal of this call is to provide a global outline of areas for innovative, targeted basic behavioral and social science research and intervention development research to reduce the number of new HIV infections and improve the overall health of those living with HIV and encourage research grant applications in these areas. This call encourages research designed to (a) conduct basic behavioral and social science research that is needed to advance the development of HIV prevention and care interventions, (b) translate and operationalize the findings from these basic studies to develop interventions and assess their feasibility and (c) conduct tests of the efficacy of HIV prevention and care interventions. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16, Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16 **Deadline:** [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-127.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-127.html).

- **NIH: Improving Delivery of HIV Prevention and Treatment through Implementation Science and Translational Research (R01 & R21):** This call encourages research designed to increase the public health impact of efficacious HIV/AIDS-related interventions for prevention and treatment. To maximize the public

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health impact of available interventions, significant progress is needed to advance science designed to get interventions to the men, women, and children who need them. The goals of this scientific agenda are to learn how best to deliver interventions more efficiently and effectively in real-world communities and clinics, to more readily transfer interventions from one setting or population to another, and to make better informed choices for combination intervention packages. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-131.html

- **NIH: Accelerating Improvements in the HIV Care Continuum (R01 and R21):** this call encourages innovative studies to address gaps in HIV care continuum research. The HIV care continuum has provided a useful framework for tracking progress towards the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) HIV-testing and HIV-treatment goals, and helped to guide a growing body of research to better understand and intervene at one or more steps in the continuum. Yet, there are some aspects of entering and remaining in HIV care that are relatively less studied than other areas, and merit urgent attention. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16, Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16 Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-132.html

- **NIH: Advancing Structural Level Interventions Through Enhanced Understanding of Social Determinants in HIV Prevention and Care (R01 and R21).** This call seeks to understand and address social determinants associated with the prevention and treatment of HIV. This FOA describes two research endeavors that are unique and overlapping. The first is to characterize those social determinants that are most relevant to HIV prevention and treatment outcomes, particularly in their association with inequities in HIV risk or disease outcomes. The second is to develop and test structural interventions aimed at reducing the negative impact or maximizing positive aspects of social determinants. **Deadline:** Jun 5/16, Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-133.html

- **NIH: Translational Research to Help Older Adults Maintain their Health and Independence in the Community (R01 & R21):** Seeking applications for translational research that moves evidence-based research findings toward the development of new interventions, programs, policies, practices, and tools that can be used by organizations in the community to help older adults remain healthy and independent, productively engaged, and living in their own homes and communities. The goal is to support translational research involving collaborations between academic research centers and community-based organizations with expertise serving or engaging older adults (such as city and state health departments, city/town leadership councils, educational institutions, workplaces, Area Agencies on Aging, and organizations funded or assisted by the Corporation for National and Community Service) that will enhance our understanding of practical tools, techniques, programs and policies that communities across the nation can use to more effectively respond to needs of the aging population. Applications should show evidence of collaboration between academic research centers and community-based organizations (CBOs). Applications especially encouraged that involve CBOs as full partners in each phase of work. **Deadline:** June 5/16, Oct 5/16, Feb 5/16. Details: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14-161.html

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

- **Call for Posters: National Association of Community Health Centers 2014 Community Health Institute, San Diego.** Open to all health centers, networks, PCAs, community-based organizations, researchers, academics, and others. All topics considered. Two “Best in Show” awards will be given with winners receiving a complimentary registration to the 2015 Institute in Orlando! **Deadline:** May 3. Details: https://s4.goeshow.com/nachc/community/2014/poster_submission.cfm.

- **PCORI Spring 2014 Funding Applications:** Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute is seeking proposals under our five broad national research priorities and two targeted opportunities – on transitional care services and on obesity treatment options for underserved adults in primary care settings. **Deadline:** May 6 Details: http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/funding-center/

- **Call for Nominations: Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care and Medicine and Dentistry (ACTPCMD) –** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is seeking nominations of individuals who can represent certain professions disciplines. All nominations should include nominee’s CV and completed ACTPCMD Applicant Information Form. Selected candidates will be invited to serve a term of no less than 3 years and are expected to attend no less than two meetings per year (one in-person and one virtual). Travel and housing expenses for the in-person meetings will be paid for by HRSA. **Deadline:** May 30. Details: http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/bhpradvisory/actpcmd/index.html
• **Call for posters/oral presentations:** 2014 International Symposium on Minority Health and Health Disparities: In keeping with the theme of the symposium, “Transdisciplinary Collaborations: Evolving Dimensions of US and Global Health Equity,” the scientific program will highlight the excellence and innovation in basic, translational, and clinical research from the programs supported by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. The Symposium has been designed to offer opportunities for sharing research information in areas related to cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity, cancer, women's health, mental health, infectious disease, stroke, and behavioral and community health with special emphasis on minority health and health disparities. We invite others who are engaged in clinical, translational, basic science, education, and policy research in minority health and health disparities to join us. **Deadline:** June 2. **Details:** [http://ismhhd.com/abstractform.html](http://ismhhd.com/abstractform.html)

• **Call for Applications:** 2014 NIMHD Translational Health Disparities Course-Aug 11-22, 2014, Bethesda MD: **Integrating Principles of Science, Practice and Policy in Health Disparities Research.** The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) will again host a course on the science of health disparities this summer. This two-week intensive course will provide specialized instructions on the concepts, principles, methods, and applications of health disparities science, practice, and policy. It will also integrate principles and practice of community engagement. **Deadline:** May 22. **Details:** [http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/courseHD-2013revised.html](http://www.nimhd.nih.gov/courseHD-2013revised.html)

• **Volunteer Requests:** **Consortium for Latino Access to Research Opportunities (CLARO)** has several teams working on achieving different CLARO goals: Community Assessment Activities; Securing Resources and Funding; and Creating an Online Databank. Seeking ~2-3 volunteers from diverse sectors (consumers, CBOs, businesses, etc.) to participate on these teams. If you are passionate about any of these activities, have experience with this work and/or simply want to develop your professional skills in these areas, please contact griselconsult@gmail.com

• **Inform Efforts to Support Community-Engaged Research:** **ARCC survey:** Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) wants to hear from you! They are conducting a survey to evaluate its progress and plan future activities and initiatives. They invite any Chicago area community partners (community or faith-based organizations, public agencies, residents, etc.) and academic partners (faculty, staff, students, trainees at Northwestern or other Chicago area universities) to complete the survey (whether you’ve had contact with ARCC before or not). Those who complete the survey have a weekly chance to win a gift card. **Access the survey:** [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LH38P6D](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LH38P6D)

• **Call for Papers:** **Journal Special Issue on Eliminating Health Disparities to Achieve Health Equity.** The purpose of this special issue is to highlight the latest interdisciplinary and innovative research, tools, methods and approaches to assess, reduce and prevent environmentally driven social, racial and ethnic health disparities. The journal welcomes manuscripts that link environmental, health and these factors including, but not limited to, spatial dimensions of health disparities, community capacity building for environmental justice and community based participatory research. **Deadline:** July 31. **Details:** [http://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijerph/special_issues/health-disparities](http://www.mdpi.com/journal/ijerph/special_issues/health-disparities)

**Resources**

• **New Toolkit Provides Resources for Health Meetings and Conferences** – The Center for Science in the Public Interest and the National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity have released a guide to healthier meetings and conferences. **The Healthy Meeting Toolkit** contains tips on serving healthier foods, integrating physical activity into meetings and more. **Details:** [http://cspinet.org/nutritionpolicy/healthy-meeting.html](http://cspinet.org/nutritionpolicy/healthy-meeting.html)

• **Conceptual Logic Model for Community-Based Participatory Research**. Available from the University of New Mexico’s School of Medicine, Center for Participatory Research. This web-based tool complete with metrics and measures (instrument) to assess CBPR processes and outcomes. Over 50 instruments related to the most common concepts in CBPR, concepts such as organizational capacity; group relational dynamics; empowerment; and community capacity are profiled and available through this tool. The profile includes the instrument name; a link to original source; the number of items in the instrument; concept(s) original assessed; reliability; validity; and identification of the population created with. **Access:** [http://fcm.unm.edu/cpr/cbpr_model.html](http://fcm.unm.edu/cpr/cbpr_model.html)

• **Interested in Being Part of a PCORI-Funded Research Team?** Are you a patient, clinician, policymaker, payer or other healthcare stakeholder interested in partnering with applicants for Patient Centered Outcomes

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Research Institute (PCORI)-funded research? Then, consider adding your name to the PCOR Partner List. The goal of the PCOR Partner List is to compile the names, contact information, and areas of interest of patients and other non-researcher stakeholders who would like to work with a researcher and contribute to a PCORI-funded research project. Such partnerships can take many forms, from consulting as an expert on a particular subject matter to being an integral member of the team that develops and conducts the study. Partnership does not mean being a study participant in a clinical research trial or project. PCORI is currently looking for potential PCOR Partners interested in working with researchers responding to the following PCORI Funding Announcements (PFAs):

- Pragmatic Clinical Studies and Large Simple Trials to Evaluate Patient-Centered Outcomes
- Effectiveness of Transitional Care
- Obesity Treatment Options Set in Primary Care for Underserved Populations

Details: [http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/funding-announcements/pcor-partner-list/](http://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/funding-announcements/pcor-partner-list/)

**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)