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Special points of interest:

- **CAPP Grant has three strong partners**
- **2011 Seed Grant Recipients**
- **Highlight: Jann Hamilton Lee**
- **Community Research Projects**
- **Our Partnership is Growing!**

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Community- Academic- Policy Partnership

HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

ABOUT OUR GRANT

Our Community-Academic-Policy Partnership (CAPP) consists of three strong partners: the UCLA/RAND Prevention Research Center (the academic arm), the UCLA/RAND Community Advisory Board (CAB) (the community arm), and the City of Carson and LA District 15 (the policy arm).

The UCLA/RAND Center, one of 32 CDC-designated comprehensive Prevention Research Centers, is dedicated to community-engaged research. The

CAB is the Center's main community coalition, representing Carson/District 15, advising the Center on community-related activities, and partnering for community-engaged research projects. The City of Carson and LA District 15 encompass a large portion of LA's South Bay region. The area is racially, ethnically, and economically diverse, with a high proportion of disadvantaged and underserved children and families.

The CAPP'S goal is to combine an existing vig-

orous community-academic partnership with local government representatives to form a multi-level three-pronged partnership. Its mission is to conduct high-quality research that is driven by and responds to both community and government needs.

Part of the CAPP's mission is to build community capacity. This will be accomplished through internal seed grants for CAB organizations (two have been awarded to date; see descriptions on page

PAUL'S PERSPECTIVE

As Principal Investigator of the Community-Academic-Policy Partnership grant from NIH, I am incredibly thrilled to be a part of this inaugural issue of the CAPP newsletter. Over the three-year funding period, our hope is to strengthen already vibrant and long-lasting connections among our partners and to empower these partnerships to create and implement sustainable improvements in the health and wellbeing of the children, adolescents, and families of Carson and LA District 15. We're grateful for your friendship and support, and we hope that together we can build a partnership that Carson and District 15 can be proud of.

Paul Chung, MD, MS, Principal Investigator, CAPP Project and Co-Principal Investigator for UCLA/RAND Prevention Research Center

“Effective community-based research needs to be conducted with and in communities – not on communities.”

– “ENGAGING

COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE PREVENTION RESEARCH CENTERS PROGRAM” WHITE PAPER, 2001

ABOUT OUR GRANT CONTINUED...

2), research training and mentorship opportunities for community organizations and members, as well as regular health policy reviews on important and timely questions.

To further engage the community, information will be publically disseminated via newsletters, presentations, reports, and publications.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Jann Hamilton Lee is the President and CEO of the South Bay Family Health Care Center. Her organization is collaborating with Dr. Tumaini Coker, of the UCLA/RAND Prevention Research Center, to explore novel ways for parents to access well child services.

The following interview has been edited and condensed.

When considering health outcomes for children and youth, how does your agency define the problem?

Access to services is certainly our primary concern, and we define not just access by geographic location, but access by convenient time of day. In addition, we see access to health education to be an important area of focus.

What are the key priorities and challenges that your organization faces today?

One of our challenges is to simultaneously provide direct care services while taking the time to design and implement change. The challenge is to find the time, money, and personnel to do both. Another is to provide services that are sustainable and reimbursable. For example, we believe in the importance of providing opportunities for parents to receive health education, but our challenge is to find the right cost structure.

What information do you collect?

To determine the effectiveness of our programs we look to multiple types of health outcomes. For example, immunizations taken on time, number

of visits, and asthma emergency room visits. We are now exploring weight reduction as part of our overall health outcomes, as well.

How do you see your agency's role with LAUSD, District 15, and the City of Carson?

Currently, we have a medical clinic at Carson High, which is in the process of expanding to offer services to families as well as Carson High students. And of course, we're always looking to expand geographically into new areas where we see a need, such as District 15.



FIRST POLICY DOCUMENT – AIR QUALITY

Carson and LA District 15 commission organizations to conduct comprehensive reviews on topics relevant to local policy concerns.

The Community-Academic Policy Partnership will conduct policy reviews related to child, adolescent, or family health and disseminate the information to the community at large.

The topic for the initial policy review is local air

quality and its impact on the health of residents of Carson and Wilmington. Due to their proximity to freeways, the port of LA, as well as truck and refinery pollution, these communities have been identified as toxic hot spots by the LA City Council.

Dr. Richard Jackson, Director of the UCLA Center for Occupational and Environmental Health,

and Dr. Steve Wallace, Chair of the UCLA Department of Community Health Sciences, will join Dr. Paul Chung, the CAPP Principal Investigator, in collaborating with Carson Mayor Jim Dear, District 15 representatives, and local community organizations to jointly develop a policy document that will help inform decision makers on this important concern for Carson and Wilmington.



*Building the Public
Research Base with
Community
Partners*

2011 SEED GRANT RECIPIENTS

**Boys & Girls Club of Carson
Impact Evaluation**

The Boys & Girls Club of Carson (BGCC) will administer two sessions of their Healthy Habits program during the summer of 2011 and provide programmatic information to an outside evaluator who will conduct an evaluation of the program’s effectiveness. The Healthy Habits program consists of 10 weekly sessions that cover topics related to nutrition and physical activity. Youth are presented with information about healthy eating and the importance of an active lifestyle. Participants are also given opportunities to be physically active throughout the summer program through the BGCC’s Triple Play program.

**Centinela Youth Services
Connect and Counts**

Centinela Youth Services (CYS), which provides mediation and conflict resolution services to vulnerable LA youth, will enhance its existing web-based data collection system, “CYS Connect,” to include outcome data in addition to output data. The inclusion of outcome data will allow CYS to track the impact of their services on the youth they serve and provide evidence for the effectiveness of their programs. Measures will include recidivism, school matriculation and graduation, further school suspension, and reductions in other negative behaviors. The enhanced system will be renamed “CYS Connect and Counts.”

*Health is not
relative:
a community, or
nation, is only as
healthy as its least
healthy member.*

– UNKNOWN

OUR PARTNERSHIP

Boys & Girls Club of Carson
 Behavioral Health Services/NCADD South Bay
 Carnegie Middle School
 Carson Family Resource Center
 Carson High School
 Centinela Youth Services
 City of Carson
 City of Los Angeles Council District 15
 Gang Alternatives Program (GAP)
 Harbor Community Clinic
 Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

Los Angeles Unified School District Wellness Centers
 Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Service Planning Area 8
 Palmdale Mental Health Center
 Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital
 South Bay Family Health Care Center
 South Bay Center for Community Development
 UCLA RAND Prevention Research Center
 UCLA School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics
 UCLA School of Public Health
 The Youth, Family, School, and Community Partnership in Action (YFSC-PIA)

SELECTED PARTNERS	RESEARCH PROJECTS
Boys & Girls Club of Carson	Healthy Habits Impact Evaluation
Centinela Youth Services	Connect and Counts
Gang Alternatives Program (GAP)	REACH U.S. Legacy Project: Implementation of Instant Recess
Los Angeles Unified School District	Preventing Childhood Obesity Through School and Parent Programs – SNaX and P-SNaX REACH U.S. Legacy Project: Implementation of Instant Recess Wellness Center Evaluation
Providence Little Company of Mary Hospital	REACH U.S. Legacy Project: Implementation of Instant Recess
South Bay Family Health Care Center	Well Child Care Redesign
Youth, Family, School, & Community Partnership in Action (YFSC-PIA)	Filipino American Youth Initiative Colorectal Cancer Screening in the Filipino Community EPIC Study - Youth and Nutrition



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Questions? Comments?

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