Our Community, Our Health

**Leadership**
Consuelo H. Wilkins, MD, Director
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**Advisory Board**
15 members: 6 academic, 9 community
- meets quarterly
  - advises on conference structure and content
  - helps align research priorities
  - advises on short and long-term program goals

**Partners**
Community organizations and investigators interested in the program’s aims
- invited to conferences and working sessions
- provide input on priority health topics, strategies to promote health and improve research participation

**Conferences**
- target audience: health-focused organization, community-based researchers, general public
- quarterly conference series, 2-hour format
  - 1st hour health information, 2nd hour, working sessions, problem-solving, research focused

**Research Partners**
Community organizations with expressed interest in participating in community-based research
- eligible to receive stipends, access additional resources to build/support the capacity to participate in community-based research
- paired with investigators with mutual research interests

**Proposed Health Information Topics**
- Health disparities in St. Louis
- Community’s perception of its health
- Obesity/physical inactivity
- Infant mortality
- Violence prevention
- Improving health literacy

**Proposed Working Session Topics**
- Prioritizing community health concerns
- Aligning academic research priorities with health priorities identified by community
- Grant writing
- Study design
- Principles of Responsible Research Conduct
- Database management