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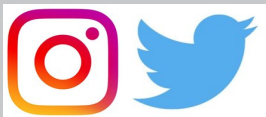
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205

Number of WIC providers who attended the first meeting of the Baby Act Trial research project sponsored by the Center for Collaborative Research in Minority Health and Health Disparities (CCRMHD).



WEBNEWS

MARCH 2018

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



On March 28, Drs. Deborah Juarbe and Mildred Vera, investigators of the Pilot Project “Risk Communication and Community Engagement to Address Zika Virus Prevention” visited the Manuel A. Pérez public housing complex to meet and share a dinner with community leaders. At the meeting, members of the Board of Directors informed the investigators about their experiences after the passage of Hurricane Maria. They also reiterated their commitment to participate in research activities that benefit the residents. The community leaders were informed that the results of the pilot project in which they participated were accepted for publication and copies of the publication will be shared. This activity was designed to maintain the robust partnership developed at Manuel A. Pérez while conducting the study.

HEALTH DISPARITIES RESEARCH



The research project, Baby Act Trial, is a community based trial that has been developed and will be implemented in

collaboration with representatives from the Puerto Rico Special Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). In March, officials from the WIC program requested a presentation on the study plan to their providers prior to study implementation. A meeting with 205 WIC providers in attendance was conducted. The activity highlighted the contributions to be made by the nutritionists who are expected to provide services through the program at different levels. Representatives selected by the Program Director Jeannete Canino, received the official proclamation of the Nutrition Month by Dr. Concepción Quiñónes-Longo, Sub Secretary of the Department of Health. As part of the activities, the Baby Act Trial staff presented the study on-line platform, as well as, the screening and recruitment procedures to be used in the study.



Members of the Baby Act Trial research team have already collaborated

with the WIC program in the development of the webpage nutriwicpr.com, one their most recent resources to disseminate the educational component of the program. Key personnel of the Baby Act Trial also met at the UPR Medical Sciences Campus to discuss study progress.

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS



Amy Brewster PhD
Translational Research in Epilepsy: Deciphering the role of microglia
March 6, 2018



Shyamasundaran Kottilil, PhD
Viral and Immune Strategies to Eliminate HBA Infection
March 6, 2018



Brian A. Ballif, PhD
Quantitative Proteomics Using High Resolution Mass Spectrometry and Tandem Mass Tags
March 12, 2018



David A. Fidock, PhD
Malaria: Tackling the Tsunami of Drug Resistance
March 13, 2018



Farah D. Lubin, PhD
O-GlcNAcylation and Epigenetic Regulation of Gene Transcription in Epilepsy
March 20, 2018

BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT



Dr. Daniel Colón, Associate Professor at Yale University and RCMI Neuroscientist in Residence, visited the Institute of Neurobiology (INB) where he met with investigators, post-



doctoral fellows and graduate students working in neurobiology projects. At the INB, he also conducted workshops and seminars on novel neurogenetic approaches. In addition, he dialogued with graduate

students of the Departments of Pharmacology, Physiology and Microbiology about the importance of establishing clear career goals in order to achieve scientific success. Dr. Colón is also the founder of *Ciencia PR* a networking portal for Puerto Rican and other Hispanic investigators.

