

CHRE Community Meeting
MINUTES August 24, 2015 9 – 11 am at MOMs of OC

In attendance

Pam Pimentel—MOMs of OC
Diane Limbo—Healthy Smiles (but not for long)
Ellen Olshansky—UCI Nursing/ICTS
Robynn Zender—UCI ICTS
Margaret Schneider—UCI Social Ecology/ICTS
Marc Lerner—OC Dept of Ed
Ameera Basmadji—Access California
Alicia Rodriguez—Delhi Center
Candice Taylor Lucas—UCI Pediatrics, PERC
Sandy Bennett—CSU Fullerton, Health
Promotion Research Institute

By phone

Plucedia Williams—Healthy African American
Families II
John Billimek—UCI School of Medicine
Juanita Booker-Vaughn-- Healthy African
American Families II
Alyce Mastrianni --Children and Families
Commission of Orange County

Facilitator: Pamela Pimentel

Agenda Items

1. Name change: Community Health Research Exchange (CHRE); “Cherry” for short.

We have changed the name due to a request from the community, as “OC Health Alliance” is confusing, given the number of Health Alliances around Orange County, and it also does not reflect the ICTS’s emphasis on Research, which is our primary objective (promoting research activities). All future correspondence will contain this new name.

Discussed the name change in the context of bi-directional, mutually-beneficial partnerships for the purpose of conducting research

2. CHRE Mission Statement

The mission of the Community Health Research Exchange is to facilitate translational research in the community through providing a forum for partnerships and collaboration to occur, sharing information and resources, identifying research priorities, participating in networking and partnership-building activities, and hosting presentations.

Summarized message:

The mission of CHRE is to facilitate partnerships for the purpose of conducting meaningful research.

3. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Learn about the ICTS’s Community-Campus Research Incubator (CCRI) grants program, of which we have a brand new call for proposals. Proposals can target one of three award amounts:

- Mini CCRI: \$3,000 - \$5,000
 - Pilot CCRI: \$8,000 - \$10,000
 - Specialized CCRI: \$25,000 - \$50,000
- Proposals are due September 21, 2015

Discussion: September due date too soon to form new partnerships. CEU to take this information back to ICTS to see what we can do to address this issue. Update: the deadline was extended until October 16th.

4. Speaker series

Pamela Pimentel, CEO of MOMs of Orange County, will present the first in a series of presentations.

Pamela gave fantastic presentation of what research and resulting evidence has done for MOMS, and a lively discussion was had around this subject. Some important points raised were that this partnership was started with no funds, and was successful largely because the two partners (Pam Pimentel and Yuqing Guo) left their egos at the door and were willing to let the data speak for themselves—good or bad. The IRB process was a challenge, and it took 2 years to generate the data, but it resulted in 4 conference presentations and a manuscript in the American Journal of Maternal and Child Health. Importantly, the two partners co-presented whenever possible. The impact on MOMC OC was immediate—it increased their notoriety in the community and improved their reputation. The Children and Family Commission of Orange County selected MOMs OC to promote as a Best Practice. The Hospital Association of California is featuring MOMs OC in publications because they now have evidence of their program impact. The MOMs OC Board is considering using their unrestricted funds to support more research.

The discussion prompted some sharing as well from the Healthy Smiles representative, who reported on a CCRI partnership that they had with an MD at UCIMC to investigate dental pain perception in the Latino population. On the surface, the project did not appear to be a success, because they never accomplished their stated objectives, however, several unexpected outcomes did occur: There seems to have been an impact on clinicians just as a result of having asked them about how they deal with pediatric dental pain in their practice. In addition, a Nursing RA created a literature review of available pain scales. The demise of the partnership was partly blamed on the inability of the academic and community partners to adopt a common point of view.

John Billimek also shared his experience with a CCRI in which he emphasized the utility of the RAFT program. This partnership was successful and resulted in a publication.

Action Items:

Moving forward, the group wants to tackle the issue of defining success for the CCRI partnerships and looking for indicators of success.

The CEU should reach out to the 4th Annual non-profit Summit which will be held in February and see if they can present at that venue.

In continuing to grow CHRE, there should be an attempt to identify a list of CBOs in Orange County and which communities they are reaching, and most especially to find individuals within those CBOs who are passionate about conducting research.

CHRE should also engage community members, not just CBOs.