

CTSA Consortium Oversight Committee Meeting

June 17, 2008

1:00pm-2:00pm

Link to Adobe Connect recording: <https://webmeeting.nih.gov/p58259146/>**Attendees:**

L. Berglund, UC Davis; R. Califf, Duke; B. Alving, NCCR; C. Apperson, Case Western; F. Arnett, Texas; J. Atkinson, NIDCR; T. Beck, NCCR; G. Bernard, Vanderbilt; D. Center, Boston; R. Clark, San Antonio; B. Collier, Rockefeller; E. Collier, NCCR; M. Drezner, UWisconsin, Madison; N. Disis, Washington; B. Evans, Washington; R. Filart, NCCR; D. Ford, Johns Hopkins; E. Ginsberg, Columbia; H. Greenberg, Stanford; L. Guay-Woodford, Alabama; A. Hayward, NCCR; G. Hunninghake, Iowa; R. Jackson, Ohio; K. Jensen, Rochester; T. Johnson, Yale; L. Lane, Vanderbilt; D.J. McCloskey, NCCR; L. McHale, Columbia; L. Nadler, Harvard; I. Orams, NCCR; S. Olson, Mayo; D. O'Quinn, Iowa; E. Orwoll, OHSU; T. Pearson, University of Rochester; H. Pincus, Columbia; K. Polonsky, M. Purucker, NCCR; Washington U; S. Reis, Pittsburgh; D. Robertson, Vanderbilt; D. Rosenblum, NCCR; D. Roth, Duke; J. Sachs, NCCR; J. Sands, Emory; M. Scheideler, NINDS; H. Selker, Tufts; H. Shamoon, Einstein; A. Shekhar, Northwestern; C. Shreffler, NIEHS; R. Sokol, Denver; S. Shurin, NHLBI; J. Solway, Chicago; B. Talbot, NCCR; E. Topol, Scripps; T. Yarbrough, Vanderbilt; P. Watkins, North Carolina; A. West, Emory

Introduction of New Awardees – Individual Presentations

Dr. Hayward welcomed new awardees to the consortium and asked these members to give a brief overview of their institutions.

Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University (New York City) – Harry Shamoon

Dr. Shamoon presented the Albert Einstein College of Medicine's institutional leadership, highlighting the CTSA links to T1 programs, community engagement efforts and training and career development programs underway. Einstein College has a widely distributed primary care network in the Bronx, which has a population of 1.4 million, of which 65% receives some care in the Medical Center. It is the site of a major regional health information organization (RHIO).

Boston University (Boston) – David Center

Boston University is currently developing a national system for information and data sharing with a link to bio-statistical data that aligns with one of the CTSA's key goals. Once this data system is operational, Dr. Center anticipates sharing the system data and consider the prospect of translating it to the CTSA consortium as a universal consultative electronic resource.

Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.) - Lee Nadler

Harvard has the unique challenge of integrating ten schools and individual clinics that function as CTSA's due to their structures. The goal is to connect people to build and share information across the platforms in order to enable tools and technology to serve their purpose. Dr. Nadler emphasized the need to track progress of all these activities and to measure impact.

Indiana University School of Medicine (Indianapolis) - Anantha Shekhar

The Indiana University of Medicine is created as a statewide laboratory for transforming health sciences research and health care delivery. It is the only medical center in the entire state and focuses on building informatics structure, leveraging the resources of the greater Indiana community and helping its network through these mechanisms. It has programs to integrate with Clarian Health Partners, Eli Lilly, WellPoint, Cook Industries, Fairbanks Institute, and other community partners to study large populations for a fully integrated informatics structure.

Northwestern University (Chicago and Evanston, Ill.) - Philip Greenland

Dr. Greenland presented the structure of Northwestern University, noting the Office of Research Team Support, which focuses on improving the understanding of social networking. This service aims to enable successful team research through studies on the output of research teams over a period and identifying factors in team-based research success. This is a novel aspect that may be useful to the entire CTSA network.

The Ohio State University (Columbus, Ohio) - Rebecca Jackson

Ohio State University has a comprehensive academic program with over 18 schools that are close in proximity, thereby enabling greater collaboration to improve the quality of care for all patients in the community. The three programs of note to the CTSA Consortium are the Biomedical Informatics Program, and the Translational Technology and MicroRNA Courses, that together seek to create a transformative clinical and translational science discipline.

The Scripps Research Institute (La Jolla, Calif.) - Eric J. Topol

The Scripps Research Institute has four features to highlight to the CTSA consortium for potential collaboration: the integrated Omics -- genomics, proteomics and transcriptomics; the drug discovery programs that are structure based and serves as molecular screening libraries; wireless medicine to include new sensors that detect cell abnormalities; and the new Scripps School of Medicine.

Stanford University (Palo Alto, Calif.) - Harry B. Greenberg

The goals of the Stanford Center for Clinical and Translational Education and Research are to effectively convert basic discoveries into practical methods that will improve human health; and to prepare the next generation of research leaders to ensure that the translation of discoveries into benefits in human health continues into the future. Stanford aims to leverage its world class schools to improve human health and to maintain services under funding constraints.

Tufts University (Boston) - Harry Selker

The Tufts Clinical and Translational Science Institute has a number of notable endeavors underway, one is a program aimed at cultivating connections between researchers and community groups, transforming the research process by developing ways for these groups to learn about each other's needs, interests and perspectives. The emphasis on community involvement uniquely reflects both Tufts University and Tufts Medical Center's dedication to active citizenship and biomedical research by including multiple hospitals, community organizations, health plans, industry, and others in Massachusetts and nationally.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (Birmingham, Ala.) Lisa Guay-Woodford

The leadership structure of University of Alabama includes representatives from all of UAB's affiliate schools. All 12 schools are represented in one form or another. The goal of UAB's Center for Clinical and Translational Science is to transform the university's environment by building productive and efficient interdisciplinary research teams through educational ingenuity, regulatory reorganization, resource coordination, and methodological innovation. The UAB has a strong history of community-based participatory research involving the Alabama "Black Belt", one of the nation's most underserved areas. Further, in collaboration with Alabama's Historically Black Colleges and Universities, they have built an extensive network for training the next generation of health disparities researchers.

University of Colorado Denver (Aurora, Colo.) - Ronald J. Sokol

The University of Colorado Denver is the only health university in Colorado. The new Colorado Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute coordinates the efforts of scientists, health care providers, and advocates from two research universities, six health care professional schools, five hospitals, a health care network, and more than a dozen community health programs.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, N.C.) – Paul Watkins

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill established the Translational and Clinical Sciences (TraCS) Institute to transform the way research is performed in the state by partnering with communities to more rapidly and efficiently "translate" scientific discoveries into improvements in the health of citizens. The TraCS Institute aims to: prepare and empower faculty, health care providers, and citizens to participate in all aspects of the process involved in translating good ideas into health advances; provide the advice and resources necessary to design and execute the best research projects; and ensure that the best discoveries and ideas evolving from these projects are rapidly used to solve important health problems in the state.

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (San Antonio) – Robert A. Clark

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio aims to spur integration of clinical and translational research, education, training, and career development across

all schools and among partner organizations in South Texas. The Institute has partnerships with public and private organizations; major investments in research resources and infrastructure; one of the world's largest primate research colonies; the largest cadre of military health care and biomedical research operations in the U.S.; and a 46,000-square-mile service area populated by predominantly Hispanic residents.

Administrative Supplements

The CTSA Administrative Proposals have generated discussions on common ideas and could serve to promote future collaboration. Dr. Califf noted the continuing need for proposals from Committees on key priority areas (e.g., Clinical Research). All proposals need to be completed by the submission deadline of June 30, 2008.

CCOC Operations Group Retreat, July 8th

The upcoming Operations Group retreat on strategic planning is planned for Tuesday, July 8th in Pittsburgh, PA. The Operations Group will be responsible for the drafting of the Plan and it will include documenting the process from now until the CCOC Face to Face meeting in October.

Other Business

Participants discussed identifying the best method to share grant institution information. It was agreed that the links currently on the CTSAWeb.org site will direct those interested to the grantee institution's website, where the information currently resides. Other suggestions are welcomed and should be sent to Drs. Berglund, Califf and Hayward.

Action Items

- Provide suggestions on how best to exchange information on each other's institution (All)
- Forward ideas to Dr. Reis for the CCOC Strategic Plan retreat (All)

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.