What Is CBPR?
In Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR), researchers partner with community members to identify, investigate and implement solutions to problems. CBPR teams work together to complete projects that are relevant to the local community.

What Is this Project?
This project will address disparities in integrated care for African Americans with serious mental illness. There are two phases:

Phase 1 (Feb 2015- Dec 2015)
- Form an advisory board of 10-12 African Americans with mental illness and their health care providers
- Advisory board will meet weekly to design a training manual for African American-led research projects
- Advisory board will conduct research trainings for the T4H community
- Advisory board will select and give funding to two CBPR research projects

Phase 2 (Jan 2016- Dec 2016)
- Two CBPR teams will identify problems with integrated care for African Americans with mental illness in the Chicago area
- CBPR teams will design and implement a project that addresses the identified problem
- CBPR teams will use scientific methods to evaluate the solution
- CBPR members will be paid $25/hour for their time

How Can I Help?
- Refer interested advisory board members (Jan 2015)
- Refer interested stakeholders to attend CBPR training sessions and submit projects for selection (Fall 2015). Stakeholders may be African Americans with mental illness and their family members or providers

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