

**CTSA Consortium BERD Evaluation Group Meeting  
December 15, 2009  
Meeting Summary**

**Participation:** D. del Junco, Texas-Houston (Chair); C. Lindsell, Cincinnati (Vice-Chair); I. O Abrams, NCRR (NIH Coordinator); D. Dixon, NIAID (NIH Coordinator); P. Wakim, NIDA (NIH Coordinator); L. Johnson, NCAAM; M. Lindstrom, UW-Madison; P. Miller, Washington Univ.; R. Oster, Alabama-Birmingham; K. Wittkowski, Rockefeller

Topic	Presenter(s)	Comments	Decision/ Next Steps
Welcome/Introductions	Dr. del Junco	Dr. del Junco announced that Sum Mehrnama will be transitioning off of BERD and Eric Vidal will replace him.  Dr. del Junco thanked Dr. DeMets and Dr. O Abrams for elevating the status of BERD on the renewal application.	
New Draft of Guidelines Document/Publication of BERD Evaluation Guidelines Document	Drs. Rubio, Lindsell, Bhore, and del Junco	Several sections of the manuscript still require editing, and Dr. Rubio will allocate tasks.  The document will be posted on the website after these final changes have been incorporated so all BERD members have chance to comment and endorse it. The document is going to be submitted to Statistics and Medicine and possibly the new CTSA journal.  Dr. Wittkowski said that the work being done could be translated to metrics on another project.  Questions suggestions or comments should be raised with Dr. Rubio ( <a href="mailto:rubioldm@upmc.edu">rubioldm@upmc.edu</a> ) or Dr. del Junco ( <a href="mailto:Deborah.J.DelJunco@uth.tmc.edu">Deborah.J.DelJunco@uth.tmc.edu</a> )	Once collated, Dr. Rubio will provide the final document for posting on the Wiki
Implementation of Metrics	Dr. Bhore	There was discussion about a proposal at the BERD KFC conference call to implement a 'best practices' survey. This is directly aligned with the BERD Evaluation group's plans to conduct surveys on performance using the	The BERD Evaluation group will make a recommendation to the BERD Operations

		metrics outlines in the manuscript. There is an intersection of what people are doing (practices) and how they are doing (best). A recommendation to the BERD KFC will be made that the efforts are combined within the auspices of the evaluation group.	group that best practices survey be incorporated into the evaluation group's work.
<i>Developing the Remaining Four Areas:</i> Tracking BERD Activities on the National Level	Drs. Thurston and Torner	Recommendations have been incorporated in the guidelines document, which can be reviewed on the website.	
<i>Developing the Remaining Four Areas:</i> Stories of Investigators	Drs. Rubio, del Junco, Kutner, and Wittkowski	<p>At the last meeting, the group developed the idea of publishing BERD success stories in the CTSA eNewsletter. Dr. Kidd was contacted about the possibility of a regular BERD feature that would have 1-3 stories.</p> <p>The CTSA eNewsletter has transitioned from Dr. Kidd to Dr. Gough.</p> <p>A monthly publication in the eNewsletter would greatly increase the BERD KFC's visibility.</p> <p>Report from Online Resources and Education Group— The Online and Resources Education Group would like to make stories available on COBRA</p>	Dr. Obrams will contact Dr. Gough to facilitate the publication of this recurring BERD feature in the CTSA newsletter.
<i>Developing the Remaining Four Areas:</i> Tracking the Mentoring of Investigators	Dr. Hurwitz and Morrow	A survey was developed to tell stories of successful mentoring with individual clinical and translational investigators. A request was made to make the survey available on the Wiki so others may use it.	Dr. delJunco will ask Dr. Hurwitz if the survey can be placed on the Wiki.

<p><i>Developing the Remaining Four Areas: Operational Definitions Regarding Reporting on Journals</i></p>	<p>Drs. Oster, Lindstrom and Wittkowski</p>	<p>Definitions for journal articles that can operationally be attributed to CTSA's have been developed by Drs. Oster and Lindstrom.</p>	<p>Dr. Oster will send out a document. Eric Vidal will ensure that it is posted on the CTSA Wiki for the group participants.</p>
<p>BERD Evaluation Group Interactions with the CTSA Evaluation Key Function Committee</p>	<p>Dr. del Junco</p>	<p>Discussion regarding BERD's representation on the Evaluation KFC suggested direct interaction is ongoing. There is also significant interaction with the Education Evaluation group. It was suggested that the BERD approach to developing metrics and evaluation methods be shared with these groups. Formalizing opportunities for cross-fertilization in this way might increase recognition of BERD support for CTSA as a whole.</p>	<p>BERD members were encouraged to join upcoming conference calls.</p>
<p>New/Other Business</p>	<p>Dr. del Junco</p>		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Dr. del Junco</p>	<p>Chris Lindsell will assume chair position in April 2010.  There will be a BERD Evaluation meeting every 2 months. The next meeting is scheduled for <b>February 23<sup>rd</sup> 4pm -5pm EST.</b></p>	