

**Achieving the Promise of Community-Engaged Health Disparities Research:
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Chris Adkins, LGSW is a social worker at Chase Brexton Health Services, a community health clinic located in Baltimore, MD with three other locations throughout the state. At CBHS, I work with medically fragile HIV+ individuals with Mental Health and Addiction issues. I also serve on our research committee and provide oversight and support to our clinical research department. I have co-authored several peer-reviewed journal articles based on LGBT communities and sexual health, most recently on Asian & Pacific Islanders and sexual health education. I received my MSW from Boston University (focusing on public health and social work research) in 2008 and has guest lectured at Johns Hopkins University on research methods for the LGBT community.

Kim Aumann has 25 years experience as a community worker, parent support practitioner and manager of third sector organizations in the UK. She has worked with parents of children with disabilities and special educational needs for the past 15 years and was the founding member and Director of Amaze www.amazebrighton.org.uk, a UK based information and support charity that aims to build resilience with parent carers. During this time she led parent consultations with a range of players including the Prime Ministers Strategy Unit, adult disability activists and local authority commissioners plus developed a thriving parent led organisation cited by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, the Audit Commission and Ofsted Joint SSI Inspectors as an example of excellence and good practice. She is now Director of ART (Amaze Research and Training) and Co-Director of the resilience research and practice social enterprise www.boingboing.org.uk, both of which she established as a result of her partnership work with the University of Brighton. Kim has been involved with the university's Community University Partnership Programme for the past eight years where she has successfully forged creative links with different university partners, to tackle issues of disadvantage and inequalities together. She has contributed to publications about the experience along the way and worked alongside parent carers to develop and deliver training to build locally based research skills. Originally from Australia, Kim has completed studies in sociology, counselling, group work and research methods. (Kim applied to attend the forum because she is helping to plan a community partner forum in the UK and wanted to connect with our efforts).

+**Atum Azzahir** has devoted her professional life to helping people of the Twin Cities take control of their lives, their health and the health of their community. She is known for leading visionary initiatives that are helping reduce the disparities in health status for women, persons of color and those with low incomes. As the co-founder and president of the Powderhorn/Phillips Cultural Wellness Center, Atum leads a unique organization that brings together cultural traditions, community, healing, and personal empowerment for better health. The program is a national model for improving the health of a community by finding innovative solutions that bring people together for a common cause. Early in her career, this dedicated leader helped establish community resources to empower battered women, provide resources for women to train for work in non-traditional trades, and help parents prepare their children for success in school.

Atum was the first director of the Minneapolis Way to Grow, a ground-breaking school-readiness program. She was the founding director of Healthy Powderhorn, the citizen's health initiative that led to the formation of the Powderhorn/Phillips Cultural Wellness Center. She is a former chair of the Minnesota Woman's Fund, the National Network of Women's Funds and a past member of the Medica board of directors. She also served on the Allina Hospitals and Clinics Board and the HOPE Community Inc. Board. Atum is the founder of Elders, Other Mothers and Daughters of Africa, an organization dedicated to guiding the rite of passage into womanhood for young women of African descent. She serves as an Elder in that organization. She currently

serves on the board for Hennepin Health Systems (HHS) formerly Hennepin County Medical Center. She chairs the governance and mission effectiveness committee. She is a member of the board of Community-Campus Partnerships for Health.

Elizabeth Bachrad: One of my primary goals as a health and wellness advocate is to provide information and support to individuals and groups to foster not only self-awareness in their environments but an appreciation of resources that encourage forward progress towards healthier living. This impact level has a governing local force as well as the greater San Francisco community need I serve through my direct role as a Senior Health & Wellness Director for the Stonestown Family YMCA of San Francisco. My background includes over 10 years in the health & fitness industry, an MA in Sport Psychology including certifications in Sport & Exercise Performance, Personal Training, Group Exercise, Weight Management Consulting, and a 10-month Behavior Change program around healthy lifestyles. Motivation to participate in further research and development came about after completing my thesis in the perceived effects of environmental influences on exercise behavior and adherence. These findings have undoubtedly contributed to the influencing factors determining program development and implementation of start-stop and beginning exercise populations within the local San Francisco YMCA communities.

Throughout the last year, the YMCA of San Francisco underwent their newly innovative 5-year strategic plan that encompasses an agenda of advocacy and program impact. My personal engagement on a branch level has been to lead focus groups around community needs assessments and interpret the data to increase our greater good messaging and level of impact for youth development, social responsibility, and healthy living. A team of mine has also recently completed a deep dive in identifying populations we want to serve better as well as developing innovative programming based on their needs assessment through one-on-one interviewing.

Luis Bedregal is a research scientist at the Hispanic Health Council (HHC) located in Hartford, CT. The HHC is a nationally recognized, community based organization whose mission is to improve the health and well being of Latinos and other diverse communities. HHC works to achieve this mission through community based research, evidence-based direct services, and policy advocacy. Dr. Bedregal is currently evaluating the SAMHSA-funded Project Connect program, which aims at reducing women's substance use and engagement in high risk behaviors, providing intensive case management, and increasing access and retention in comprehensive integrated treatments. He is also working on the planning and implementation of two series of community based focus groups and development of CBPR grant proposals related to HHC's health disparity work.

Angela Beltran has over 10 years of experience working with diverse low-income communities doing Community Based Action Research (CBAR) with a special focus in capacity building and preventive health. Prior to joining Special Service for Groups (SSG), Angela worked at Para Los Nios and managed the first ever pilot First 5 LA Best Start Los Angeles Community. She helped develop the parent engagement task force, which helped launch the CBAR working group for Best Start LA. As a well trained community organizer and health promoter, Angela created the first pilot Leadership Development Health Promoter Training Program, while working for Collective SPACE in McArthur Park. She trained 25 local community members, focusing on health, housing and leadership development through the use of Participatory Action Research (PAR). When Angela worked for the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, she managed and coordinated a First 5 LA PAR Project, which focused on lead contaminations in deteriorated housing stock and its direct health impact on children ages 0-5. She managed the data collection information and analyzed over 250 surveys and more than 500 environmental samplings. Angela is a staff Research Analyst at SSG and is one of the lead staff members working on the asset and capacity assessment of First 5 LA Best Start Communities and providing technical assistance on community-based action research to several of these communities.

***Willie Mae Bennett-Fripp**, Executive Director, The Committee for Boston Public Housing (CBPH): CBPH has been an active participant in community-based participatory research as a tool to improve public housing conditions for over a decade. This partnership began with a small project generating from the large number of reported asthmatic children from public housing having emergency room visits in 1996-97 with Tufts School of Medicine. Since then, CBPH's primary role continues to be to participate in the steering committee and make

concrete decisions as projects moves forward, participate in sub-committees, hire and train public housing residents to staff the projects, recruit participants and data collection, assist in analyzing data and disseminate reports to the researched community .

CBPH has partnered with Harvard School of Public Health, Boston University School of Public Health, and Tufts School of Medicine on “Healthy Public Housing Initiative I and II” on integrated pest management. Currently, the agency is working with three main university partners ,Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston University School of Epidemiology, and Harvard University School of Public Health. Tufts University’s research is called Community Assessment of Freeway Exposure and Health (CAFEH). CAFEH currently is studying the impact of air pollutants coming from the highway and how it might affect individual’s health. The Harvard School of Public Health’s study, “CBH Partnership on Environmental Public Health Exploration and Mitigation” is a pesticide study researching the impact of the integrated Pest Management Program to see if there is a reduction of pesticide elements in children’s system as well as their home environments. The Boston University study, “Health Advocates as a Vehicle to Improve Treatment for Smokers in Public Housing” will be conducting surveys and recruiting tenants who smoke into a smoking cessation study. In addition, we are apart of Boston Medical Center-Boston Public Health Commission’s “Integrated Pest Management Impact Study”.

I have formerly served on the Roxbury-Community Research Advisory Board at Harvard School of Public Health, Boston University’s Prevention Research Center-Community Committee, and the National Community Committee of the Center for Disease Control-Prevention Research Center. As a community partner participating in research to bring about policy change in public housing for the past twelve years, I view the forum as an opportunity to adjust the approach to research to be sensitized to not only the racial, cultural, ethnic, linguistic and economic make-up of the approached community but also address the power and impact of inclusiveness to effect policy change.

Monica Brase has used participatory action research (PAR) with youth in several different capacities for over 15 years. She has been an educator in Hartford for 10 years, and she currently is a Resident Principal at Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy. As an educator, Monica used PAR with teens to address issues within the school and community in order to make change. Her leadership classes completed such projects as investigating HIV knowledge among students and planning a school-wide HIV awareness day, surveying middle school students about bullying and conducting workshops to address their needs, and exploring high school students' sexual behavior to address the issue with health and administrative staff. The Action Against Youth Homelessness and Hunger (AAYHH) student group at Classical Magnet School designed a school-wide survey to determine if homelessness and hunger existed among the student population. This data was used to plan programs and events, such as a state-wide youth homelessness summit, a school-based food pantry, and school-wide awareness initiatives. AAYHH students present at conferences as well as to legislators and state agencies.

Prior to teaching, Monica worked at the Institute for Community Research where she trained teens in action research and facilitation skills. She traveled throughout CT with the facilitators, training other youth in agencies and schools in PAR and working on community-based projects. More recently, Monica finished her dissertation, which used a PAR methodology to explore the assessment of social supports for homeless youth in high school. The PAR team consisted of four college students who had experience with homelessness. The college students were involved in all aspects of the research from instrument design to analyzing data. Monica received her BS in biochemistry from Oklahoma State University, an MPH with a focus on global health from Yale University, and an EdD from the University of Hartford.

Donna M. Bright, Ph.D., M.S.P.H. has 20 years of diverse experience in health services and public health sectors. As a medical assistant for several years Ms. Bright gained diverse clinical experience while pursuing undergraduate studies in public administration and public policy at Suffolk University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Government. She went on to receive a Master of Science from the Harvard School of Public Health in health care management and health policy and gained experience in various aspects of health care management through internships then employment at Boston area teaching hospitals and community health centers before embarking upon an extensive career in HIV prevention. It is through Ms. Brights seven year

tenure at the Multicultural AIDS Coalition as Director of Programs, then Deputy Director where she gained expertise in program evaluation and organization capacity development. Subsequently, as Director of Evaluation Research & Planning at JRI Health, Ms. Bright performed community based participatory research in the areas of GLBT youth of color health; researched and informed state public health policies related to HIV client housing and peer support programming; and developed staff and institutional capacity to perform ongoing monitoring and program evaluation. Ms. Bright recently completed a doctoral program in health services research at the Heller School for Social Policy & Management at Brandeis University: studying the relationship between physician leadership and effective care teams in MA primary care groups.

Rosemary Browne has more than 25 years of experience in the nonprofit sector working to improve the quality of life for individuals and families in South Central Pennsylvania. She held the position of Director of Programs & Community Investment for a community foundation serving 5 counties in South Central PA, for nearly 10 years. She provided oversight for all regional grantmaking, special projects and initiatives of the community foundation. Rosemary has a deep passion for and commitment to making connections in the community to address the challenges of access to health services among underserved populations and communities of color. Rosemary coordinated The Foundation's first strategic grantmaking targeting access to and availability of health services which resulted in a three-year commitment to invest in outcomes-based programs that demonstrated a high potential to serve as models for replication in other communities throughout the region. She serves as key staff for the AIDS Fund of South Central PA as a community partnership of AIDS United, which funds AIDS service organizations that provide prevention, education and treatment for persons living with HIV/AIDS, has served as an Advisory to the LGBT Community Center Coalition, PA Dept. of Environmental Protection Environmental Justice Advisory Board, Highmark Foundation's Dauphin County Health Disparities Forum, and the Dauphin County Health Improvement Partnership. Rosemary is a Certified Community Health Educator and Community Advisory Board member of the Penn State Hershey Cancer Institute, and also serves on the Community Advisory Board for Penn State Hershey Medical Center College of Medicine's Clinical & Translational Science Institute. Rosemary is a breast cancer survivor and mother of two sons.

Sherita Bullock is a Rochester, NY native and single mom. She delivered a low birth weight, preterm baby who stayed five days in the NICU at Strong Memorial Hospital seventeen years ago before coming home. Inspired by that experience, she accepted a position at Perinatal Network of Monroe County (PNMC) as the Community Relations Manager and has worked in increasingly responsible positions for the last fourteen years.

PNMC is a not-for-profit human service agency that exists to improve the health and well-being of pregnant women, their babies, and their families. Staff efforts are focused on reducing racial and ethnic disparities in birth outcomes because these disparities affect the overall health of our community. In her role as Community Relations Manager Sherita is responsible for developing, nurturing, and coordinating relationships between the agency and community partners. She coordinates the agency's Consortium and the Community Council, ensuring that voices of our consumers and partners vibrate in our agency services, community education, and program development. Sherita facilitates the Community Council, an advisory board for a CBPR NIH grant that PNMC is a Principal Investigator with the University of Rochester called the, Community Partnership for Breastfeeding Promotion and Support: Creating System Change. Additionally she serves on several community collaboratives including as Chair of the African American Health Coalition (convened by the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency), and on the University of Rochester's Center for Community Health's Community Advisory Council. At the request of community members and agency partners she has presented Eliminating Racial Health Disparities, the Importance of Perinatal Health, Life Course Health Development, Unnatural Causes, and Effective Community Coalitions to several audiences.

Janice Burns serves in dual capacities as a Research Analyst and Manager of the Community Research Lab Program at Advancement Project, Healthy City in Los Angeles, CA. In her role as a Research Analyst, she supports the strategies of community-based organizations with GIS mapping and analysis. As Manager of the Community Research Lab, she coordinates the development and implementation of capacity-building, community-based research tools and workshops that involve Healthy City's free online mapping technology. She has provided mapping research and technical assistance on projects that have informed the policy, organizing,

and advocacy strategies of community-based organizations throughout Southern California and has facilitated participatory mapping activities with organizations such as the Los Angeles Urban League, Community Coalition, Alliance for a Better Community, and First 5 Los Angeles. She applies her teaching skills as a HealthyCity.org website trainer and Community Research Lab workshop facilitator. She holds a Masters Degree in Urban Planning from UCLA (Social Planning and Analysis emphasis) and a Bachelors Degree in Sociology and Black Studies from UC Santa Barbara.

Charlotte Caldwell has 5 children, 18 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. As matriarch, community activist, and member of Three Fires Midewin Lodge, a traditional medicine lodge providing a strong cultural identity, she advocates for future generations. She has worked with health, nutrition, and housing issues through outreach, grant writing, capacity-building, and organizing for social change. She serves the Menominee Nation by defending the environmental integrity of the land, air, and water base, which are the sustainable cultural and earth resources of the Menominee People and as the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin's Environmental Services Healthy Homes Coordinator. Charlotte helped include Indigenous People (IP) in national and international forums on respecting, maintaining, and promoting traditional teachings and natural laws on the sacredness of Mother Earth, through the Indigenous Environmental Network. In 2000, she addressed the United Nations at the International Negotiating Conference on the Persistent Organic Pollutants Treaty in Johannesburg, South Africa on the effects of these chemicals. She has been privileged to provide a voice at the International Joint Commission and the EPA's Science Advisory Board hearings. Charlotte has helped communities develop health strategic plans and avoid exploitation and contamination through partnerships with Green Peace, Great Lakes United, and the Center for Health, Environment, and Justice. As the coordinator for the Protecting Mother Earth Conference for 6 years, Charlotte organized 1,500 people from across the U.S. for learning, networking, and strategic planning. She is a founding member of the Menominee Community Action Board (CAB), a community-based 4 year collaborative partnership with the University of Wisconsin. Her focus has been the inclusion of low-income and people of color in the decision-making process and helping them develop leadership skills, goals, and self empowerment.

Karen Calhoun is (1) Senior Health Officer, City Connect Detroit; (2) Clinical Research Associate, Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research (MICHHR), Community Engagement(CE)Program, University of Michigan (UM); (3) Co-Facilitator, MICHHRs CE Coordinating Council; and (4) represents Advisory Cores - (a) Outreach, Partnerships, and Implementation Science Program;(b) Research Ethics Program. Current research projects:(1) Maternal/Child Health Community Training Program (co-investigator, UM School of Public Health) to enhance quality of practice among frontline public health workers; (2)developing evaluation of Detroit school-based health clinics(project director); and (3) research team - (a) building community stakeholders/organizations capacity, NIH Rc4 (CRA) grant; (b) NIH funded Research Ethics Training for Community Partners Engaged in Research for Clinical Translational Science Initiatives nationally. For City Connect, raised approximately \$3.5M in new 2007 investment and \$9M (2009-11 operating revenue). Previous positions: (1) Vice President for Community Health, Greater Detroit Area Health Council; (2) Program Officer, The Kresge Foundation;(3) Research Assistant, Department of Community Medicine, School of Medicine, Wayne State University. At the Health Council as Detroit project director, Active for Life clinical trials, tested integrity of Active Living Every Day model - first national Community-Based Participatory Research effort. At The Kresge Foundation, she was managing officer for the Foundations first social program grant making effort, providing new regional investment in public health, community/economic development, leveraged \$350M in new social capital. Karen also (1) managed special projects (independent consultant); (2) coordinated community planning (United Way for Southeast Michigan); (3) political science instructor (Wayne County Community College District), and (4) helped raise 49 foster children as houseparent (Youth Living Centers).

Darryl Cannady is the founder and president of South Central Educational Development, Inc., incorporated in 1999, but founded in 1992, this minority based organization is located in Bluefield West Virginia. Darryl has been a community activist and an advocate for community health for the past 20 years with a focus on rural and disenfranchised communities of color located in the central Appalachian Mountains. Darryl has collaborated on research project with West Virginia University's research and development office, and have worked on Focus on Kids- an HIV prevention research project and Professor Janet Wang's pregnancy Stress in rural women, and

have worked with Dr Mark Colomb and the Mississippi Urban Research Center at Jackson State University (JSU MURC) analyzing HIV prevention data collection and developing tools to collect data from Men who has Sex with Men, I have worked with the Mary Babbs Randolph Cancer center with Participatory research including Body and Soul A Celebration of Healthy Living and Eating . South Central designed and implemented Tell A Friend About Mammograms Screening this in-house designed intervention was created as participatory research/intervention to collect data from women of color to collect and analyze data pertaining to breast and cervical cancer screening and access to services for rural women. Darryl have served on several board of director and community committees, currently he is the board chair for Appalachian Community Fund (Social Change Funding), but have served on Jackson State University's Mississippi Urban Research Center advisory committee, MS., National AIDS Education Servicing Minorities, GA.(NAESM), The Funding Exchange, NY., West Virginia HIV Community Planning Group, West Virginia Ryan White Planning Council, West Virginia Drug Free Communities committee, West Virginia HIV Peer Education committee. Darryl is currently working toward his Regents BA in Communications with Bluefield State College, WV.

Stephen Carroll is the Homeless/Transition Age Service Division Director for San Diego Youth Services (SDYS). In his role, Stephen is responsible for overseeing all Homeless and Transition Age Services, including shelter and residential programs and mental health counseling programs serving high-risk homeless, runaway and emancipated youth ages 12-24. This position is part of the agency's senior management team which oversees quality assurance, program development, budgeting, contract compliance, service integration, resource development, program policies and procedures, and staffing for all programs within this division.

Stephen has worked at San Diego Youth Services (SDYS) since 1998 in the area of transitional housing, emergency shelter and mental health services. He has experience with program design and implementation, budget management, youth development, and supervision of staff that has allowed him to become intimately familiar with sustainable services delivery and effective approaches to meeting the needs of SDYS' at-risk youth communities. One of his accomplishments includes the creation of SDYS Best Feet Forward (BFF) Committee in 2001. The BFF Committee takes part in several culturally diverse events including, the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, AIDS Walk San Diego and the LGBT Pride Parade. He feels that it is important to come together to celebrate, become part of and stand up with these smaller, culturally-diverse communities that make up the larger San Diego community. Over the past six years, he has been involved in a community-academic research partnership with the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Pediatrics Center for Community Health which began with SDYS invitation to UCSD to partner with SDYS in the evaluation of its Peer Education and Empowerment Program (PEEP).PEEP is an HIV/STD and Unplanned Pregnancy Prevention Program targeting at-risk youth that demonstrated a positive effect on reducing sexual risk among SDYS' service populations.

Joann Casado, JD is the current Executive Director of the Bronx Health Link and is a graduate of the City College Center on Legal and Urban Education and received her Juris Doctor from New York Law School. She has worked in the non-profit and government sector for over 25 years and spent 13 years working with men and women with HIV and AIDS, first with the Latino Commission on AIDS and then at the Hunter College Center on AIDS, Drugs and Community Health conducting a CDC-funded study on the development of a jail-based health intervention for men who have sex with men. As a consultant at Pfizer, she managed their health literacy grants and assisted in the creation of community outreach tools on cardiovascular health, diabetes and smoking cessation. She is the Co-Principal Investigator of an NIH-funded grant to develop and implement a community-based research board in the Bronx affectionately called the Bronx CRAB. The CRAB has recruited, trained and reviewed several research proposals from AECOM. It is now moving to the next iteration of its work and is developing a structure, recruiting and training new members and is engaged in a process of expanding its review beyond AECOM research.

Ms. Casado is also working with Lincoln Hospital on the Center for Collaborative Community Research. Her experience with numerous boards such as the SOL Study Community Advisory Board, the Morrisania D&T CAB, and the Montefiore Community Advisory Board and her role as the community representative on the Lehman College IRB have all provided her with useful insights as she assists the members of the CRAB in their work.

Megan Chacon has worked in the area of public health and human rights for eight years, with a focus on global health and health disparities. Ms. Chacon currently serves as the Coalition Coordinator for the Refugee and Immigrant Women for Change Coalition (RIWC) in Minneapolis, MN. RIWC is a partnership of seven organizations providing direct services to African, Asian and Latino refugees and immigrants in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. RIWC mission is to achieve gender equity in refugee and immigrant communities. One strategy to achieve this goal is to address health disparities within these communities. Ms. Chacon has utilized community-engaged research tactics, through the use of focus groups, community surveys, and interviews in order to identify gender equity conditions, systemic and culturally rooted barriers and opportunities facing the communities represented by the RIWC coalition. Prior to her work with the RIWC Coalition, she worked as a research assistant with the Program in Health Disparities Research at the University of Minnesota and as a client coordinator at the Center for Victims of Torture. Ms. Chacon earned a Master of Public Health degree (majoring in community health education) from the University of Minnesota in 2011.

John M. Cooks is a charter member and the current chair of the Galveston Island Community Research Advisory Committee. He and this board serves as “gatekeepers” for the health and well being of the African American community in Galveston County, Texas. He has been actively involved in community research for several years. He was recently funded as Community Principal Investigator through the NIH Partners in Research Initiative. His professional background as a health claims examiner, research assistant, educator, musician, and community activist has placed him on both sides of the research table. He now serves as Research Coordinator with St. Luke’s Episcopal Health Charities. This wonderful coupling of community and current professional endeavors allow his passion and compassion for the community to be addressed on two fronts. His commitment to both the community and the principles of Community Based Participatory Research, coupled with a genuine desire to help mankind has allowed him to find his research niche. A native of Houston, Texas, he received his B.S in Public Affairs with a Health Care Administration concentration from Texas Southern University.

Melissa Cornelius: I am a wife, mother, who has 3 children and took in my then 10 year old nephew. My young son has ADHD and my nephew has mild mental problems, my oldest daughter passed away at the age of 12 due to cancer complications. I believe her cancer was environmental because of the poor air quality in our neighborhood. But at the same time I still find time to be a very involved community person. I am a big supporter of my local Urban Appalachian Council. (UAC) I frequently do volunteer projects. Some examples of the things that I have done in the past and still continue to do are; The Women’s health survey, the Lower Price Hill Diabetes Initiative and the monthly Bingo/health related projects, Parent Leadership training (PLTI) which helped me be and advocate for my children and many other things. I get involved in any way I can. The staff at UAC likes that she volunteers her help with community projects. Some other thing community involvement is the Lower Price Hill Community council as a secretary and a treasure for about 3 years. LSDMC (Local School Decision Making Committee) which is the Oyler School Board. I did a few projects with the Environmental leadership group (ELG) like being involved with getting the Super Fund Pollution site across from the school cleaned up.

Naomi Cottoms: I am the founding executive director of Tri County Rural Health Network, Inc., with home offices in Helena, Arkansas. Since our incorporation in 2003 we have expanded our service area from three to 16 Delta counties and our budget from \$30,000 to \$1.4 million. Our mission is to increase access to health care and prevention resources for citizens in need. All of our work grows out of community engagement with poor, grassroots citizens. From the beginning we have been a strong community partner with University of Arkansas Medical Sciences, especially the College of Public Health and Dr. M. Kate Stewart. I am a member of the CTSA community-engagement cores community advisory board for UAMS and the CAB for the UAMS Prevention Center. Prior to returning home to the Delta, I served as vice president of student affairs at Philander Smith College, an HBCU in Little Rock. I headed the schools TRIO/Upward Bound Programs before becoming dean of student affairs. I was born in Helena, AR. and have a BS from Philander Smith College and a MA from Webster University.

Melany Cueva RN, EdD is a nurse, wellness advocate, cancer educator, and adult education research specialist with over 25 years of experience working with and for Alaska Native and American Indian people and Tribal Health Organizations to decrease health disparities. Since 1998, Melany has worked at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) in Anchorage Alaska with Alaska's village-based Community Health Aides and Community Health Practitioners (CHA/Ps) in the field of community driven, culturally responsive cancer education research. Dr. Cueva serves as Director for a CDC Colorectal Cancer Screening Health Communication Materials Project funded to ANTHC. Building upon Alaska Native peoples storytelling traditions, recent community engaged projects include an interactive colorectal cancer Readers Theatre script, What's the Big Deal? which was adapted into a telenovella style movie and digital-storytelling. In 2009, Dr Cueva received a five-year mentored research scholar award from the American Cancer Society to develop arts-based cancer education with Alaska Native Community Health Workers which honors Alaska Native peoples dynamic traditions of the arts and storytelling as viable ways of knowing. In collaboration with Alaska Native and American Indian people, she is exploring the expressive arts of moving, drawing, sculpting, and storytelling as interconnected ways to support conversations, healing, and understanding as a catalyst for renewal, hope, and action. This builds upon her previous work to develop, implement, and evaluate culturally respectful cancer education with Alaska's Community Health Aides/Practitioners (CHA/Ps) as project coordinator for a NCI R25 research award (2001-2007). In 2007-2008, she served as the IHS National Project Coordinator for the Bridging the Divide Project to develop and provide cancer education for Community Health Representatives (CHRs) throughout the US.

***Grace Damio** is Director of Research and Service Initiatives for the Hispanic Health Council in Hartford, CT. Grace joined HHC in 1986. She has developed and overseen many of HHC's research and service initiatives in the areas of maternal and child health, food security, nutrition and breastfeeding, health care access, chronic disease management, obesity prevention and cross cultural training. She has a wealth of experience in implementation, evaluation, dissemination, and replication of culturally tailored, evidence-based interventions intended to address inequities in health. She has written culturally tailored curricula and training manuals, and provided training on diversity skill development at a wide variety of universities, conferences and worksites. She is the author or co-author of many articles published in peer-reviewed journals. Prior to her work at the Hispanic Health Council, she consulted for a nutrition development program in Nicaragua, and did clinical and community nutrition work in Hartford and Harlem. Ms. Damio serves on several local and statewide boards and committees related to maternal/child health, and nutrition issues. Grace earned an M.S. in public health nutrition from Columbia University and a B.S. in community nutrition at the University of Connecticut.

Anna Huff Davis has worked over the last twenty plus years as a community based public health program planner, developer, implementer and evaluator. Since 1999, I have been engaged in community research. Since 2001, I have served as the director of a local community based organization, Mid Delta Community Consortium (MDCC) which has been a partner of the College Of Public Health since 2002, and the focus of MDCC's HRSA Delta State grant for establishing the Arkansas Delta Rural Development Network (ADRDN), a network of coalitions throughout the Southeast region of AR focusing on developing and supporting efforts by local-level rural health networks to address unmet health needs (including health promotion and disease prevention), improving access to health care, and improving the health care system in the Mississippi Delta. I also serve as the PI of the HRSA grant supporting ADRDN, and the Community Deputy Director for the 2009 CDC funded Arkansas Prevention Research Center (ARPRC). I chair the ARPRC CAB and serve as the National Community Committee representative. I received an undergraduate degree from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff in 1981 and studied at Hebrew University in Jerasulem, Israel and completed Masters level coursework at the University of California at Davis.

Ogonnaya Dotson-Newman, MPH, REHS is the Acting Environmental Health Director at WE ACT. Ogonnaya joined WE ACT in April 2008 as the organizations Environmental Health and Community-Based Participatory Research Coordinator. Prior to joining the WE ACT team, Ogonnaya worked at Loma Linda University's School of Public Health as a Research Associate and Instructor. While working in this capacity she taught classes and advised students in the Health Geoinformatics program. Her research there focused on environmental health service delivery in New Mexico, collaborating with local Tribal communities on

preparedness, pan flu and preparedness training for public health professionals and understanding medical products donations in Ghana. After completing her degree she went on to pursue a Masters in Public Health. As an MPH student she conducted research on environmental health service delivery in Zambia, while teaching courses and developing a curriculum in Environmental Health and Science at Zambia Adventist University. As the coordinator for the CARE Level I Collaborative, she successfully completed the project and sustained a partnership of over 100 partners. Ogonnaya's background in environmental health provides her with key expertise to facilitate and implement a community-based environmental health assessment that conveyed key environmental issues for residents of Northern Manhattan. She has been trained in the PACE-EH methodology and is familiar with qualitative and quantitative methods of research in addition to understanding the connections between the environment, health and justice. Ogonnaya Dotson Newman is a Senior Fellow in the Environmental Leadership Program and a Fellow of the REACH the Decision Makers Program. She is a member of the East Harlem Community Health Committees Board and the Harlem Community & Academic Partnership. She is also a board member of Women's Voices for the Earth.

Mona El-Shamaa is a Program Coordinator at Asian Health Coalition; she oversees childhood obesity-prevention programs, as well as diabetes self-management programs in several Asian communities throughout the Chicago area. In addition to overseeing these programs, she serves as a steering committee member on ARCC committee, a project guided by a steering committee of community- and faith -based organizations as well as faculty at Northwestern University to support Community-Based Participatory Research-focused efforts. Prior to her work with Asian Health Coalition and ARCC, Mona earned her MPH from University of Michigan's School of Public Health, where she worked with academic and community partners on Community Action Against Asthma, a R01 grant-funded CBPR project aimed at researching disparities in asthma among Detroit youth. Mona is passionate about community-engaged research and has devoted much of her career to community empowerment.

Rene Faras is the Associate Director of Special Projects at the United Community Center with extensive expertise in building community-academic research collaborations at the UCC Health and Research Department. He is responsible for providing community leadership and direction to the Team, ensuring that diverse voices are well represented in decisions, and holding the UCC team accountable for translating into improvements in UCCs research infrastructure. During the past 7 years, he has had the pleasure of working with academic institutions on several CBPR projects such as: the Healthy Latino Families & Schools Study (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee & Medical College of Wisconsin), the Latino Geriatric Center Memory Clinic (The Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Medicine and Public Health and Froedtert Hospital), the Latino Seniors Depression Study (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), Un Nuevo Amanecer Program, an evidence based depression intervention for Latino seniors (SAMHSA), Salud de la Mujer Study (Medical College of Wisconsin), the Milwaukee Urban Food and Fitness Initiative (Medical College of Wisconsin), and the Healthy Activities Partnership Program for Youth (University of Wisconsin Madison). In summary, he has a demonstrated record of successful and productive community research projects in areas of high relevance for the Latino community: the aging population with the UCC Elderly Programs and with children enrolled in the UCC Bruce Guadalupe Community School (K3 8th Grade). He has a broad background in business administration (More than 30 years of experience), management, and budgeting, therefore he has the expertise, leadership, and motivation necessary to successfully provide guidance about CBPR.

Candida Flores: I have over 25 years of experience working in the non-profit, community-based setting in Connecticut and in Puerto Rico and now works for Family Life Education, Inc. in Hartford, CT. I have over 13 years of involvement in action research initially through various roles at the Hispanic Health Council including research design and implementation, co-principal investigator and 6 years as HHC executive director. I co-authored various research papers with other researchers at the HHC. I served as a peer reviewer for various Federal agencies, such as NIH, NIMH and the CDC. Currently I am involved as a community partner with the University of Connecticut CICATS community engagement core. Affiliated with Yale University's Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS as co-principal investigator for a research pilot project entitled ""Risk patterns of Latino/a Emergent Adult Sexual Networks.

*^**Elmer R. Freeman, MSW** is the Executive Director of the Center for Community Health Education Research and Service, Inc. (CCHERS) and an adjunct assistant professor and Director of Urban Health Programs and Policy for the Bouvé College of Health Sciences at Northeastern University. Prior to this, Mr. Freeman was Executive Director of the Whittier Street Health Center in Roxbury for 17 years.

CCHERS a community/academic partnership established in 1991. His leadership of CCHERS, since 1997, has led to its recognition as a national model partnership promoting academic-community engagement and research. Mr. Freeman is a recognized expert in the application of models of community-based participatory research (CBPR) and principles in partnerships with academic researchers to address disparities and inequalities in health and health care of underserved communities. Mr. Freeman is a recognized expert in the implementation of models of community-based participatory research. He is an accomplished facilitator with experience forging consensus across groups with conflicting interests and disparate agendas and serves as a consultant to academic institutions and medical centers nationally in their efforts to promote community engagement and scholarship in research partnerships with communities.

Actively involved in the development of CBPR partnerships between academic medical centers and the diverse communities of Boston, he is a founding member of the Tufts University Clinical Translational Science Institute, serves on the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Community Research Network, and is co-founder of the Community Health and Academic Medicine Partnership with Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital. He views research as essential to improving quality and health outcomes for at-risk populations and for promoting social and economic justice in vulnerable communities. In 2007, Mr. Freeman was appointed to a four year term on the Council of Public Representatives, an advisory committee to the Director of the US National Institutes of Health. Mr. Freeman is involved nationally with Community-Campus Partnerships for Health (including previously serving as board chair), the American Public Health Association, and the National Association of Community Health Centers. He served on the planning committee for the 2006 National Community Partner Summit. Locally Mr. Freeman is active on a variety of Boards and committees, including Chairman of Madison Park Development Corporation, Chairman of the Massachusetts Coalition of School Based Health Centers, Vice Chair of the Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers; Board of Overseers of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, and member of the Ward 19 Democratic Committee in Boston. He also serves as the Governor's Appointee to the Board of Trustees of the Roxbury Trust Fund.

Mr. Freeman received his master's in social work from the Boston College Graduate School for Social Work and is working toward a doctoral degree. He lives in Jamaica Plain with his wife, Carlene, and their grandson, Jakhari, who is their personal anti-aging agent.

Rosa M. Gil is the Founder, President and CEO of Comunilife, Inc. a not-for-profit health and human service agency, founded in 1989, that assists New Yorkers in need, including persons living with HIV/AIDS and/or mental illness. She is the Chairperson of the Community Advisory Board of the New York University School of Medicine's Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CRTI) and facilitates community engagement.

She has had a distinguished career in the fields of health, mental health, social services and higher education. In addition she has held positions as Executive Director of Woodhull Medical Center and Metropolitan Hospital; Senior Vice President of Generation and Northern Manhattan Health Network; Senior Vice President of Mental Hygiene Services at the NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation; Executive Deputy Commissioner for Families and Children Services at the NYC Human Resources Administration. Dr. Gil is the former University Dean for Health Sciences at the City University of New York. Some of her accomplishments include prevention and wellness initiatives; expansion of primary care; integration of health and mental health; quality improvement of health care in the NYC public hospital system; expansion of affordable housing for seniors, persons living with HIV/AIDS and mental illness, and New Yorkers with low income; increased access to health insurance; suicide prevention among Latina adolescents; and, development of the Multicultural Relational Approach for Diverse Populations Dr. Gil has published numerous articles on mental health, ethnicity, child welfare and gender issues in the Latino Community.

Lucy Gomez-Feliciano works and lives in Chicago's Logan Square Community and is the lead health organizer at the Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA). In 2009 my work expanded to include serving as the director of the Chicago Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Partnership (HKHC), targeting policy changes that reduce childhood obesity. The target goals of HKHC are Park-Centric, striving to improve access to parks and increase healthy food options in parks. I am the co-principal investigator of two CBPR, IRB approved projects, working closely with an academic at both Northwestern University and DePaul University. As a founding steering committee member of ARCC (Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities) served as the first community co-chair; also represents ARCC on the Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences (NUCATS) Institute External Advisory Board. For over 20 years my work focused on building the minds, bodies and spirits of youth and families, working for: the YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago, Chicago Park District, University of Chicago Laboratory Schools and Outward Bound. I earned a Bachelors of Fine Arts Degree at the University of Illinois at Chicago and currently serves a member of the Consortium to Lower Obesity in Chicago Children's Executive Committee and a commissioner of the Illinois Latino Family Commission.

Ella Greene-Moton has an extensive background in community organizing, advocacy, and community/academic partnership building that spans over the past forty years in the Flint area. She currently serves as a Community Education Coordinator at the Center for Public Health and Community Genomics, staff support for the Community-Based Public Health Caucus (CBPHC), as well as the National Community-Based Organization Network (NCBON) Program Coordinator at the SPH U of M - Ann Arbor, MI.

Ella is a member of the Flint based Community-Based Organization Partners (CBOP), Inc., Past Chair of the CCPH Board of Directors; Past Chair of the CBPH Caucus of the APHA; member and Past Chair of the APHA Action Board; a Past Co-Chair of the APHA JPC; Past Ex-officio member of the APHA Executive Board; and founding Co-Chair and Past Chair of the NCC of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Prevention Research Centers (PRC) Program. Ella served as Assistant Director for seven of her ten year period of employment with Flint Odyssey House, Inc., Health Awareness Center, in Flint Michigan. She also served as an Adjunct Instructor at the University of Michigan Flint Campus from 2000-2003 as well as a Co-Instructor at the Michigan Public Health Training Center. Beginning in 1995, while employed by the Flint Odyssey House, Inc. Health Awareness Center and in addition to her responsibility of office management and staff supervision, other affiliations included; Coordinator of the in-house student intern placement from the University of Michigan Flint and Ann Arbor; member and 1st Community Chair of the Michigan Prevention Research Center (PRC) Community Board; National PRC Community Board Representative; member of the National PRC Steering Committee; member of the National Chronic Disease and Prevention Research Conference Planning Committee; member of the Michigan Public Health Training Center (MPHTC) Curriculum Committee; and member of the MPHTC Steering Committee. Ella served on the planning committee for the 2006 National Community Partner Summit.

Susan Ann Gust is a community activist and small business owner of a thirty-four year old construction management, consulting and community development company. Her work in construction and economic/environmental justice led her to founding the ReUse Center in Minneapolis. She was a University of Minnesota Public Policy Fellow in 2003-2004. Susan was the co-founder of the Phillips Neighborhood Healthy Housing Collaborative and is a consultant to the Family Sustainability Collaborative, a Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation funded project that grew out of the original collaboration. She is teaching community-based participatory research training to junior faculty, graduate students and community partners as part of a University of Minnesota grant received from the National Cancer Institute to address the cancer burden in racial/ethnic minorities and other underserved communities. She recently completed 9 years of service on the Board of Community University Health Care Center and 6 years as an appointee on the City of Minneapolis Public Health Advisory Committee. She is Immediate Past Board Chair for Community-Campus Partnerships for Health and is a member of the Cultural Wellness Center's Law and Policy Committee. She served on the planning committee for the 2006 National Community Partner Summit. Additional civic responsibilities include participating in these local efforts: Healthy Homes, Healthy Kids; Phillips Environmental Steering Committee

Initiative and Allina's Backyard Initiative. Susan also eagerly spends time in activities involving her school-aged daughter and her grandchildren.

Ernest Hopkins is a native of Washington, D.C. attended Cardozo H.S. later Howard University, School of Business, in 1991, Mr. Hopkins later became a civilian trainer for the USN./SCC Secretary of the Navy, forging his interest to develop a dotcom internet business. Mr. Hopkins relocated to Atlanta GA, becoming founder of The Phoenix Group Foundation, Inc., a 501C=3 nonprofit created to provide capacity building for nonprofits serving at risk communities. The organization has discovered the importance for CBO's serving the at risk to develop academic collaboration and partnership to share information or research findings in communities adversely affected by HIV and other health disparities. He is forever committed to the dissemination of research findings that strengthen local community capacity to develop health strategies.

Chien-Chi Huang is a skilled and passionate Asian American community advocate. She has been the Asian Community Program Manager at the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling for the past six years. In this capacity, she spearheaded several new health initiatives addressing the unique issues and challenges facing the Asian American community. These initiatives included Asian American Problem Gambling Outreach efforts, Asian American Women's Mental Health Symposium, Asian American Mental Health Forum, and Immigrants and Refugees Mental Health Network. She has participated in several CBPR trainings and received grants from several organizations such as the Institute for Community Health Program Planning, the American Psychological Association, and the Massachusetts Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Her previous training in media and communications has enabled Ms. Huang to create innovative outreach prevention and intervention programs including a gambling-based ESL lesson plan for non-English speakers, a multi-lingual casino bus video, and a self-help guidebook with brochures in Chinese, Vietnamese and Khmer. Ms. Huang is a breast cancer survivor and is presently the director of Asian Breast Cancer Project, a new pilot project that aims to provide a peer-led, community-based program to address the lack of breast health/breast cancer education, screening, and treatment among Asian American women in the Greater Boston area. She is collaborating with MAP for Health and Dr. Carolyn Leung Rubin from Tufts Medical Center on this community engaged research project. She also serves as the commissioner for Somerville Commission for Women and the National Advisory Council member for Asian & Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network. Because of her strong ties in the community, she was recently invited to participate on the Aligning Researchers with Communities for Health, the community engagement arm of the Tufts CTSI.

Alma Idehen is the former Health Director at the New York City Department of Education for the Bronx, NYC. As Health Director she provided support and technical assistance to schools in the on health compliance and health information for the Office of School Health. She was involved in creating and supporting various initiatives with community based organizations to link schools with prevention and intervention programs and services on asthma, diabetes and obesity, HIV/AIDS and other chronic diseases. She is a supporter and advocate for partnerships and coalitions that engage and empower parents to be effective advocates for their families health and well being. By working diligently and collaboratively with partners to identify issues, trends and initiatives to improve and strengthen the community, she was instrumental in connecting schools and families with resources, programs and opportunities to participate in developing programs that strengthen the effectiveness and reach of the services.

Ms. Idehen chaired the Bronx Schools Fitness and Nutrition committee comprised of various community partners provided the synergy for the NYC Department of Education's Office of School Food and Nutrition milk policy changes. The Bronx Schools Committee served as an incubator for programs and coalitions for community actions and engagement on health, fitness and nutrition.

She serves on multiple professional committees advocating for health services and initiatives, including mental health programs and create effective ways of increasing school-based access to services for underserved youth populations. She is the Membership Secretary for the Public Health Association of New York City, PHANYC, and Treasurer of the Bronx Westchester Area Health Education Center. Ms. Idehen holds a bachelors degree

from Penn State University and Masters in Education from Nyack College, School of Education. Ms. Idehen continues to advocate for strong community partnerships for social justice.

Melvin Jackson, MSPH has over 30 years of experience in public health research and program coordination. Over the past 10 years he has served as Program Manager/Program Director for Project DIRECT, the largest community based demonstration project in the nation addressing the health disparity of diabetes. He currently directs the Community Health Ambassadors Program and the ADA Recognized Diabetes Self-Management Training Program under the umbrella of the North Carolina Division of Public Health, which is based on a business plan developed while attending the UNC Management Academy for Public Health. Melvin also serve on the Advisory Committee for the NC ADA Recognition Program and has participated on a number of advisory committees including the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Center for Health Promotion and Disease Preventions (UNC-HPDP) Men As Navigators (MAN) For Health (at the university and community levels) and several UNC-HPDP multiple partnership grant writing groups. He also serves on the Wake AHEC Regional TraCS Campus Community Advisory Board as a community partner. His other experience with the UNC CTSA should also be noted. Melvin is Community Expert with the CTSA Supplement: Community Leadership and Reciprocal Development to Advance Community Engaged Research at Two CTSA Institution. Through this opportunity he has made several workshop presentations, participated on the Evaluation Committee, participated in site visits that were held at both Universities and provided consultations through the Charrette process. Melvin Jackson is a member of the NC Division of Public Health Institutional Review Board.

Eustache Jean-Louis is the Executive Director of the Center for Community Health, Education & Research and he has worked in community health, social and prevention services for more than 20 years. He has contributed in reducing health disparities in the focus areas of infectious and chronic diseases disproportionately impacting the larger Haitian American community in the metro Boston area and surrounding communities. Since 1999, as the principal investigator, from a CDC- funded Racial Ethnic Approach to Community Health (REACH 2010) grant, he was the first to develop a HIV community-based participatory approach to address the public health burden by collaborating with seven diverse community and hospital based health agencies. This partnership evolved to create the Metro Boston Haitian REACH 2010 HIV Coalition. His strategic work and the Coalition contributed to reduce the rate of HIV infection by means of using best practice interventions to address the HIV needs of the community. With the further commitment of the Coalition, in 2002 and 2007, he developed and conducted the first community telephone survey to gather behavioral data for the metro Haitian community. He is the current PI for the 2007 CDC-funded REACH US Action Community Haitian Diabetes Initiative. He serves as Board Chair for the National Haitian American Health Alliance (NHAHA) and a Board member of the National Racial Ethnic Approach to Community Health Coalition (NRC). He has authored and co-authored of several articles in peer reviewed journals on: HIV; mobilization and community engagement; and participatory approach to community self assessment. He is a community practitioner and he involves in several community activities in Boston and in Haiti. Mr. Jean-Louis earned a Master of Public Health degree from the Boston University in 1997. He received his medical degree from the Universidad de Cetec, Dominican Republic in 1983.

Donna Jones is the Health Advocate at the Urban Appalachian Council. She has been a community leader for over 25 years. Donnas been involved with 2 community health surveys, and is currently working on a community research project (the Lower Price Hill Diabetes Initiative with Children's Hospital and the University of Cincinnati). The work she did with the women's health survey helped form the Women's Wellness group, which is currently working on starting a cancer registry. Donna sits on the boards of Lower Price Hill Community School, West-C (west eighth a state teen council). She's on Oyler Schools day-care committee, The Violence and Substance Abuse Committee, the dance committee with Harmony Gardens as well as numerous other committees. She was President of the Lower Price Hill community council for five years and is still a current member.

Felica Jones has worked within the non-profit sector for over 15 years, serving families and children in South Los Angeles, CA. Her current role of Director of Programs for Healthy African American Families II, where she

provides administrative oversight all projects within the agency addresses health disparities research projects such as: Preterm Delivery, Men's project, Breathe Free Asthma & Lead Program, Community Child Health Network Study (CCHN), Restoration Center, and Community Partners In Care (CPIC).

Her research experience includes conducting focus groups, ethnographic interviews, transcribing interview, coding and data analysis, developing and implementing evaluation tool kits. Ms. Jones has worked as a consultant to facilitate work groups on topics such anger management for first time offender youth, Social Support and Empowerment workshops for pregnant African American women, Health & Sex education and life skills education for pregnant and parenting teen mothers. Ms. Jones has an unyielding commitment to decreasing gaps in health disparities among minorities with an emphasis on the African American family.

Jacquetta Jones enjoyed a banking career for more that 16 years prior to accepting a position as a Community Services Director at a local non-profit in 1994. The position was funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to seek and provide resources for senior citizens who inhabited the sea islands of Charleston County through advocacy and establishing relationships with providers of needed services. This led to being given responsibility for the establishment and opening of a community health center in the Colleton County community. With 330 funding provided by the Bureau of Primary Health Care, the center held its' grand opening in April,1998. An opportunity to work as a Community Educator/Coordinator for the Healthy SC Initiative to Increase Donor Availability for African-Americans(A-A)became available and Ms. Jones accepted the challenge. The initiative sought to increase the number of potential A-A bone marrow donors on the National Marrow Donor Program(NMDP) registry, and encourage A-A families to participate in the collection and storage of cord blood to be used by sickle cell patients for future life saving stem cell transplants. The effort resulted in an increase of 2100 potential stem cell donors added to the national registry. Other opportunities to assist low-income and underserved families in the community presented themselves through employment with Charleston County and the City of Charleston Housing Development Agencies. Ms. Jones' attention ultimately turned to working with an initiative developed by the Medical University of SC (MUSC) and South Carolina State University to address health disparities among minority populations in the ""I-95 Corridor, also known as the Stroke Belt"". In addition to outreach education and programs, health screenings and modification of educational programs at SCSU, many students benefited from summer undergraduate research programs sponsored at MUSC. Ms. Jones also worked with the another non-profit for the SCCHIP's program.

***Loretta Jones** is founder and chief executive officer of Healthy African American Families in Los Angeles, CA. As a “Community Gatekeeper,” Ms. Jones has dedicated her entire life towards the hope and healing of community and society-at-large. Her career as a civil rights activist, health policy advocate, and social architect has spanned more than 30 years. In an effort to level the playing field for all people, Ms. Jones continues her unyielding commitment as a change agent against disparities in human health, development, and opportunity.

She is a co-investigator of the National Institute of Mental Health, National Institutes of Health (NIH)/University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)/RAND Center for Research on Quality in Managed Care; the National Institute on Aging, NIH/UCLA Center for Health Improvement in Minority Elderly (CHIME); and the NIH Drew/UCLA Project EXPORT, as well as a recipient of numerous Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grants and contracts. Ms. Jones is a member of the UCLA Institutional Review Board for protection of human subjects. She was also recently honored by the CDC as its first recipient of the “National Contribution to Minority Health Programs, Research and Surveillance” Award from its Department of Reproductive Health, an award for public leadership in overcoming health disparities. In 2005, she became a Commissioner for the Joint Center Health Policy Institute’s Dellums Commission and a Family and Youth Stakeholder Member for the National Center for Children in Poverty . Loretta Jones currently resides in Los Angeles, California, the area she so tirelessly serves

Bill Kearney is the coordinator of the Coley Springs Missionary Baptist Church Health Ministry in Warrenton, North Carolina. He wears many hats; he is a Faith and Health Advocate/Facilitator for the United Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Association; a health and wellness trainer, advisor and consultant on fitness.

In addition to these health and wellness responsibilities Bill is a advisor consultant to the University of North Carolina (UNC) Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention. He is working with UNC-Chapel Hill in three community-based participatory research projects: (1) The Harvest of Hope project includes youth and other church members in creating a church garden; (2) The Faith, Farming and the Future Mentoring project works with four churches in rural Warren County to form youth action teams to identify critical challenges and opportunities in the local food and agriculture system; and (3) The UNC Community Leadership and Reciprocal Development to Advance Community-Engaged Research project that helps to establish research partnerships between community members and academic researchers using community-based participatory research.

Amal Killawi, MSW is a clinical social worker and research associate at the University of Michigan, where she works at the Department of Family Medicine and with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program. Ms. Killawi served as the project manager for a recent study focused on addressing health disparities among American Muslims and providing patients with culturally-competent care. In her role, she also served as a community liaison and contributed to data collection, data analysis, and dissemination of the research. Her past experiences include working as a counselor at the University of Michigan's Counseling and Psychological Services and ACCESS, the largest Arab American social service agency. During her time at ACCESS, she also served as the research coordinator for a study on domestic violence in the Arab American community. As a long time community activist, she has worked with various non-profits, serving as a case manager and community educator, particularly focused on mental health and marriage and family life education. She serves on the boards of Muslim Mental Health Inc., the Peaceful Families Project, and the Family Youth Institute. She is an alumni of the American Muslim Civic Leadership Institute (AMCLI), a leadership program focused on civic engagement. Ms. Killawi holds a Masters in Social Work from the University of Michigan, where she is also pursuing a Certification in Sexual Health.

Susan Kunz, MPH, Mariposa Community Health Center in Nogales, AZ, has provided public health leadership in Arizona's U.S.-Mexico border region for 30 years. Susan is a public health professional specializing in design and implementation of community-based interventions to reduce health disparities in underserved communities. Her work has been in partnership with community-based organizations to create, advance and replicate evidence-based practice that address social determinants of health. In that regard, Susan frequently partners with colleagues at the University of Arizona to conduct community-based participatory research. Susan is an experienced program developer and grant writer, having written and managed grants awarded for as much as \$9 million. Susan practices mentorship and capacity building to develop indigenous leaders and is proud to have worked herself out of a job in the organizations she served. Susan began her public health career as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Colombia, South America. Susan worked for the Tohono Oodham Nation as a health planner to build its tribal health department and complete the first tribal health assessment including tribal members in Mexico. Susan directed the Border Health Foundation, coordinating projects in the four U.S. border states and the six Mexican border states. After working as an independent consultant for a decade, Susan joined Mariposa Community Health Center in Nogales, Arizona as Director of the Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Department, Platicamos Salud. Susan recently completed a four-year term as Co-Chair of the Community Action Board (CAB) for the Arizona Prevention Research Center at the University of Arizona. Susan is Chair Elect of the National Community Committee (NCC) that advises the CDC Prevention Research Center Program nationwide. Susan received her Masters in Public Health Degree from the University of California at Berkeley and received the Commitment to Underserved People Award from the Arizona Public Health Association.

Chikezie Maduka: I serve as the University of Maryland Prevention Research Center, National Community Committee Representative, and member of the Community Advisory Board of the UMD-PRC. I currently serve Vice Chair of the CDC-PRC-National Community Committee. Our UMD-PRC core project is on STD/HIV/AIDS, with focus on addressing the health disparities in the underserved communities of Washington, DC Metropolitan area. I'm also the Co-Chair of the Seat Pleasant-University of Maryland Health Partnership, which provides health related services and education to Seat Pleasant residents and those in surrounding communities, while enhancing learning, service and research opportunities for residents, students and faculty. I'm also an active member of the National Community-Based Organization Network and the Community-Based

Public Health Caucus, where I currently serve at the Vice Chair of the Policy Work Group Committee.

Liza Marron is the LiveWell Coordinator for Alamosa County and the surrounding San Luis Valley in rural southern Colorado. This is part of a state-wide obesity prevention convergence initiative. Liza Marron is an employee of Valley-Wide Health Systems, a federally qualified health center, the sponsor of the LiveWell project in the San Luis Valley. She has been a community organizer with a focus on wellness and prevention for many years. Ms. Marron has a Masters Degree in Community Counseling and a Bachelors degree in the Spanish language. The focus of the LiveWell work is to make the healthy choice the easy choice and to advance the culture of wellness in the community setting, with a mission to prevent and reduce obesity and chronic diseases. LiveWell supports community policies, partnerships, and improvements to the built environment that promote good nutrition and increased physical activity. Valley-Wide Health Systems, is committed to providing safe and effective health care services in a respectful and inclusive manner with special consideration for medically underserved populations. As part of the LiveWell work, Liza joined the Community Advisory Board of the Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center in 2008. The core project was a school environment project. Marron then became the National Community Committee representative and has attended Community Based Participatory Research trainings and has gone on with other CAB members to create a CBPR training for the steering committee of the PRC projects. As part of the NCC Marron has come to realize the critical role that community plays in local research projects.

Jamiese V. Martin has intentionally worked over the past several years to enhance social justice and economic parity in the Dorchester neighborhood where she both lives and works. Her civic engagement has been wide and varied including twelve years as a co-chair on the school parent council and school base management at her son's elementary and high school. She has also been the past president of the area board of Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center. Supervisor - Suffolk County Conservation District. Member and past co-chair of the Roxbury Community Research Advisory Board at both Harvard School of Public Health and the Horizon Center at UMass Boston, and a board member of Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center and the Unitarian Universality Urban Ministry. Ms. Martin enjoys bird watching in Franklin Park and the exhibitions at the Museum Nation Center of Afro-American Artists. She is presently contemplating just what to do with the rest of her life.

Francisco Martin del Campo was born and raised in Oakland, CA, where he graduated as co-salutatorian from Oakland Technical High School. After completing high school Francisco attended Columbia University in the City of New York, where he studied U.S. History and Social and Cultural Anthropology. A large part of his coursework dealt with the social history of American public health, including bioethics, scientific racism, and epidemiology from the nineteenth century until today. After graduating from Columbia last May, Francisco was hired to work as a Community Health Educator for The Bronx Health Link (TBHL). A large portion of his work for TBHL involves organizing the Bronx Community Research Review Board (BxCRRB). The BxCRRB is a board of Bronx community residents that are currently being trained to review proposals for research initiatives in the Bronx. This organization is based on the notion of Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR), which seeks to engage communities in research participation as equal partners. BxCRRB are trained in bioethics and to be advocates for health initiatives in the Bronx, in addition to reviewing research proposals. Francisco's role is to organize meetings, help with facilitation, and develop curriculum. He is hoping to attend with Joann Casado (TBHL Executive Director) and two members of the BxCRRB.

Jeremy McClain is a passionate, young, up and coming Native American researcher who is committed to helping and serving Native American communities and peoples. Jeremy grew up in the Inner Southside of Milwaukee, WI. and went on pursue his bachelors degree from the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point. Jeremy also works for the Great Lakes Inter-tribal Council (GLITC) which is a non-profit consortium of native American tribal groups of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota as Program Director of a Federal Drug Free Communities grant which tries to increase exposure to protective factors among youth while decreasing exposure to risk factors in their local systems. Jeremy is also completing his master degree in Family Studies and Human Development with the University of Wisconsin Stout.

***Alma Knows His Gun McCormick** is a member of the Crow Indian Nation from Montana. She is a community activist with special emphasis on cancer prevention education to American Indian women since 1996 and to the present. Alma's passion and dedication to cancer prevention stems from the experience of losing her 1 year old daughter to neuroblastoma more than two decades ago. A single mother with three children, she began traveling the state working for the Montana Breast and Cervical Health program which is now the Montana Cancer Screening program. In 2001, Alma became the community partner and coordinator of Messengers for Health (MFH), a community-based participatory research (CBPR) project funded through a 10-year grant from American Cancer Society in collaboration with the Montana State University in Bozeman Montana. The focus of MFH is to improve the health and wellness of Crow women by providing culturally appropriate community-based education utilizing the lay health advisor approach. The CBPR intervention successfully impacted a powerful shift in cancer awareness in the Crow community. MFH has received national attention as a role model for evidence-based practices in cancer research and prevention amongst tribal communities and was impetus to the Montana State University receiving \$6.5 million from the National Institute of Health to establish the Center of Native Health Partnerships (2007-2012). Alma has co-authored and published several journal articles including the American Journal of Public Health and book chapters documenting effective CBPR methods and strategies.

Currently, Alma is Executive Director of MFH which is now a grassroots, Indian- led 501 (c) (3) nonprofit with a mission to strengthen the capacity of our tribal communities by empowering individuals to assess and address their own unique health-related knowledge, attitudes and behaviors. She is also works part time as the Community Health Resource Specialist for the Billings Clinic Cancer Center in Billings, Montana. Other state, local committees and boards she serves on include the Montana American Indian Women's Health Coalition, Center for Native Health Partnerships steering committee member, Big Horn Valley Community Health Center board member and Crow Indian Health Service Domestic Violence Task Force. Alma is also vice chairman of the Native People's Circle of Hope board, a national coalition of American Indian cancer survivors, caregivers and family members and she facilitates the only cancer support group on the Crow Nation.

Eileen McGinn: I grew up in the projects in Brooklyn, NY, where poverty, substance abuse, domestic and gang violence dominated our lives. I was the first person in my extended family to go to college, free at that time in NYC. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in Niger and worked in international health for over 20 years, including living in DR Congo for two years and Nepal for three years. I currently work part-time on CBPR research projects on recovery in mental health and substance abuse, as a peer researcher at the Center to Study recovery in Social Contexts of the Nathan Kline Institute. I also work with immigrant communities in NYC, and have taught health literacy to English-language learners. I have presented at local, national and international conferences. I maintain a few listservs for different groups: critical and integrative psychiatry, global health, disability rights. I served as the Chair of the local Neighborhood Advisory Board and on the Board of the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development, which is responsible for CSBG and other programs. I am active in other community and church groups on social justice issues. I have an MPH, Certificate in Aging and a Certificate in Teaching English to Adults.

Cody McSellers-McCray is the Director of Health Promotions for Westside Health Authority (WHA) in Chicago, where she oversees health initiatives and programs focused on nutrition education & health eating, active lifestyles, sexual health, health literacy, breast health, school health and diabetes. She serves as a Steering Committee member for ARCC (Alliance for Research in Chicago Communities) at Northwestern University, a member of Partnership for Empowering Research by Chicago Communities (PERCH II) and a planning member of Community Engagement Research Core (CERC) Physical Activity Summit Reshaping Chicago Together this summer with UIC Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS).

She earned both her Bachelors Degree in Kinesiology and Masters Degree in Public Health from Northern Illinois University (NIU). Cody is a graduate of elite training and leadership development programs such as the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship Program; Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) at UIC School of Public Health; New York University (NYU) Wagner Women of Color Policy Network (WOCPN) Lead the Way Fellowship; and most recently the Executive Service Corps and The Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of

Chicago (YNPN), Executive Leadership Institute. In 2010, she was chosen to participate in a Professional International Exchange Fellowship to Turkey for Nonprofit leaders. In recognition of her dedication to improving the quality of life and health for underserved populations and communities, on April 18, 2010 Cody was inducted into the National Public Health Graduate Honor Society, Delta Omega Society (Alpha Zeta Chapter). Cody is a board member for Chicago Run, Co-Chair of the Chicago Foundation for Women, African American Leadership Council and a class of 2012 Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow. Cody embodies a healthy lifestyle she enjoys running, tennis, yoga, international travel and reading.

Otha Meadows career combines service in the for-profit and not-for-profit sector. In 1990 he began working for the Columbus Urban League in the position of Assistant Vice President of the Center for Change and Leadership which served as the research and advocacy arm of the agency. While there, he spear-headed a number of research projects in collaboration with the Ohio State University, the Ohio Data Users Center and the Regional Census Bureau. A joint research project conducted with the Franklin County United Way A Matter of Race, extensively addressed political, social, economic issues and policies that created disparities in poor and minority communities in Central Ohio.

He has worked with Indiana University School of Medicine's Indianapolis Study on Health and Aging and the Rawles Scholarship Committee to increase the number of minorities in the medical school. He has worked with the Indiana State Department of Minority Health and the National Urban League in partnership with Eli Lilly on developing curriculum and strategies to address health disparities in the African American community. He recently worked with the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) on developing a model for Community Based Participatory Research (CBPR) funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH). He co-authored *Are we Ready, A Toolkit for Academic-Community Partnerships*, to prepare for Community-Based Participatory Research. He serves on the Board for Minority Business Enterprise Development for the City of Charleston, the Low Country Development Corporation and the Trident United Way. He is also a member of the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee. He has written articles published in the *American Educational Journal*, *The State of Black Columbus Report*. Mr. Meadows holds a BA Degree in Urban Planning from Shaw University and attended the New York University School of Journalism.

Janet Meredith is the executive director of 2040 Partners for Health (2040), a community based CBPR organization that works in five neighborhoods in Northeast Denver. Ms. Meredith has been with 2040 for a year and a half, following 19 years of work in non-profit organizations in the US and Canada. 2040 works as a catalyst and infrastructure to improve health and health equity in our five-neighborhood region for the long-term, using collaborative community-based action research working with neighborhoods, the University of Colorado, and community partners. 2040 develops and coordinates research projects working with community and investigators, delivers programs, coordinates an annual health forum for community and academics to consider and discuss current community health issues, trains medical students, researchers, and residents in CBPR, and assists with project management with these groups as needed. Current projects include a qualitative study of discrimination in health care experienced by neighborhood residents, and a data project on kids obesity that is now in intervention phase, among other projects.

In 2011 Janet was invited to present to the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (Washington DC) and to attend the Health Data Initiative Forum (Washington DC). She was recently elected as a member of the Partnership for Academicians and Communities for Translation (PACT) Council, an arm of the CCTSI (an institute at University of Colorado Denver, which is part of the Colorado CTSA). Ms. Meredith received an MBA from the Schulich School of Business, York University, Toronto, Canada.

Over the last 15 years, **Margo Michaels** has developed numerous innovative programs to educate cancer advocates, community leaders, and health care professionals about policy and science issues related to cancer and cancer clinical trials. As the Founder of the Education Network to Advance Cancer Clinical Trials (ENACCT), she is considered a national expert in community-based education efforts around cancer clinical research. She led ENACCT's partnership efforts with Community-Campus Partnerships for Health in the development of "Communities as Partners in Cancer Clinical Trials." Prior to starting ENACCT, she served as

Branch Chief at NCI's Public and Survivor Education Branch; as the Lead Consultant to the Clinical Research: Affiliates Funding Trials (CRAFT) program at the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (now Komen for the Cure) in Dallas, TX, and as the Director of the National Breast Cancer Coalition's Project LEAD. She holds an MPH in Health Behavior/Health Education from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health.

Freda L. Motton, MPH expected 2012, is a community liaison that has been involved for over ten years in a number of research projects and professional networks that have used a community-based participatory approach. Ms. Motton is currently working on a R24 Grant with the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (Men on the Move: Growing Communities), and with the Prevention Research Center in St. Louis in the Bootheel and Ozark Regions of Missouri. Ms. Motton is a Past Chair of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Prevention Research Centers National Community Committee (NCC) where she played a critical role in identifying Special Interest Project 13: Increasing Physical Activity among Adults in Racially/Ethnically Diverse Communities in the United States; one of the first of its kind. Ms. Motton has also served NCC in a partnership with the Center of Public Health and Community Genomics at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor to facilitate the 2007 Midwest Genomics Forums. In addition, Ms. Motton served on the Planning Committee for GenoCommunity Think Tank: First National Meeting, a collaboration between the NCC and The Center for Public Health and Community Genomics, University of Michigan School of Public Health. Ms. Motton has also contributed to peer review publications.

Ryan Nix serves as the Prevention Coordinator at a community based organization in Indianapolis, Indiana. Ryan has an extensive background in HIV prevention and outreach. Ryan directly implemented several prevention based programs and outreach grants at a southern Indiana agency including an Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Prevention Case Management program, as well as a directly funded project from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Mr. Nix was selected as a scholar to the prestigious CDC Institute for Prevention Leadership in Atlanta and has been trained in numerous HIV outreach and HIV prevention curricula. He has worked in the field for 12 years. Ryan began working on research projects with IU about five years ago. Ryan starting collaborating with researchers on programs focused on men who have sex with men. Ryan has served on advisory panels, recruited program participants and even conducted research interviews. From 2009-2011, Mr. Nix served as Research Coordinator for Dr. Brian Dodge, at Indiana University, on a NIH-funded study of sexual health among bisexual men in Indianapolis. This study, rooted in a community-based participatory research (CBPR) approach, also benefited from the participation of Step Up, Inc., as a primary community partner.

Chioma Nnaji is a Program Director at the Multicultural AIDS Coalition (MAC) in Boston, the largest AIDS serving organization in New England exclusively dedicated to mobilizing communities of color to end the HIV epidemic. Ms. Nnaji graduated as a Fellow in the first cohort of the Building Your Capacity and Advancing Research through Community Engagement Training Program, which is a Tufts, Harvard, and Boston University CTSI collaboration. As a Fellow, she developed guidelines for researchers interested in collaborating with the MAC on projects. The guidelines serve as a starting point for discussion with researchers. She is currently a co-PI on a study focused on using quantitative and qualitative methods to assess barriers to HIV testing for foreign-born and US-born Blacks. Previously, she was employed at the University of Massachusetts Boston (UMass Boston) as a Research Coordinator in the HORIZON Center, which utilizes community-based participatory research to address health disparities and literacy. In this position she lead efforts to build communities literacy in research and improved engagement in research. Ms. Nnaji holds a Master's degree in Public Health, with a concentration in International Health. Her thesis, as a Fellow of the Boston Healing Landscape Project at BMC Department of Pediatrics, used ethnographic research focused on "The Interpretation and Treatment of Childhood Asthma in the Boston Area from Two Traditional Healers in Santeria and the Yoruba Healing System: Implications for Public Health Education". Ms. Nnaji also holds a Master's degree in Education from Boston College, with a concentration in Curriculum & Instruction. She is passionate about her work and is committed to bringing the voice and needs of racial/ethnic marginalized communities to the table of health policy, research, and service delivery in a way that utilizes community assets and respects cultural values.

Lisa S. Oliver-King is the founding executive director for Our Kitchen Table, a nonprofit membership organization that serves urban, low-income communities in greater Grand Rapids, Michigan. Founded in 2003, Our Kitchen Table is a social justice organization focused on building viable neighborhood-based, resident-led advocacy groups. With funding from the W.W Kellogg foundation, Our Kitchen Table is currently working on an environmental justice project to build citizens capacity to address issues relevant to local residents, such food insecurity and environmental health disparities, such as, childhood lead poisoning. In addition, Our Kitchen Table is working on projects related to air quality, water quality, and energy conservation. From 1998 to 2007, Mrs. Oliver-King ran her own consulting business, Unlimited Outcome. As an independent consultant, she provided consulting and technical assistance to nonprofit organizations, in the form of program planning and development, evaluation, data management, capacity building, focus group facilitation and board development. Her clients included a variety of community and faith-based nonprofit organizations on both the east and west sides of Michigan. Prior to her consulting work, she was a Research Associate at the Michigan Public Health Institute where she designed data systems and evaluation templates for various private and government organizations. Prior to moving to Michigan, she worked for the Missouri state government as the Assistant Director of Health Information Management. Mrs. Oliver-King holds a Master of Public Health Degree and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Information Management from Saint Louis University.

Mary Olson: I am the community PI for a University of Arkansas Medical Sciences grant funded by NIH to build an infrastructure for health disparities research in Jefferson County, AR. The infrastructure model is built around adapting the TCRHN community connector program to increase minority participation in research. An electronic database of health needs and interests will enable on-going invitations to participate in research as new research begins. Tri County has a subcontract. I oversee the subcontract and supervise the three connectors working on this initiative. The CCP demonstrated cost savings for Medicaid when citizens are given an informed choice between home and community based services and institutional care. I am one of the authors of several peer-reviewed health journal articles focused on the cost savings of the community connector model. The community connector program was birthed out of community engagement through deliberative democracy forums. UAMS' College of Public Health was a strong partner and responsible for the evaluation. When the CTSA was awarded to UAMS, Naomi College, executive director of TCRHN, and I were funded to frame the issue of "What Research will assist in closing the health disparities gaps in Arkansas" for community deliberation. I also head a research team with a contract from the Kettering Foundation to study results of "community-driven health initiatives." I served as a United Methodist seminary dean prior to leaving higher education to empower grassroots citizens living in rural poverty in the Mississippi Delta Region of Arkansas to have a voice in decisions impacting their quality of life. Many statistics show our county to be the poorest rural county in the United States. I also founded and pastor an Hispanic farm-worker congregation in Elaine, AR.

Lucy Pagan is currently a member of the Bronx Community Research Review Board (BxCRRB) and lives in The Bronx, New York. Lucy is a graduate of Hunter College, with a degree in the field of Education. She has previously worked for the N.Y.C. Department of Health as a Sexually Transmitted Disease Specialist, the objective being to facilitate getting mothers and their children to seek treatment for syphilis and other STDs.

Lucy is retired from a career with the New York City Department of Correction, where she started as a Correction Officer and reached the promotional level title of Investigator. Lucy is a long time member of the Riverside Church of New York. Lucy has made the commitment to continue to stay involved and engaged in the purpose of helping others in a progressively positive manner while also managing her part time position as a childcare provider.

*+**Ann-Gel S. Palermo** has worked in the field of public health and medical education with a principal focus on issues related to social determinants of health using a community-based participatory research approach, health outcomes disparities, and healthcare workforce diversity issues. Ms. Palermo is community activist researcher. Since 1999, Ms. Palermo has served as the chair of the Harlem Community & Academic Partnership (HCAP), a diverse partnership of representatives from community residents, community based organizations, public health and academic organizations committed to identifying social determinants of health and implementing community-based interventions in Harlem. Previously funded by the CDC under the name Harlem Urban

Research Center (URC), the partnership has worked to build and strengthen trust, to establish credibility in the community, to demonstrate a true commitment to improve the health of Harlem residents, and to create a platform from which to act to address local urban health issues. When core funding ceased in 2003-04, she led a major transitional phase in reinventing the collaboration to remain sustainable evolving into HCAP. Currently, the partnership is experiencing its second reinvention and HCAP has since separated from its original home at the Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies at the New York Academy of Medicine to becoming fiscally housed with one of its community partner agencies. Her previous research experience includes research and analysis on issues related to diabetes care in East Harlem, benefit and coverage issues for low-income Medicare beneficiaries, and health financing issues affecting the Medicare program and the health care system in general.

Ms. Palermo also serves as a board member of Community-Campus Partnerships for Health, the East Harlem Community Health Committee, is Board Chair for the Manhattan-Staten Island Area Health Education Center, and is a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. Ms. Palermo served on the planning committee for the 2006 National Community Partner Summit. That same year, she was appointed to the National Institutes of Health Director's Council of Public Representatives, a federal advisory committee, made up of members of the public, who advise the NIH Director on issues related to public input and participation in NIH activities, public input and participation in the NIH research priority setting process, and NIH outreach programs and efforts. She recently served as Co-Chair of the COPR's Role of the Public in Research Work Group.

Ms. Palermo has presented her work the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association since 2003, federal and state public health agencies including the New York State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and academic institutions such as Hunter College, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York University, and Columbia University. Ms. Palermo has co-developed curriculum on developing and sustaining community-academic partnerships as well as co-authored papers on community-based participatory research which have been published in journals such as Health Behavior and Education, Public Health Reports, and the American Journal of Public Health.

Robin Perry-Smith has worked in the area of community-based health education for over ten years and community organizing for over twenty years. She is the Health Disparities and Community Engagement Liaison Manager for Penn State Hershey Cancer Institute. Devoting her time to numerous projects, she is responsible for developing linkages between the university and other research institutions, health organizations, government, health care provider groups, and community members in the broad area of population and public health. Building health research capacity, Perry-Smith provides direct support and guidance to existing and new health researchers attempting to develop and maintain community links, create new research partnerships, and maintain ongoing dialogue for opportunities for collaboration. In addition, Robin is presently serving as board president for Holistic Hands Community Development Corporation, located within an urban area. This organization is committed to improving and sustaining quality of life for community residents. Along with her present role, she is a co-investigator and serves on the Parents and Children Together Community Advisory Board. In this role, she is responsible for assisting the project in the area of community-based participatory research which includes community-engagement. This project is to examine anxiety symptoms in African American children, promote awareness among community members and design an intervention to address anxiety among African American families. Robin received a Masters in Health Administration with a concentration in Health Education from Penn State University.

Riamsalio Phetchareun: I am currently the Research & Special Projects Manager at the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC), a national non-profit organization that advances the interests of Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans by empowering communities through advocacy, leadership development, and capacity building. SEARAC is a leading voice in the push to disaggregate data to help dispel the model minority myth and to advocate for underrepresented communities. In this role, I am a critical staff in bridging our research with our policy and community engagement work across the nation through the gathering of data and information related to social issues of significance to Southeast Asian American, and refugee communities. I also coordinate SEARAC's annual Leadership & Advocacy Training program, which brings together many community members working in the Southeast Asian American communities across the country

to network and build their capacity to advocate on policy issues on behalf of their respective communities. As a refugee myself, I am especially interested in the ways research data has revealed, and in some ways, masked, the needs of our communities. I earned my Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Economics and Asian American studies. I also attained my Master in International Public Affairs with an emphasis on policy analysis from the Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

***Fernando Pineda-Reyes, BS**, is the CEO and founder of Community, Research, Education & Awareness (CREA) Results in Denver, CO, an organization led by Health Promoters/Promotores de Salud working on addressing social, economic and health disparities. He serves on the Partnership for Academicians and Communities in Translation (PACT) Council of the NIH-funded Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute. The PACT Council is transforming the way communities and researchers work together to design and conduct research by building bridges between health research, clinical practice and community health initiatives to improve the health of the people of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region. He has over 15 years of experience in professional services focused on project leadership, strategic planning, organizational development, community priority setting, communications planning, facilitation, community-based participatory research, and community engagement outcome evaluation. Fernando's project leadership skills are derived from years of management and grassroots program implementation experience in public health, healthcare, education, and for-profit/non-profit business sectors. He is an immigrant from Mexico. He has a degree in Clinical Biochemistry and Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

***Alex Pirie** is the Coordinator of the Immigrant Service Providers Group/Health (ISPG/H) in Somerville, MA. The ISPG/H is a networking and advocacy group composed of immigrant direct service providers, health care professionals who serve immigrant communities, and immigrant health care professionals. The ISPG/H undertakes specific community projects such as flu clinics and health fairs, and conducts advocacy work on behalf of immigrants. He is currently the Co-Principle Investigator on "Assessing and Preventing Obesity in New Immigrants" (NIMHD), coordinates community partner activity on "Assessing and Controlling Occupational Health Risks for Immigrants in Somerville, MA" (NIOSH), and is an advisor on a Harvard Catalyst Pilot grant examining the consequences of ICE Raids and law enforcement behavior on immigrant health in Everett, MA. He WAS a member of the planning groups for the "Building Your Capacity" community partner education course conducted by ARCH Tufts CTSI under an Administrative Supplement grant. He serves on the steering committees of the Tufts Community Research Center and the Somerville Youth Workers Network, serves as a advisor to Save Our Somerville, a youth led advocacy group, a member of the Ward 6 Democratic Committee as well as the Progressive Democrats of Somerville, and a board member of the Welcome Project, a non-profit serving the tenants of the Mystic Public Housing Development. He also serves on the community advisory boards of the Tufts and Harvard Clinical Translational Science Institutes, CERAB and ARCH. He is currently working with Prof. Gia Barboza, NU developing a teen research partner training program for students at the Jeremiah Burke HS in Dorchester, MA. Mr. Pirie's primary interest centers on the empowerment and education of immigrant and minority community members in relation to health research and the health sciences particularly through Community Based Participatory Research mechanisms.

Kim E. Radda, an anthropologist and registered nurse, is Director of Research Administration at the Institute for Community Research in Hartford, CT and serves as ICRs Institutional Review Board Administrator. She has conducted extensive community-based research on the topics of substance abuse, HIV risk, women's reproductive health and the health and mental health of older adults, as well as research on rural women's social and economic roles in Mexico. She is currently Co-Investigator on two university/community collaborative research grant to address disparities in oral health among vulnerable low-income urban adults residing in senior housing. Ms. Radda is an IRB member at the University of Connecticut Health Center and is the Community Boundary Spanner for the Connecticut Institute for Clinical and Translational Science. She is a co-author on a number of peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, most recently on the process of creating and maintaining community-based alliances to address the health and well-being of older adults. In addition to her research activities, she is an Associate Editor for CES4Health. Ms. Radda received her Masters degrees in Latin

American and Caribbean Studies and in Anthropology from the University of Connecticut, and is a graduate of the Women's Leadership Institute of the Hartford Seminary.

Natasha Ray is the Consortium Development Coordinator for the New Haven Healthy Start Initiative, a program of the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven and has worked in the field of community-based public health for more than 10 years. She is responsible for increasing the involvement of consumers in the project, engaging local communities as partners, as well as the medical professionals who deliver care in New Haven. Prior to joining The Foundation, Ms. Ray worked as a case manager for the Maternal and Child Health Division of the City of New Haven Health Department.

A native of Norwalk CT, Ms. Ray is a graduate of Brien McMahon High School and has taken human services courses at Gateway Community Technical College. In 2008, Ms. Ray received her certification in Community Based Participatory Research from Yale School of Medicine. She is a commissioner on the City of New Havens Homeless Advisory Commission, serves on the Board of Directors of The Diaper Bank as Executive Secretary, a member of the Robert Wood Johnson Steering Committee and a council member of the City of New Havens School Readiness Council.

In February 2002, she became the first person to receive the Pillar of the Community award established by the Christian Community Action agency. This award recognized Ms. Rays efforts in the New Haven community, her leadership as the former president of Mothers for Justice, and her work with New Haven Healthy Start. Ms. Ray has participated in several CBPR projects with Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars that included: healthy eating habits, stress and the importance of caregivers of newborn babies receiving the Tdap vaccine. In her most recent project, where the relationship between Community Based Organizations and Universities is being studied and she is serving as Co-researcher.

Angela G. Reyes, MPH, is the founder and Executive Director of the Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, a non-profit community-based organization, which she started in 1997 from her living room. Angela earned her Masters Degree in Public Health from the University of Michigan and has received national and local recognition for the agency's work, its community-based participatory research, policy development and community advocacy. Ms. Reyes has been the recipient of several awards for her community work, including the 1992 Michiganiaan of the Year, Detroit Public Schools Community Service Award, Corp! Magazine's Michigan's Most Influential Hispanic Leaders, the Hispanic Business Alliance Community Service Award, , and most recently the Liberty Bell Award from the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association and the 2011 New Detroit Individual Closing the Gap Award for achievements in race relations and youth work.

Ms. Reyes is actively involved in several community based participatory research (CBPR) projects examining and addressing, for example, the social and physical environmental determinants of cardiovascular disease, the environmental triggers of childhood asthma, and capacity building for policy change.

Ms. Reyes is known for her expertise in critical policy issues that impact not only Southwest Detroit neighborhoods but common issues facing other cities and countries as well, Angela has addressed international and national audiences sharing best practices in resolving community issues, including cultural awareness, youth gangs and violence, substance abuse, immigration, education reform, community-based participatory research, policy development and community organizing.

Al Richmond is President of the National Community Based Organizational Network (NCBON) and provides leadership to a broad-range group of community organizations and leaders across the country. He was recently selected as the first community co-chair of the CTSA Community Engagement Core Key Functions Committee (KFC). His commitment to community-engaged work and research is evident in his decade long leadership with the Community Based Public Health Caucus (CBPH) where he served as founding chairman. His passion for community health includes interest in addressing the disparate impact of prostate cancer among African American men and its impact on the family. As the Director of Healthy Workplace Initiatives with the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development (The Institute) he directs the On The Ground Prostate

Cancer Project including the coordination of a statewide network of prostate health lay leaders and community prostate health advocacy organizations. Al received the MSW degree from The Ohio State University.

Zachary Rowe has more than 20 years of community development and community organizing experience in low-income communities; and at least fifteen years working on various community-based participatory research (CBPR) projects through the Detroit Urban Research Center and its affiliated projects. He serves as co-investigator of the newly NIH funded project called Deliberative Engagement Community In Decisions about Research Spending (DECIDERS). Zachary has a Bachelor of Art in Business Administration.

Ernest Sanders functions as the New Communities Program Manager and Director of Communications for the Great Auburn-Gresham Development Corporation (GADC). Ernie is a business professional of more than 30 years and has worked on national causes to reduce recidivism, enhance middle school education and social services and promote digital excellence in lower income populations. He is a community activist and a candidate for a Masters Degree in the area of Comprehensive Community Development with a focus on Communications and Workplace & Traffic Safety. He recently attended Harvard University's Divinity School and earned a certification in Faith Based Community and Economic Development. He also serves as an executive board director for Healthy School Campaign, while also working in a similar capacity with other organizations and institutions as Community Media Workshop, the Federation for Community Schools and the University of Chicago's Urban Health Initiative to infuse concepts of community and economic development into curriculum and programs, creating best practices.

Clara Savage: I am the Director of ""Common Pathways"" CHNA 8 the Worcester healthy community coalition serving the city of Worcester and nine towns around Worcester. We are a coalition of 147 organizations of non-profits, city agencies, businesses and neighborhood residents who work together to improve the quality of health and life for all residents of our region. We work in CBPR with different academic organizations including UMass Medical School, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard School of Public Health and Clark University among others. My training is in curriculum development for medical training and public health programs. I have extended national and international experience in planning, coordinating, implementing and evaluating medical training and community health programs, as well as working on research projects on community health. I have special interest in participating from the community side in design, collection and analysis of data and dissemination of local research results.

***Jean Schensul** is founder (1987-2004) and currently senior scientist full time, at the Institute for Community Research, independent research institute conducting prevention research in communities in the United States, India and China, and based in Hartford, CT. She is a medical anthropologist with three decades of experience in the conduct of HIV prevention and other health-related research in urban areas of the United States and in developing countries. Her areas of expertise include mixed research methods, drug research, sexuality and HIV, and school and community based structural approaches to intervention across the lifespan.

Dr. Schensul is past president of the Society for Applied Anthropology and the Council on Educational Anthropology, an organizational member of the American Anthropological Association, as well as other elected and appointed positions in the American Anthropological Association. She and Stephen Schensul are the joint recipients of the Solon T. Kimball award for application of anthropology to policy. She has founded or co-founded four successful community based health social science research institutes including the Institute for Community Research and the Hispanic Health Council and two others in Peru and Sri Lanka. She has led many federal, state and foundation funded studies and intervention projects, and since 1996 has been the principal investigator on more than twelve federally funded HIV and substance abuse related grants totaling over \$35,000,000 in research funds. Internationally she has consulted to prevention researchers in Senegal, Kenya, China, and Spain.

Chris Schweidler is a research justice activist! She works to support social justice advocacy through community-driven participatory research and popular education. She has collaborated on a broad range of community based research projects across areas including public health, workers rights, urban peace, and

housing rights. She loves DataCenter and is excited to be here! Prior to joining DataCenter this year, Chris directed research at Healthy City, a program of Los Angeles-based civil rights nonprofit, the Advancement Project (www.advanceproj.org). At Advancement Project, she helped develop and launch the Community Research Lab, a program that partners with community-based organizations in order to advance their advocacy and strategic goals through the use of research, maps, and digital media. Chris received an MA in History and Sociology of Science from UPenn and an MPH in epidemiology from UC Berkeley, and has published on access to knowledge from a human rights perspective. She's also a recent transplant to Boston area from sunny California, and is both excited to explore a new city and dreading the coming winter.

Sofia Segura-Prez graduated with a BS in Nutritional Sciences and an MS in Food in Nutrition from Mexico, and became a registered dietitian after completing the Dietetics Program at the University of Connecticut. She conducted breastfeeding research in Mexico. During the last 15 years, Ms. Segura-Prez has worked at the Hispanic Health Council (HHC) a non profit, community based organization in Hartford, CT that serves low income populations statewide. She began working at the HHC as the coordinator of the SANA Research Project, a needs assessment of the nutritional needs Latino women using IV drugs. Later on, she became the research coordinator for HHCs Family Nutrition Program . In this role, she coordinated five community nutrition knowledge attitude and behavior surveys aimed at: 1) collecting baseline data in the areas of basic nutrition, food security, food safety, breastfeeding and diabetes prevention; and 2) to evaluate the programs annual social marketing campaigns focused on those same topics. These surveys were conducted in full partnership with the Department of Nutritional Sciences at the University of Connecticut. In 2004, Ms. Segura-Prez became the Associate Director of the Community Nutrition Unit. In this position, she coordinates the implementation of all of the agency's nutrition programs, which include; the SNAP (Food Stamp) Outreach Program and The SNAP-ED Nutrition Program. An NIH funded randomized control trial that successfully used peer counselors to improve glycemic control among low-income Latinos with diabetes. Ms. Segura-Prez has also participated in numerous other studies conducted at HHC with academic partners including a number of community based participatory research studies on a number of health disparity topics.. She has co-authored several scientific articles published in peer reviewed journals and is first author of a book chapter from a newly released book about Latino children's health published by Arte Publico Press.

Fe Seligman is the Program Manager of the San Diego Asian/Pacific Islander Community Health Network (API-CHN), a project of Operation Samahan Community Health Centera community clinic founded by the Filipino community more than 38 years ago. API-CHN is a network of nine community based agencies committed to address health disparities within the Asian/Pacific Islander communities in San Diego through grassroots research. Ms. Seligman's involvement include oversight of the whole diverse network as well as ensuring that each partners unique voice is heard, issues articulated, and ideas woven into a cohesive whole.

***Peggy Shepard** is co-founder and executive director of WE ACT For Environmental Justice (WE ACT), based in West Harlem, which has a 22-year history of engaging Northern Manhattan residents in community-based planning and campaigns to affect environmental protection and environmental health policy locally and nationally. WE ACT has successfully combined grassroots organizing, environmental advocacy and environmental health research to become a national leader in advancing the perspective of environmental justice in urban communities. A former journalist, Ms. Shepard has served as chair of the EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC). She received the Jane Jacobs Medal from the Rockefeller Foundation in 2008 for Lifetime Achievement, the 10th Annual Heinz Award For the Environment, and an Honorary Doctorate from Smith College in 2010.

WE ACT is a well recognized organization in the field of community-based participatory research with partnerships at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University and the University of Pittsburgh. A member of the NIEHS Public Interest Partners, she served as chair of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She is a member of the Regional Health Equity Council, Region 2, Office of Minority Health, HHS; the Environmental Justice Advisory Committee to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and the NYC Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Board. Ms. Shepard is a former member of the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences

Council of the National Institutes of Health and the National Children's Study Federal Advisory Committee, NIH. She has served as guest editor of an Environmental Health Perspectives monograph, *Advancing Environmental Justice Through Community-Based Participatory Research*, April 2002, and is co-author of *Promoting Environmental Health Policy Through Community Based Participatory Research: A Case Study from Harlem, New York*, Jan. 2006, *Journal of Urban Health*. She currently serves on the board of Community-Campus Partnerships for Health. A lecturer on issues of environmental justice and community-based health research, she graduated Howard University and Solebury and Newtown Friends Schools.

O. Fahina Tavake-Pasi is the Executive Director of the National Tongan American Society (NTAS). In this role, Fahina leads a community based organization that provide programs to the Tongan and Pacific Islander (PI) community in Utah, including health educational programs and resources, immigration assistance, education scholarships and cultural programs. Diabetes and obesity is forefront on NTAS agenda.

Fahina and NTAS has partnered with Utah Health Department DPCP to do CBPR among PIs in Utah. She was the Principal Investigators in the 2009-2010 study titled *Obesity Among Utah Pacific Islander Youth*. She has presented on the findings of this study in both national and international conferences.

Fahina has more than 20 years of community outreach and networking experiences in the Pacific Islander and general community. Before joining NTAS in 2003, Fahina worked for 10 years for the University of Utah as an Academic Advisor to Pacific Islander students. Fahina currently serves as the Chairperson to the National Diabetes Educational Program for Asian Pacific Islander Workgroup, Utah Martin Luther King Commission, Multicultural Legal Board, Judicial Council Diversity Subcommittee, Diabetes Prevention and Control Program Advisory Board and others. Fahina focuses mainly on health, education and decreasing disparities in Pacific Islander communities due to injustices.

Fahina has an AA in Aeronautics, BA in Sociology and an MS in Health Promotion and Education. She was born in Tatakamotonga, Tongatapu, in the Island Kingdom of Tonga, located in the Polynesian triangle and currently resides with her husband and children in Holladay, Utah.

Raquel Trinidad is a passionate social justice advocate and activist with an affinity to cities and urban places. This led her pursue at Masters Degree in Community and Regional Planning at the University of British Columbia in Canada. Being a California Native, her move to a different context allowed for an exciting opportunity to learn about topics such as: sustainability, equity, and progressive social and economic policy. While completing her education, she completed a variety of projects in Vancouver as well as in the Philippines using participatory action research methods.

Currently, Raquel is working in a Los Angeles-based, community based non-profit human services agency, Special Service for Groups. The organization began over sixty years ago with the vision of providing innovative services to diverse multi-ethnic groups. Under her current role as the Research Analyst in the Research and Evaluation Department, Raquel works on a variety of projects that include diverse communities in Los Angeles County. She also is a vocal supporter of urban cycling and a freelance graphic designer.

Soukkham Veerasaeng: I graduated from the Saint Catherine University with a degree in Biology, a concentration in Chemistry and a minor in History. My undergraduate studies was meant to prepare me for medical school. I knew that when I got my MD, I wanted to focus a lot of my time focusing on health disparities in various minority groups.

During my undergraduate studies, I focused a majority of my independent studies on issues related to health disparities among minority groups in Minnesota, particularly within the Lao community. I also spent five months in Thailand intensely studying human rights violation among farmers in the Surin Province. After spending hours interviewing farmers, I discovered that there were health issues related to the violations that included wrongful and forced pesticide and herbicide exposure to the farmers and contamination of their main food source. Our human rights reports created a venue for the farmers to discuss the health disparities within Thailand

among Thai citizens and non-Thai citizens. Because Thailand has strict laws regarding citizenship and rights as citizens, this issues was a major concern for the farmers.

After my work in Thailand, I became more aware of health disparities among minorities in Minnesota. I am currently working with the Lao Assistance Center to collect data and research various issues leading to the health disparities among the Lao community in hopes of comparing it to the health disparities in other communities in Minnesota as well as in other states in the United States.

As a Direct Service and non-profit organization committed to serving the Lao community, we are aware of the disparities within the Lao community and are working towards helping mainstream providers and health care providers in the area understand the issues related to health disparities among SE Asians in hopes we can work together to close the gap.

George Ware has over 25 years of public health experience working in STI/HIV prevention. During his tenure at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, he counseled persons diagnosed with HIV and STI and their partners, coordinated a statewide STI prevention planning group, and supervised a HIV/STI-focused research and evaluation unit. He is a co-Chair of Taking Neighborhood Health to Heart, a community-based participatory research initiative that engages community residents, researchers, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders in examining the relationship between the built environment and health and assuring the health of five neighborhoods in the metropolitan Denver area. George is a resident of East Montclair, one of the five partner neighborhoods.

Gloria B. Warner, MHA is the Chief Operations Officer at Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers, Inc. in Columbia, SC. She has been an active participant in community based participatory research for many years. Prior to joining ECCHC she worked with a community engaged prostate cancer research program at Beaufort-Jasper-Hampton Comprehensive Health Centers, Inc., Beaufort, SC and The Institute for Cancer Prevention, New York, NY. In 2009, she along with three other ECCHC colleagues was selected for the inaugural class in the Community Engaged Scholars Program at MUSC. This community based partnership with MUSC resulted in an award winning poster presentation at the 2009 National Association for Community Health Centers annual meeting in Chicago, Ill. In addition, a research article entitled, "Profound Vitamin D Deficiency in African American and Hispanic Women during Pregnancy Living in a Sun-Rich Environment at Latitude 32oN, was published in the International Journal of Endocrinology, Dec. 2010.

***Eric Wat** is the director of the Research and Evaluation Unit at Special Service for Groups, or SSG, which directly operates about 20 different programs primarily in Los Angeles County. At SSG, he and his team seek to increase the capacity among SSG programs and community partners to conduct community-based action research and program evaluation. He also administers the community-based IRB at SSG, which was established in 2004 to give community partners more parity in the human subject and community protection review process. He has co-authored several peer-reviewed journal articles based on his involvement in community-based action research projects, most recently on Pacific Islanders and higher education as well as health needs assessment of the lesbian and gay South Asian community in Southern California. Eric received his M.A. from California State University, Fullerton in 1999 and has taught classes, including research methods, at UCLA, CSU Fullerton, CSU Northridge, and CSU Long Beach.

Peg Weeks: I received a doctoral degree in anthropology in 1987. Since that time, I have worked in, and directed the Institute for Community Research (ICR) for the past more than 20 years. During that time, I coordinated, and have since become Principal Investigator for more than ten NIH grants, all of them have been community collaborations directed to the creation of new structural/multilevel approaches to prevention of HIV in urban African American, Latino and other drug using populations and women in the U.S. and in rural and urban southern China. In China, our primary collaborating institution is Peking Union Medical College, one of China's foremost medical education programs.

In 2004 I became the Executive Director of ICR, responsible for moving the organization and its community

based translational, action research, HIV and gerontological research programs into the future. In that capacity I work with its broadly representative board of directors, and with many community service and advocacy organizations serving drug users, women, Latinos/as, the LGBTQ population, and the general low income public. As director I continue my own work in HIV prevention with some of our research and community health staff, building broad based multilevel collaborations around women initiated forms of protection (female condom, microbicides).

In addition to directing ICR, I represent ICR as a partner on the Executive Committee of the Yale Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, I am a member of the University of Connecticut Center for Clinical and Translational Research (CICATS) Scientific Advisory Board, and a member of the University of Connecticut Committee to develop its Center of Excellence for Research on Health Disparities. These, along with PUMC, represent ICR's primary university collaborators with whom we share contractual arrangements initiated by either institution in partnership with the other.

Emily White Hat, J.D. (Sicangu Lakota) is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and a Program Manager with the Policy Research Center at NCAI. A graduate of the University of New Mexico School of Law, she has a wide range of experience working with her tribe as well as others on issues such as criminal justice, constitutional reform, land tenure, and human services. She taught at Sinte Gleska University and served as an Assistant Prosecutor for her tribe. Emily works on a variety of projects including: a Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) V study of Community-Based Participatory Research and the Policy Centers tribally-driven research agenda. With guidance from tribal leadership and the Policy Research Center national advisory council, Emily oversees and conducts research that benefits tribal communities using a capacity-building approach.

Deloris Williams has worked with community-based participatory research approaches and programs for the past 10 years and possess public health, hospital and clinic administration experience. She has taught nursing and public health at colleges and Universities; directed a public health division of grants and research, and a community-based organization, and has been a catalyst to eliminate disparate health conditions over 30 years. Current focus is on providing consultation and technical assistance to faith- and community-based organizations, public and private health and human service entities, universities, and others that share common vision and mission. She serves as lead community consultant to the State Baptist Young Woman's Auxiliary (YWA) of the Woman's Baptist Education and Missionary Convention, co-leader for Community Outreach Core of the SC Cancer Disparities Community Network II, and co-investigator to NIH NCMHD Colorectal Cancer Education and Prevention Program. All initiatives utilize CBPR to conduct research, plan programs to reduce health disparities and challenges among African Americans in SC. She serves as chief consultant to the State Baptist Commission for Health and Human Affairs which evolved from working with the YWA. Its focus is comprehensive, inclusive of eliminating all areas of health disparities and addressing human affairs. She has co-authored research articles. Dr. Williams earned both a MS in nursing (1971) and a PhD in Community Health from the University of Illinois. She has completed the following fellowships/programs: National Association of Public Hospitals, NY, 1990, Boston Partners Fellowship, Boston, MA, 1991; US Public Health Leadership Institute, University of California, 1996; and The Management Academy of Public Health, University of NC, 2001.

Pluscedia Williams: Over the years, I have worked and dedicated my life to helping and working for community and church. In the midst of working and volunteering for the church, I have dedicated my time to continue my education in various areas. I have endeared myself to the administration, faculty, students and community. I am very passionate about my work and work with our young people to help nurture their growth. Our community has gone through a rapid demographic change over the past few years. I have been here through most of that change, and embraced the diversity that comes with demographic shifts. It is evidenced in my interaction with our community, and with students as a classroom instructor. I take pride in developing appropriate student/teacher relationships. If I see a need I am willing to help and provide information to guide each student or someone that just needs information to help with job hunting. The establishment of these relationships results in a trust factor being built and commitment to learning. I support the school, church and

community needs and assist with national programs, in addition to serving as a Community Co-Session Planner for APHA, I serve as an Advisor for Healthy African American Families. Learning comes to life in my community work. I approach every problem with the attitude that a solution is not far from reach. I possess all the qualities and traits one would want in a community advocate. I am knowledgeable, passionate, caring, honest, trustworthy, loyal, and a lifelong researcher.

Joyce B. Winkler, RN, MPH is the Director of Nursing at Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers, Inc. (ECCHC) in Columbia, SC. She previously worked as ECCHCs Research Nurse Coordinator for the vitamin D supplementation study, a partnership project with the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). She continues collaborating on research projects with MUSC and the University of South Carolina. She previously worked as the Research Nurse at East Tennessee State University College of Medicine, Johnson City, Tennessee. In 2009, she along with three other ECCHC colleagues was selected for the inaugural class in the Community Engaged Scholars Program at MUSC. This community based partnership with MUSC resulted in an award winning poster presentation at the 2009 National Association for Community Health Centers annual meeting in Chicago, Ill. In addition, a research article entitled, "Profound Vitamin D Deficiency in African American and Hispanic Women during Pregnancy Living in a Sun-Rich Environment at Latitude 32oN, was published in the International Journal of Endocrinology, Dec. 2010; and a oral presentation A SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP ENGAGING COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND A MEDICAL UNIVERSITY was presented at the Community University Expo, Waterloo, Ontario Canada May 2011. She serves on several community organizations that focus on partnership development and health initiatives.

Gayle Woodsum: I'm a writer and speaker with 30 years experience in community organizing for social change. I provide executive coaching to nonprofit leaders, and have founded, directed and consulted for organizations throughout the United States and Canada. In 2009, I launched Feeding Laramie Valley, an effort to expand resources and create partnerships among various community food, health and justice programs in Albany County, Wyoming. This particular community project is one of five across the country participating in a 5-year, \$5 million, university based, federally funded research project called Food Dignity.

Mysha R. Wynn is the founder/director of Project Momentum, Inc. (PMI), a non-profit community-based organization located in Edgecombe County, NC was formed to address health disparities in rural Eastern NC. Mysha's current focus is to HIV/AIDS initiatives, diabetes care and mental health concerns in her area. Mysha has worked in Public Health for the past 14 years.

She is currently involved in 3 community based participatory research projects with UNC-Chapel Hill, and Georgetown University: Project LOVE, Project GRACE and Project EAST. Mysha served as community mentor for postdoctoral fellow Dr. Dionne Coker-Appiah at the University of North Carolina through the Kellogg Health Scholar program. Mysha is currently a subcontractor and past steering committee chair for Project GRACE; A Participatory Approach to Address Health Disparities: P.I. is Giselle Corbie-Smith, MD, Msc, funded by National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Mysha serves as community advisory board member and facilitator for Project EAST: a project that is interested in defining community and individual factors that influence willingness of rural racial and ethnic minorities to participate in HIV/AIDS clinical trials; P.I. Giselle Corbie-Smith, MD, Msc. She is community partner, community advisory board member, research team member, and recruiter for Project LOVE: Letting Our Voices Empower: Using CBPR to Explore Rural, African American Adolescents' Knowledge, Perceptions, and Beliefs about Dating Violence: Implications for Sexual and Mental Health. P.I. Dionne Smith Coker-Appiah Funding: W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Mysha also serves as a community expert for NCTraCS Institute and the UNC Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention working in collaboration with Vanderbilt's Institute for Clinical and Translational Research where she co-leads Charrettes for community-academic partnership teams who express interest in using community-based participatory research approaches.