EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE CALL SERIES:
BUILDING COMMUNITY CAPACITY FOR RESEARCH

Catalyzing Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR) at the Neighborhood Level
Thursday August 20, 2009
12:30-2 pm Pacific time / 3:30-5 pm Eastern time

AGENDA & SPEAKER BIOS

5 min: Welcome & Introductions

15 min: Overview of Charities & its CBPR Continuum (Jane Peranteau & Marlynn May)

10 min: Audience Q&A/Discussion

15 min: Pakistani Study (Jane Peranteau, Sehba Sanwar & Aisha Siddiqui)

10 min: Audience Q&A/Discussion

15 min: CDC Funded Special Interest Project in Partnership with University of Texas School of Public Health & Planned Parenthood of Houston (Kimberly Lopez & Meryl Cohen)

15 min: Audience Q&A/Discussion

5 min: Closing Comments

The call will feature speakers from St. Luke's Episcopal Health Charities' Center for Community Based Research in Houston, TX and communities that have partnered with the Center on CBPR initiatives. Created in 1997 as a separate component of St. Luke's Episcopal Health System, the Charities is a grant-making public charity with 501(c)(3) status that combines CBPR, strategic community partnerships, and its Community Health Information System to have the maximum impact on community health within the 57-counties of its mission field.

On the call, participants will learn about how the Charities has assisted organizations and institutions in moving from a "community as advisor" model of community-based research to a participatory model that builds community capacity in all phases of the research process. Participants will be introduced to the Healthy Neighborhood Initiative model of CBPR at the neighborhood level, a CBPR scholar-in-residence program, and the evolution of a team of community-based faculty available to work with academic institutions, community-based organizations, government agencies and philanthropies seeking to build capacity, at both individual and organizational levels, for research and community engagement.
Learn more about the Charities and Center for Community-Based Research online at 
http://www.slehc.org/AboutUs/Index.cfm, http://www.slehc.org/CenterOfExcellence/index.cfm and
http://www.slehc.org/HNI/CBPR.cfm

Speaker Bios & Contact Information

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and the community partner responsible for the initiation of the Pakistani study. Email: 
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Kim Lopez, DrPH: Kim is the Director of Research and Practice for the Charities and directs the 
development and implementation of neighborhood-based CBPR projects. Kim has worked in 
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About Community-Campus Partnerships for Health

Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (CCPH) promotes health (broadly defined) through 
partnerships between communities and higher educational institutions. A non-profit organization 
founded in 1996, CCPH’s strategic goals are to:

- Combine the knowledge, wisdom and experience in communities and in academic institutions to 
solve major health, social and economic challenges
- Build the capacity of communities and higher educational institutions to engage each other in 
authentic partnerships
- Support communities in their relationships and work with academic partners
- Recognize and reward faculty for community engagement and community-engaged scholarship
- Develop partnerships that balance power and share resources equitably among partners
- Ensure that community-driven social change is central to service-learning and community-based participatory research
At a grass-roots level, our members are advancing these goals in their work on a daily basis. Our growing network of over 1,800 communities and campuses are collaborating to promote health through service-learning, community-based participatory research and other partnerships. What ties CCPH members together is our commitment to social justice and our passion for the power of partnerships to transform communities and academe. We believe that only by combining the knowledge, wisdom and experience in communities and in academic institutions will we solve the major health, social and economic challenges facing our society.

At an organizational level, CCPH advances our mission through knowledge exchange, training and technical assistance, research and evaluation, policy development and advocacy, and coalition-building. Learn more about CCPH at www.ccph.info or email us at ccphuw@u.washington.edu.