OVERVIEW—CONCEPT SHEET

COMMUNITY DISRUPTION AND HIV RISK IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The Center on Health, Risk and Society (CHRS) is sponsoring a small conference on community disruption and HIV risk in DC. Community disruption results from many different processes, but we will focus on three distinct processes of disruption particularly relevant for DC: criminal justice involvement, particularly the incarceration-re-entry cycle (coercive mobility); neighborhood change/"gentrification;" and deportation. Although the focus of the conference is on HIV/AIDS, the broad themes, concepts, and theories of community disruption are relevant to many health topics.

Conference dates and location: Thurs/Fri September 13-14; American University, Mary Graydon Center (Sept 13; Butler Boardroom; Sept 14; Butler Boardroom/Conference Room, MGC 200, MGC 247)

Conference goals:

- Provide a foundation on which to develop a body of research related to the social dimensions of HIV, and secondarily, other health-related topics, in DC
- Support the development of proposals for external funding for this research
- Encourage interdisciplinary and cross-institutional collaboration in this research
- Ensure collaboration with community partners so that resulting research is relevant and of priority to the DC community
- Enhance the theoretical strength of HIV and other health related research by bringing social scientists (some of whom may not be engaging in health related research) together with health researchers who may not be familiar with social science theories and concepts that have implications for their research
- Encourage researchers not currently engaging in HIV/AIDS and other health related research to do so
- If appropriate, to support the development of related writing projects

Conference organization:

- Day 1 (full day) Panels of speakers on conference themes, combination of original papers, thematic overviews, discussants and audience Q&A
- Day 2, half day of follow up working group(s) meeting, identifying research gaps, research topics, and possible research opportunities;
- Post conference continuation: CHRS fall seminar series with additional related speakers and topics; CHRS support for continuation of working groups and proposal development, with possible call for CHRS pilot projects on related topics

Background materials: Prior to the conference, background literature reviews and/or annotated bibliographies will be prepared and distributed; participant bios to encourage continued networking and collaborations.

Initial list of potential opportunities for external funding:

1. **Advancing Community-level Approaches to Reduce HIV Infection in Highly Impacted Communities (R01)**
   http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-MH-13-090.html

Funding Opportunity Purpose: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) seeks research to advance our understanding of community-level HIV-prevention and care interventions within geographic locations and specific populations highly impacted by HIV. In targeting communities, this FOA invites applications to address the need for efficacious interventions that simultaneously impact a large number of individuals. These interventions can target communities highly impacted by HIV based on geographic, social, or demographic criteria. Structural interventions and systemic interventions are encouraged. The goal is to lower HIV infections and HIV viral load at a community-level by changing individual behaviors via cost-effective and sustainable means. Interventions proposed in response to this initiative should target communities as defined by geographic proximity, shared goals, and/or common characteristics, which may include but are not limited to race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, social economic status, education level, behavior, and identity. This includes both populations that are vulnerable to HIV infection and individuals living with HIV. Intervention approaches should take into consideration the existing agencies or organizations in the community that are capable of adopting the efficacious community-level interventions that are developed and tested.
Letter of Intent Due: December 11, 2012

2. **Research on the Health of LGBTI Populations [R03]**
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-12-112.html
Funding Opportunity Purpose: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is committed to supporting research that will increase scientific understanding of the health status of various population groups and improve the effectiveness of health interventions and services for individuals within those groups. High priority is placed on research on populations that appear to have distinctive health risk profiles but have received insufficient attention from investigators. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) highlights a particular community: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and related populations (designated here as LGBTI populations). Basic, social, behavioral, clinical, and services research relevant to the missions of the sponsoring Institutes and Centers may be proposed.
Early Submission Date: May 16, 2012

3. **Behavioral and Social Science Research on Understanding and Reducing Health Disparities (R01)**
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-10-136.html
Funding Opportunity Purpose: To encourage behavioral and social science research on the causes and solutions to health and disabilities disparities in the U. S. population. Health disparities between, on the one hand, racial/ethnic populations, lower socioeconomic classes, and rural residents and, on the other hand, the overall U.S. population are major public health concerns. Emphasis is placed on research in and among three broad areas of action: 1) public policy, 2) health care, and 3) disease/disability prevention. Particular attention is given to reducing "health gaps" among groups. Proposals that utilize an interdisciplinary approach, investigate multiple levels of analysis, incorporate a life-course perspective, and/or employ innovative methods such as system science or community-based participatory research are particularly encouraged.
Letters of Intent Receipt Date(s): December 14, 2012, April 11, 2013

FEATURED SPEAKERS/PANELISTS (confirmed)

1. **Jeffrey "Bart" Bingenheimer, Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor, Department of Prevention and Community Health, School of Public Health and Health Services, George Washington University| bartbing@gwu.edu

   Talk title: ***Neighborhood Mortality and Age at First Intercourse among Chicago Adolescents***

2. **Todd Clear**, **Ph.D.,** Dean, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University | todd.clear@rutgers.edu

   *Talk title**: Coercive Mobility—Theory and Evidence***

3. **Andrew Deener, Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut | andrew.deener@uconn.edu

   *Talk title**: Neighborhood Change and the Reconfiguration of Groups***

4. **Julia Dickson-Gomez, Ph.D.,** Professor, Center for AIDS Intervention Research, Medical College of Wisconsin | jdickson@mcw.edu

   *Talk title**: Left Behind: The Effects of Immigration on Salvadoran Children, Families and Communities***

5. **Maria Khan**, **Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor, College of Public Health and Health Professions, University of Florida | mariarabiakhan@gmail.com

   *Talk title**: Incarceration-related social network disruption, and how HIV thrives on it***

6. **Shannon M. Monnat, Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Nevada at Las Vegas | Shannon.monnat@unlv.edu

   *Talk title**: Geographic Correlates of HIV Risk Behavior and Utilization of HIV Testing***

7. **Victoria Ojeda, Ph.D., M.P.H.,** Assistant Professor, San Diego School of Medicine, Division of Global Public Health University of California at San Diego | vojeda@ucsd.edu

   *Talk title**: Deportation Experiences of Mexican Sex Workers and Drug Users and Implications for U.S.-Based HIV and Drug Use Research***

8. **Gregory Pappas, M.D., Ph.D.,** Senior Deputy Director HAHSTA (HIV/AID, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Adm.) District of Columbia| Gregory.pappas@dc.gov

   *Talk title**: TBD***

9. **Laura Tach, Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor, Department of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University | lmt88@cornell.edu

   Talk title: ***De-Concentrating the Poor: How Public Housing Demolition Influences Health Environments and Health Behaviors***

10. **James C. Thomas**, **Ph.D., M.P.H.,** Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Deputy Director for HIV and Infectious Diseases, MEASURE Evaluation Project, Carolina Population Center, School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | jim.thomas@unc.edu

    *Talk title**: Community Health Effects of Incarceration***

11. **Christopher Wildeman**, **Ph.D.,** Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, and Faculty Fellow, Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course (CIQLE), Yale University | christopher.wildeman@yale.edu

    *Talk title**: Incarceration and Population Health in Wealthy Democracies***

12. **Luis H. Zayas, Ph.D.,** Dean and Centennial Professor in Leadership for Community, Professional and Corporate Excellence, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Austin | lzayas@austin.utexas.edu

    *Talk title**: Impact of Parental Deportation on the Mental Health of their U.S. Citizen-Children (to be confirmed)***