**Health Disparities Research Development Funds at Work**

Research projects that involve community partnerships can be difficult to get off the ground due to a lack of funding for the initial phase of the research. CEMHD has developed a University-funded grant program that helps resolve this problem by providing funds for pilot studies that employ community-based participatory research (CBPR) methodologies. Each year, it awards several grants of $5,000–$6,000 for projects that show promise to develop into fully-funded, large-scale investigations. Five pilot studies are currently in progress.

**Dr. Akiko Hosler** (School of Public Health) is partnering with local health services organizations and West Indian community groups on a project called, “Exploring Cyber and Community Approaches for Glycemic Control Among Indo-Guyanese with Diabetes in Schenectady: a Feasibility Study.”

**Dr. Toni Naccarato** (School of Social Welfare) is partnering with local service providers on a project entitled: “Enablers and Barriers to Obtaining and Maintaining Health Care for Youth who have Transitioned from the Foster Care System: A Pilot Study.” She will be conducting focus groups and individual interviews with youth who have been in foster care, service providers and program administrators in order to identify the factors that help or hinder youth in accessing health care after they age out of the foster care system in upstate NY.

**Dr. Janine Jurkowski**

The project is an outreach and development project called, “Exploring Cyber and Community Approaches for Migrant Farmworkers on a project called “Community Collaborations for Farmworker Health.” He will analyze data from focus groups and individual interviews with the workers and their employers, and draw on medical data to identify high priority occupational health problems among migrant farmworkers in the Finger Lakes area. Dr. Jenkins is in the process of getting the requisite permissions for the study.

**Recent Publications**


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**Tracy McLean—Health Disparities Research Development Funds at Work Team**

**Janine Jurkowski**

**Dr. Jennifer Manganello and Dr. Paul Jenkins**

Congratulations to Dr. Janine Jurkowski, Associate Professor of Health Policy, Management and Behavior, for receiving the 2012 Tom Bruce Award of Honor.

Each year at the American Public Health Association’s annual meeting, the Community Based Public Health Caucus presents the award to an individual who exemplifies leadership in community-based public health and has made a significant contribution to the Caucus and the movement.

Dr. Jurkowski is a long-time CEMHD Associate and we are very pleased with this public recognition of her many contributions to the field of public health.

**Happy Holidays from everyone at CEMHD**

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