

## Collaborations for Health and Empowered Community-based Scientists (CHECS)

### What?

CHECS will provide a patient-centered outcomes research (PCOR) community-based curriculum, designed to engage Community Health Centers (CHCs) in the PCOR process to achieve successful uptake of research & dissemination.

- **Year 1:** CHECS will utilize an existing research training curriculum designed by the Clinical Director's Network (CDN). Training webcasts will be available online to watch in a self-directed learning experience or as a group. CDN will record each live webcast and content can be viewed on-demand. Webcasts will be accredited for Continuing Medical (CME), Nursing (CNE), Social Worker (CE-SW), and Community Health Education (CHES) credits.
- **Year 2:** Competitive request for applications for participation in dynamic, live seminar-style training sessions will be disseminated to individuals that successfully complete the online training in Year 1. Up to 20 individuals and/or groups will be selected to participate in mentorship workshops and in-person trainings to support the development of a research proposal.

**EMPOWER  
YOUR HEALTH  
CENTER  
COMMUNITY  
BY  
PARTICIPATING  
IN CHECS!**

### Why?

- CHCs are the largest source of primary and preventive care for the nation's underserved, however little research originates in this sector.
- CHC patients have specific health needs that can be optimally addressed by engaging them as active participants in all phases of research.
- Collaborations with academic centers have historically involved research questions generated and led by academicians and not patients or community health providers.
- As CHCs enter the new era of healthcare reform and quality-based merits in healthcare, patient and clinician engagement in PCOR will be paramount in achieving better health and financial outcomes.

### Who?

CHC providers, staff members, and patients who are interested in developing research skills and knowledge.

### Where?

**Year 1:** recorded webinar sessions will be available to the all CHC providers and staff in the AllianceChicago network.

**Year 2:** In-person trainings and quarterly workshops will be required for selected trainees. Timeline to be determined

### When?

**Year 1:** webinar sessions available starting in October 2017 through March 2018.

**Year 2:** applications disseminated in February 2018 and due March 2018. Trainees to begin program in June 2018.

### How?

Look for an email with specific instructions in September 2017 with more details on registration and available training materials to participate in CHECS.

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