

# D-CHIPP Affiliate Newsletter

## DUSON Community Health Improvement Partnership Program

*Partnering with the community to advance health.*



### D-CHIPP Director's Note

In this month's D-CHIPP Newsletter, we spotlight a community partner and faculty affiliate who implement community health interventions that cross the lifespan, albeit, in

very different target populations. Dementia Inclusive Durham, a volunteer-based, grassroots organization works with faith-based organizations, long-term care facilities, and the West End neighborhood. Their goal to educate and translate understanding of persons living with dementia transformed into a successful grant application to adopt the Personal Outcomes Approach into care plans.

At the other end of the age spectrum, Dr. Nancy Crego is working to balance the use of pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic treatments for pain in children diagnosed with Sickle Cell Disease. Dr. Crego talks about her work with parents, children, and healthcare providers, as they develop dual treatments that treat pain without harming development.

Finally, we are very excited to bring to DUSON a scholar whose work in community health interventions has garnered national recognition. Susan Swider, PhD, PHNA-BC, FAAN, Director of Public Health Nursing and Transformative Leadership at Rush University, will be the key note of our first annual Community Health Lecture.

Please save the date - Monday, November 11, 2019 - for Dr. Swider's keynote lecture. Also, individual or faculty team appointments with Dr. Swider will be available. More information forthcoming!



### Community Partner Spotlight: Dementia Inclusive Durham



In June 15, 2015, through the efforts of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program and Adult Protective Services, residents of Durham came together at the Durham Center for Senior Life to observe Elder Abuse Awareness Day – a day to raise awareness and hold conversations about the risk of elder abuse. The message focused on prevention and awareness for caregivers and the public. Group attendees were passionate and decided to continue the conversation about caring for the elderly and individuals living with dementia.

Carmelita Karhoff, community volunteer and champion for Dementia Inclusive Durham, received the task to develop community-involved strategies for individuals living with dementia. That fall, a demonstration project began to enhance the quality of life for individuals with dementia in Durham. Medical and academic professionals already working on the subject joined the group to form a grassroots effort that focused on a more holistic approach to caring for those with cognitive issues.

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*Community Partner Spotlight cont'd...*

The Durham Partnership for Seniors became the oversight group, and working with the Triangle Agency on Aging and Durham Center for Senior Life, Dementia Inclusive Durham (DID) launched in March 2016.

After experiencing success with spot education and awareness activities with long-term care homes, safe communities, and agencies that support the aging population, the DID members decided to go beyond the traditional sectors and take dementia awareness to the neighborhood. The West Durham neighborhood became the site of a community demonstration project. In this neighborhood, there is a high percentage of African Americans and Latinos, who are at higher risk than other racial/ethnic groups for developing dementia. The neighborhood strategy, funded by the city of Durham, DUSON, and community, is the same process – to increase education and understanding of dementia.

Over the last year, DID worked with DUSON faculty members Ellie McConnell, associate professor; and Kirsten Corazzini, associate professor; on a project to adapt the Personal Outcomes Approach (POA), first created in the United Kingdom, for use in the United States. POA aims to engage those living with dementia and their caregiver to determine goals that are meaningful and not only treatment-oriented. The project received funding from the Duke Clinical & Translational Science Institute with additional funding coming from one of D-CHIPP's small grants for community partners last year. The group used the small grant support to build their music therapy program, which lends equipment out to individuals living with dementia and their caregivers.

Karhoff describes the program and research partnership with DUSON as a great learning experience. "I've learned more [from the experience working with faculty] than I could have if I went to school."

Sustainability of DID is important to the continuation of the group. The DID strategic plan includes financial support coordinated by their volunteers. Fundraising events focus on education, personalized music, with financial support purchasing additional headsets for individuals living with dementia.

Depending on areas of interest, individuals looking to get involved with DID can serve in the neighborhood, faith community or arts. Semester projects working directly with individuals living with dementia (and cognitive/developmental disabilities) in long-term care homes are available for DUSON students in advanced programs.

"Going beyond dementia as a disease is critical for DID to address. The person living with dementia lives always in the present. Understanding how they feel joyful and connected would be one of our biggest accomplishments," says Karhoff.

**D-CHIPP affiliates are scholars, leaders, researchers, & educators. See the year in review of publications, grants, and much more by D-CHIPP affiliates.**

Publications: **50**

Grant submissions: **29**

Grant awards: **8**

Conference presentations: **35**

Professional awards: **13**

Promotions into leadership: **3**

Appointments to local or national leadership committees: **6**

Requests by faculty candidates to meet with faculty regarding community health scholarship: **3**

Consultations on community health grant submissions or programs: **2**

### Future of Nursing 2030 Town Hall

In case you missed it, follow this link to listen to the full recording: <https://nam.edu/event/future-of-nursing-2030-chicago-town-hall/>

The following link provides more details on suggested work/goals: <https://nam.edu/publications/the-future-of-nursing-2020-2030/>

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[Visit this page](#) to volunteer or learn more about DID.

**News from the Center for Nursing Research**

Devon Noonan and co-PI, Jenni Danai, Director of Programs from the [Lung Cancer Initiative](#), received one of three community-academic partnerships awarded by Duke Clinical & Translational Science Institute. Their proposal, **Optimizing the uptake of evidence-based lung cancer screening in rural communities of the Northern Piedmont region of North Carolina**, will focus on increasing lung cancer screening in rural communities by exploring contextual factors, facilitators and barriers to screening, and creating solutions that reduce barriers that limit access to lung cancer screening information and services in the region.

Cancer is one of the leading causes of death in North Carolina, and people living in poor, rural counties are at risk for increased vulnerability to poor outcomes. Rural counties just north of Durham, including Granville, Vance and Warren counties, have cancer mortality rates well above state levels and lung cancer is the leading killer. Lung cancer screening offers a way to reduce mortality from cancer and yet it has not been fully adopted in these counties.

**Upcoming Events**

**September TBD:** D-CHIPP Advisory Board

**September 11th:** "Searching for a Fix" documentary

**October 30th:** Community Partner Recognition Event

**November 2-6:** [American Public Health Association Conference](#) in Philadelphia, PA (Irene Felsman & Rosa Gonzalez-Guarda presenting break out session on SER study; Schenita Randolph presenting, "Strategies for Development and Sustainability of Stakeholder Engagement in a Multi-Site Study")

**November 11th:** Community Health Lecture with Dr. Susan Swider, Rush University

Submit an upcoming event for inclusion in the newsletter by the 25th of each month to [dchipp-coord@duke.edu](mailto:dchipp-coord@duke.edu)

**D-CHIPP Affiliate**

**Spotlight: Nancy Crego.**

**PhD, RN, CCRN, CHSE**

**Who:** Nancy Crego

**Hometown:** Miami, FL

**Favorite food:** Fresh bread and cheese

**Favorite thing:** My house

**Favorite vacation spot:** Balcony overlooking wherever the cruise ship takes me

**Current research or other projects:** I am currently working with dyads of parents and children with Sickle Cell Disease and their healthcare providers to understand how they learn to manage their pain at home using pharmacologic (opioid and non-opioid) and non-pharmacologic strategies. The purpose is to develop a better understanding of the gaps in knowledge and barriers to good pain management in order to develop interventions that parents and children can use in early childhood that take into account developmental changes that occur over time.

**Courses teaching this or next semester / our taught recently :** Nursing Care of Infants, Children and Adolescents and Using Large Secondary Datasets in Health Related Studies: Research Design, Data Management and Analyses

**Community partners:** Community Care of North Carolina and TROSA

**What she likes best about working in community health:** My favorite thing about working with community partners is to learn about the individual group members, how they became involved in the work and then working in a team side-by-side with them and their families.

**An Additional Note...:** I think the role of "fun" is underestimated whenever you work in teams or with new groups, it is an immediate way of affiliating with a group and getting to know them better and for them to know a different side of you.

**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Have you heard about a grant opportunity and want to get out the word? You can share it here by emailing the D-CHIPP Coordinator, [dchippcoord@duke.edu](mailto:dchippcoord@duke.edu).

