

Introductory Remarks on April 12, 2011 by Mary Brydon-Miller, Director, Action Research Center, University of Cincinnati for Presentations by CCPH executive director Sarena Seifer & CCPH board chair Susan Gust

Every single day I learn something new thanks to Community-Campus Partnerships for Health, so it is my great pleasure to introduce to you all two individuals who make this extraordinary learning opportunity possible, Sarena Seifer and Susan Ann Gust.

Community Campus Partnerships for Health is universally recognized as a key source for information regarding all aspects of community-based participatory research. With its web-based training and technical support, resource-packed listservs, and vast networking opportunities CCPH is a phenomenal asset to all of those of us working to strengthen relationships between university based researchers and our community partners to improve health and wellness.

Sarena Seifer is the Founding Executive Director of CCPH and it is her energy, dedication, and resourcefulness that have made it possible for this organization to grow include more than 2,000 communities and campuses across the U.S., Canada, and increasingly throughout the world. She received her undergraduate degree in Biology at Washington University in St. Louis and her Master's degree and M.D. from Georgetown University School of Medicine. She has done extensive work in the area of health policy and now focuses her efforts in the areas of community engaged scholarship, capacity building, and the strengthening of ethics review processes.

Susan Ann Gust is a community activist and small business owner whose work in the field of construction and economic and environmental justice led to the founding of the ReUse Center in Minneapolis. This was just the first of many contributions Susan has made to addressing critical community needs and health concerns including her work as co-founder of the Phillips Neighborhood Healthy Housing Collaborative, the Family Sustainability Collaborative, the Board of the Community University Health Care Center, the City of Minneapolis Public Health Advisory Committee among a myriad of other activities. She currently serves as a member of the Cultural Wellness Center's Law and Policy Committee and as a member of the Board of Community Campus Partnership for Health.

And if you're not exhausted just listening to this, you weren't paying attention! Please help me in welcoming Susan Ann Gust and Sarena Seifer.