

CTSA Consortium Steering Committee Meeting
December 15, 2009
1:00 – 2:00 PM ET

Meeting Summary

CTSA Consortium Updates

Dr. Bernard welcomed participants to the last meeting of the Steering Committee for 2009. The key updates are provided below.

- Transition of CTSA Consortium Steering Committee co-Chairs

Effective January, 2010, the co-Chairs elect – Becky Jackson, Julian Solway and Harry Shamoon -- will assume their positions on the CTSA Consortium Steering Committee. Dr. Hayward thanked the outgoing co-Chairs – Drs. Gordon Bernard and Garret FitzGerald -- for their many contributions to the Consortium.

- Update: T1 Translational Research Face-to-Face Meeting (early January, 2010)

Dr. Topol noted that planning is underway for this meeting in January. This planning meeting is focused on focusing the Chairs and co-Chairs of SGCs and KFCs to talk about the strategic direction of the T1 Translational Committee.

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

The volunteers to serve as co-Chairs for this Group are Dr. Don McClain (Utah) and Dr. Peter Stacpoole (Florida). With the co-Chairs identified, it was agreed that the next step is to seek participation of one voting representative per CTSA to ensure focused discussions when the group initiates meetings in the new year. As an initial deliverable, Booz Allen staff will set up a listserv for the group. The co-Chairs are asked to refine the focus and develop priorities for the group when it starts to confer early in 2010.

ACTION REQUESTED -- by January 4, 2010: Pls of each site are asked to provide the point of contact and the email address of the voting representative via the link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QSYHCNJ>

- CTSA Industry Forum, February 17-18, 2010

Drs. Collins and Woodcock are confirmed speakers for this meeting. Those interested are encouraged to visit the registration website for more information on the agenda and poster sessions and to register.

Registration Website:

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

- Update on Pharma Portal

Over 200 registrants attended a meeting on December 4 on the NIH campus to engage on a repositioning discussion on the Pharma portal. There is much interest in providing more outreach efforts on this initiative, and Pfizer has become a partner with the portal. An update with more details will be provided at an upcoming Steering Committee meeting.

- CTSA CER KFC Web Conference, December 14, 2009

Over 100 participants attended the CTSA Comparative Effectiveness Research Key Function Committee web conference. The Chairs or co-Chairs of this KFC are being identified and more information will be forthcoming on proposed activities. Those interested in the recording could visit the link for more information.

Recording Link: <https://webmeeting.nih.gov/p18464044/>

- Recommendations of the CTSA Consortium Publications Committee

The Publications Committee reviewed the manuscript ("CTSA Instruction in the Responsible Conduct of Research") and made the following recommendations to approve the publication, with the positive comments below:

"This is a nice report resulting from one CTSA administrative supplement."

"This report succinctly summarizes the current state of Research ethics instructions in the CTSA consortium and makes some very sensible recommendations. Agree that it is worth publishing."

"This report contributes to the literature on Research Ethics and is in keeping with CTSA consortium goals to share practices and make new recommendations. It however is limited by not exploring whether one or more approaches used by CTSA is more effective at meeting the goals and a follow up study exploring this would be valuable."

ACTION REQUESTED -- by December 23: PIs are asked to respond to Helen Lee (lee_helen@bah.com) if there are any objections to the CTSA Consortium Publication Committee's recommendation to endorse this manuscript as a CTSA publication.

- Outcomes of the Consortium Management Group (CMG) Meeting, December 10 -11, 2009

The CMG has finalized some key foundational documents and plan to provide an update to the leadership of the CCSC in the near future. Implementation is proposed to start in January. A key item will be on the categorization of projects to be linked to strategic goals or designated as special projects. The group is committed to minimizing any additional burdens on existing groups and resources in its data gathering efforts.

Updates from Strategic Goal Committees

- Strategic Goal 1: National Clinical & Translational Research Capability

Nothing to report; still focused on data gathering and metrics analysis.

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

A face-to-face meeting is planned for Jan 27-28, 2010. The focus will be on training leadership and sharing of ARRA projects. Funding issues for varied career paths will be reviewed as well.

- Strategic Goal 3: Enhancing Consortium-Wide Collaborations

The potential to share data through a use case from NHLBI was discussed as a possible focus for this group. As there are multiple data banks collecting various information, there is a challenge in identifying the best way to handle the data collected.

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

Dr. Greenland reviewed the main activities of SGC 4A, noting that the networking group had an initiative to develop a research network of networks, a manuscript is being finalized on best practices for communication engaged research, and that that there are plans to reissue the principles of community engagement monograph.

- Strategic Goal 5: T1 Translational Research

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

- Child Health

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.