Community engagement in research is central to understanding and addressing racial, ethnic and socioeconomic disparities in health. Research funding agencies are supporting faculty members and institutions to engage communities as partners in conducting research. As more community organizations enter into research partnerships with institutions as well as initiate and conduct research, it is clear that they need their own networks for professional development, mentoring and advocacy in order to advance the social change through knowledge and power sharing that must happen if we are to achieve health equity in this country. Designed “by and for” community organizations involved in health research, the conference will examine and address the challenges and issues that community partners face and enhance their knowledge and skills.

**Forum Goals**

- To share knowledge, provide mentorship and make recommendations around community review of proposed research, governance structures for research, community engagement in the research process, and funding the community infrastructure needed to conduct research.
- To disseminate knowledge shared and generated at the forum through accessible products that participants jointly coauthor.
- To establish a NYC network of community partners that facilitates ongoing shared learning, professional development and advocacy.

**Forum Guiding Questions**

- How do we ensure that communities most affected by health disparities have a voice at the tables that decide what research gets conducted, how and by whom?
- How do we support communities most affected by health disparities to conduct and manage their own research?
- How do we ensure that communities work as equal partners with universities and other institutions to make sure that community research interests are met?
- How do we ensure that social justice is central to community-engaged research?
- How do we form effective networks for furthering dialogue and action around community knowledge development and equitable community-academic partnerships?

**Forum Participants:** Experienced and novice community partners involved in collaborations with New York Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) and other institutions.

**Forum Location:** Touro College of Pharmacy, 230 West 125th Street, New York, New York 10027

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Registration
Registration is free of charge, but pre-registration is required. Register online by Monday Feb 27 at http://bit.ly/wzHjUN Please note the online registration system is down for routine maintenance on Wednesdays from 8-10 am eastern time.

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