# SF Bay CRN eNews

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Dear Friends,

We hope that fall brings a new season of recovery and opportunity for you, your families, and the communities where you work.

The San Francisco Bay
Collaborative Research
Network (SFBayCRN) is
UCSF's primary health care
practice-based research
network, supported by the
UCSF Clinical and
Translational Science
Institute.

We offer free initial consultations on practice-based research issues for our members.

To learn more about SFBayCRN, please visit: <a href="https://consult.ucsf.edu/sfbaycrn">https://consult.ucsf.edu/sfbaycrn</a>

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#### **SF Bay Area Collaborative Research Network**

A partnership of community clinicians, practices and researchers at the University of California, San Francisco

#### **New Project:**

#### Stakeholder Engagement in COVID-19 Research

Congratulations to Drs. James Harrison and Nynikka Palmer on their new project, "Catalyzing Systematic Stakeholder Engagement between Academic and Community Health Centers for COVID-19 Research". The project, funded by the **Patient-Centered Outcomes** Research Institute (PCORI), recognizes the essential role of community health centers and their patient stakeholders in helping to set the COVID-19 research agenda. Partners in this work will include the Family HealthCare Network in Fresno, the BCH-Oakland Federally Qualified Health Center, and the San Francisco Community Clinic Consortium. Activities supported by this 18-month grant will include the formation of an advisory board, engagement with our academic and community stakeholders through a series of conversations and webinars, and identification of shared priorities for community-engaged COVID-19 research that can be supported by UCSF's research infrastructure, including SFBayCRN and the UCSF Clinical and Translational Science Institute.

#### **New Phase for an Old Project:**

# "Connection To Health" Completes Data Collection Phase

We are grateful and wish to publicly thank our community health center partners at Contra Costa Health Services (Pittsburg and West County sites), La Clinica (Monument, North Vallejo, Transit Village, San Antonio, and Vallejo sites), Lifelong Medical Care (Berkeley and Brookside sites), Marin Health (San Rafael site), and Petaluma Health Center (Petaluma and Rohnert Park) for helping us to enroll and engage with over 700 patients with type 2 diabetes on our study of the role of diabetes self-management support with enhanced patient engagement strategies. The project, funded over 7 years by the National Institutes of Health, is in the data analysis phase. Preliminary analyses show that study participants made significant improvement in glycemic control and other important indices of health and well-being during the year after study enrollment. We are

in the process of sharing results with our stakeholders and will share additional findings with the network as the results are published.

# **COVID-19 Resources for You from Our Partners:**

#### Policy Brief on Challenges Faced by Older Adults

The COVID-19 pandemic faces new challenges in responding to the health needs of older adults. UCSF's Center for Aging in Diverse Communities has mapped out the path forward in a new policy brief: Impact of Covid-19: Multiethnic Older Adults and the Community-Based Organizations Serving Them. Access the brief <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Free Training on COVID-19 Vaccine Communication

As children become eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and as pockets of vaccine hesitancy persist in diverse communities, the need for training in vaccine communication remains more apparent than ever. The UCSF Center for Excellence in Primary Care has created a free on-line training for community-based providers. The training can be accessed by clicking here. This training is appropriate for health workers with all levels of experience. Additional CEPC resources are available for download on CEPC's webpage.

#### **Other News and Events:**

#### Implementing High Quality Primary Care in California

National health policy expert **Dr. Diane Rittenhouse** hosted an engaging and informative roundtable discussion of policy options for the future of primary care, with implications for both clinical practice and practice-based research. You can access the conversation with the following link: <u>Webcast</u>.

### HIV Prevention Strategies for Health Care Providers

SFBayCRN has previously documented local challenges in adopting evidence-based HIV prevention strategies in primary care (<u>Brief Report</u>). Our highly respected colleagues at the **National Clinicians Consultation Center** are hosting a national webinar on how to overcome these challenges on **Tuesday, October 26**<sup>th</sup> **from 11am to 12pm.** Register here.

# AHRQ's Primary Care Learning Community Supporting Well-being During COVID-19 and Beyond: What Can Work for Primary Care?

This free webinar will feature guest speakers and a panel discussion focusing on addressing well-being and resilience during COVID-19 for primary care clinicians and staff, as well as those who support primary care practices. This meeting will take place **Wednesday**, **November 10, 2021 from 12pm-1pm. Register** here.