

**CTSA Consortium Steering Committee Meeting**  
**January 19, 2009**  
**1:00 – 2:00 PM ET**  
**Meeting Summary**

**CTSA Consortium Updates**

Drs. Jackson and Shamoan welcomed participants to the first meeting of the CTSA Consortium Steering Committee in 2010. Key Consortium updates are given below.

- **CTSA Publications Committee**

Dr. Jody Sachs reported on the publications submissions that have been approved by the Publications Committee. These include four Clinical Research Ethics submissions, one from Regulatory Knowledge, and one Comparative Effectiveness Research reviews to date. There are no current submissions under review. The three members on the committee are Drs. Lars Berglund, Rebecca Jackson and Anantha Shekhar. Approved publications are archived on the CTSA website and can be accessed via <https://www.ctsawiki.org/wiki//x/aQDTAQ>

- **Strategic Goal Committee 2 Education and Training F2F Meeting, January 27-28, 2010**

Dr. Gary Hunninghake provided an update on the upcoming two day meeting. The purpose of the forum is to learn more about what roadblocks physician-scientists are encountering in pursuing clinical research as a career. The first day will be for the joint meeting between the CTSA Education and Training Committee leadership and NIH training representatives, and will be an important first step to improving the retention of physician-scientists in clinical research. The second day is to focus on sharing ARRA supplements from various institutions and identify synergies as they relate to training and education career development.

<https://www.signup4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=CTSA22E&OID=50>

- **T1 Strategic Planning Face-to-Face Meeting, February 2, San Diego, CA**

Drs. Eric Topol and Ken Polonsky sought input from the Committee on agenda items for this upcoming meeting, noting that this meeting is planned to be a preparatory meeting for the wider group meeting in June. Members from SGC 5, and the Translational and Public Private Partnerships Committees are welcomed to attend.

**CTSA Clinical Services Core (CSC) Group** [incorporating activities previously addressed by the Participant and Clinical Interactions Resources (PCIR) group]

Drs. Don McClain and Peter Stacpoole reported on the progress of this group, noting that there are a number of CTSA sites that have not identified their voting representatives for the Group. It was requested that the message for designating representatives be resent so as to ensure

participation. Once these representatives have been identified, the co-Chairs will send a questionnaire to determine the priorities that Group members are interested in working on going forward.

#### CTSA Industry Forum, February 17-18, 2010

Registration is open for those interested in participating in the CTSA Industry Forum, to be held in February 17-18, 2010 in the Natcher Conference Center. Poster submissions are welcomed. Drs. Collins and Woodcock are confirmed speakers and close to 300 participants are expected to attend. Those interested are encouraged to visit the registration website for more information on the agenda and poster sessions and to register.

Registration Website: <http://quest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=0b0d14f7-a92c-4e39-8096-82fc07cad7c5>

#### **Updates from Strategic Goal Committees**

##### Strategic Goal 1: National Clinical & Translational Research Capability

The group is focused on preparations for the CRM Workshop in June. In addition, the Champions of Change initiative is focused on data gathering, metrics analysis, and process mapping. On IRBs and Contracts, the group is currently gathering best practices in order to help sites improve efficiencies.

##### Strategic Goal 2: Training & Career Development of Clinical & Translational Scientists

No updates other than preparations for the face-to-face meeting.

##### Strategic Goal 3: Enhancing Consortium-Wide Collaborations

Transition is underway for the leadership of this SGC. Drs. Gordon Bernard and Anantha Shekhar will join Dr. Steve Reis as the co-Chairs of this Committee. The Research Networking Subgroup plans to meet on Thursday, January 21, 2010 and will be able to provide an update on its activities at the next CCSC meeting. The Inventory Resource Subgroup is closely aligned with the IKFC subgroup on Inventory Resource Web Presence and it is developing a Query Tool capability. More information will be forthcoming after this Group holds its next meeting.

##### Strategic Goal 4: Enhancing the Health of Our Communities & the Nation

The key deliverables are outlined in the following:

###### 4A-1/4B-4: Networking Activities: Community Engaged Research Networking Subgroup

- The group is planning a combined networking meeting on May 27, 2010. The group is also planning a stakeholder CER meeting in late March; An R-13 to fund 3 years of meetings around CER was submitted – more information will follow.

###### 4A-2: Best Practices in Community Engagement Subgroup

- Working on a first draft and planning to have it contribute to the May 2010 F2F meetings, and ready to submit for publication by June.

#### 4A-3: Administrative Supplements Subgroup

- This Subgroup includes the Community Engagement Consult Service (CECS) and the PRIMER project. The CECS visits CTSA sites to assist them with Community Engagement. CECS has completed the first round of 29 visits and is evaluating those visits. Data from the first round is being compiled into a manuscript. CECS is also revising the consult service webpage and working to finish with any sites that have not yet had a consult visit.

#### 4A-4: Principles of Community Engagement

- Work continues on the re-writing of the PCE Booklet. The first draft was completed earlier this month and further edits will be done by the Duke team.

#### SCG 4B Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) Update

4B-1: CER Capacity and Needs Assessment. Academic Medicine is preparing a publication with an approaching deadline

4B-2: White Paper was accepted for publication and will be coming out in February.

#### Strategic Goal 5: T1 Translational Research

No further updates other than the plans for a planning meeting in January.

#### Child Health

Dr. Hirschfeld provided an update on one of the initiatives of the CC-CHOC, which is to expedite multi-site studies by reducing barriers. A pilot project being considered is to implement a centralized IRB review. NICHD is currently piloting a multi-site IRB agreement for the National Children's Study (NCS) which may be used as a model for future studies. The metrics of success survey is currently underway. The data will be compiled and presented to the CC-CHOC Face-to-Face Meeting in April, 2010.

#### Other Business

Upcoming Face-to-Face Meeting: there are plans for a meeting of the SGC co-Chairs and the leadership of the CTSA Consortium Steering Committee in February. Some possible dates are February 16 or February 25-26 in Bethesda, MD. More information will be forthcoming.

Annual Progress Reports: A number of participants noted the burden of reporting requirements when they coincide with preparing a competing renewal request. NCRR confirmed that annual progress reports are mandatory for grantees' continued funding.

**The next meeting of the CCEC is Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 1:00-2:00pm, ET**

**The next meeting of the CCSC is Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 1:00-2:00pm, ET**