

CTSA Education and Career Development Key Function Committee
Meeting Summary
Wednesday, November 4, 2009
1:00 PM-2:00 PM ET

Welcome and Announcements (Drs. Meyers and Fleming)

Dr. Meyers provided the formal welcome to the group. In a larger discussion regarding the Education and Career Development Key Function, he proposed that a small group of committee members meet to discuss new ideas and initiatives for the upcoming year. The meeting would ideally take place prior to the April 2010 face-to-face Meeting in Washington.

Drs. Meyers and Fleming volunteered to write an R13 grant for possible funding for this meeting. Huda Aden will send out a Doodle poll to determine interest and potential availability for this meeting.

There will also be a CTSA Industry Forum meeting on February 17-18, 2009. The meeting will concentrate on developing and sharing new ideas between industry and academia. If possible, a few members of the committee should attend along with SGC#2 Co-Chair Dr. Gary Hunninghake.

Update from Education Liaisons from recent meetings (Dr. Rubio)

The Evaluation Key Function Committee met October 6-7, 2009 in Rockville, MD. Part of the discussion at the meeting focused on evaluating education and training programs at local institutions.

Dr. Rubio indicated that the BERD Key Function Committee recently developed a working model of evaluation metrics specific to biostatistics and asked the group if metrics should be developed for education/career development. Meryl Sufian, NIH Coordinator for the Evaluation Key Function Committee, proposed a collaborative project to develop evaluation metrics for education and training between the Evaluation KFC and Education KFC.

Dr. Reynolds from Duke University, co-chair of the CTSA Imaging Workgroup, also expressed interest in collaborating with the common metrics project.

Dr. Rubio will lead this joint effort. Please e-mail Huda Aden (aden_huda@bah.com) if you are interested in participating in this collaborative effort

Updates on upcoming meetings (Doris Rubio, Michael Fleming, and Alison Ebers)

Dr. Rubio reminded the committee of the 2010 National Clinical and Translational Research Education Meeting taking place April 6-7, 2010. A draft agenda will be available in the coming weeks. Keynote speakers include NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins and NCRR Director Dr. Barbara Alving. If you are interested in volunteering for the mock study section, please contact Dr. Doris Rubio. For more information about the meeting, please visit: <http://acrtraining.org>

Alison Ebers discussed the 2010 National Predoctoral Clinical Research Training Program Meeting on May 3-May 4, 2010 in St. Louis. For more information, please visit: <http://t32.im.wustl.edu/predocnational/index.html>

Core Competency Webinar (Drs. Meyers and Fleming)

A number of institutions have implemented the Core Competencies at their local institutions. To share implementation strategies and best practices, the Education and Career Development Key Function will be hosting a webinar in December. An announcement will be sent to the Committee and other distribution lists. Participants are encouraged to submit questions beforehand; there will also be an opportunity to submit questions during the webinar. More information on the webinar will be available in the coming weeks.

Updates on NIH Training Policies (Dr. Merchant)

NIH is restructuring the application process by aligning the structure and content with review criteria. This alignment will help ensure that both reviewer and applicant expectations coincide for a more efficient and transparent application process. All K award applications for due dates on or after January 25, 2010 require use of new forms and new instructions and can be submitted electronically. As a result of the restructuring there have been changes to some of the K award page limits. Review the page limit changes along with the process for submitting electronic applications by visiting: <http://era.nih.gov/ElectronicReceipt/index.htm>

For questions on TL1 eligibility, please visit:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-RR-09-014.html>

Action Items

- Send out Doodle poll to determine interest in attending an additional KFC Education Face-to-Face meeting separate from the national scholars' meeting in April. (Drs. Meyers and Fleming – Huda Aden)
- Send out an email announcing the new Evaluation Workgroup aligning Evaluation KFC and Education KFC (Dr. Rubio-Huda Aden)
- Schedule the date for the Core Competency Webinar in early December. (Huda Aden)