

CTSA Consortium Steering Committee
October 20, 2009
1:00-2:00pm

CTSA Consortium Face-to-Face Meeting Outcomes

Consortium Steering Committee members reviewed outcomes of the recently concluded face-to-face meeting October 8-9 in Bethesda, MD. The executive summary of the meeting can be accessed via: <https://www.ctsawiki.org/wiki/x/TQAK>

Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER)

- Members agreed with the outcomes and proposed action items from the recent meeting, which included:
 - Capitalize on CTSA infrastructure and Consortium to move CER into “real world” situation
 - Use CTSA Education/Career Development infrastructure to increase CER workforce (who needs to be trained? What sort of courses?)
 - Utilize Community Engagement for implementation
 - Engage BERD, Regulatory Knowledge & Clinical Research Ethics Key Function Committees (KFCs) to guide implementation and translation of CER results
- These will be further discussed at the CER Stakeholders Meeting planned for December 14, 2009.

T1 Translation Research

- Promote collaborative Demonstration Projects with other Strategic Goal Committees (SGCs) and across institutions
 - Examples:
 - Focus on phenotyping/genotyping databases
 - Example is healthy geriatrics
 - Disease-oriented practice-changing research project
 - Develop FDA compliant Phase I infrastructure
- Support technical resources
- Standardization using animal models
- Collaborate in seeking funds from NIH-ICs
- Provide access to tissue and data repositories
- Leverage the Public-Private Partnerships KFC and other KFCs for collaborative strength

Strategic Goals

- Strategic Goal 1: National Clinical & Translational Research Capability

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- Focus on addressing work flow analysis across study types/constructs while recognizing best practices
- Conduct data acquisition meeting and identify gaps where exists; this is unlikely to be concluded before end of the year
- Strategic Goal 2: Training & Career Development of Clinical & Translational Scientists
 - Develop competencies for PBRN & CBPR
 - Consider development of a lifecycle for clinical researchers “career pathway”
- Strategic Goal 3: Enhancing Consortium-Wide Collaborations
 - Promote meta-inventory of resources
 - Capitalize on strength in size for research networking
 - Provide in-kind project management support
 - Develop standards & agreements in the usage and utility of research networking
 - *Question: Should SG3 be a separate strategic goal or a cross-cutting theme?*
- Strategic Goal 4: Enhancing the Health of Our Communities & the Nation
 - Use Community engagement to translate CER recommendations
 - Identify CTSA designated points of contact for CER
 - Question: Should these designates evolve into a KFC?
 - A Stakeholders Meeting will be held on December 14
- Strategic Goal 5: T1 Translational Research
 - Work with the Education and Career Development KFC to develop career pathways for T1 researchers
- Child Health
 - Avoid a silo role for CC-CHOC by including pediatrics in all strategic goals
 - Consider placing CC-CHOC in the same category as SGSc
- For All SGCs
 - Leverage the resources from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Administrative Supplements

Other Action Items

- CTSA Consortium PI-Liaisons:
 - Re-identify
 - Increase Effectiveness
 - Increase bi-directional communication

- Consider targeting those PIs who have been on National Advisory Committees to serve as PI-liaisons
- Identify NIH IC contacts for CTSA PIs and tie these in programmatically
- IC Interests
 - Leverage CTSA infrastructure to support categorical, targeted studies
 - Promote CTSA collaboration with IC supported Centers

Collaborative Opportunities

Dr. Orwoll to circulate plan to promote collaborative opportunities.

- Process for collaboration:
 - Clinical Trials
 - Use the CF experience as a guide
 - Industry
 - Requires full disclosure & transparency