

CTSA Community Engagement Steering Committee

May 9, 2008 Workshop: Accelerating the Dissemination and Translation of Clinical Research into Practice Debrief Meeting: July 7, 2008

Attendees: Lee Green, David Longnecker, Rosemarie Filart, Betty Tai, DJ McCloskey, Nicole Newburg, Lloyd Michener, Allison Lewis, David Lanier

- The May 9th Workshop had an attendance of approximately 380 individuals representing 33 states and 2 countries.
- Participants from the workshop had largely positive feedback regarding the workshop. Recommendations included incorporating more time for discussion and networking. The consensus was that there was too much time allotted for the panelists and not enough time for interaction with participants. An additional observation was that the program primarily focused on primary care.
- The committee established a commitment to plan another meeting for the coming year. Recommendations for the 2009 meeting included inviting more diverse speakers and allowing more time for interaction with the audience. One challenge is how to make the workshop smaller and more interactive, but not exclusive. The goal would also be to make sure the audience was more inclusive of the CTSA Consortium.
- Additional recommendations included creating targeted sessions that would aid existing and potential CTSA awardees in improving the community engagement components of their programs. Two tracks for the next workshop meeting were suggested. One track would focus on processes for acquiring additional funding, while the other track would focus on best practices. Plenary sessions could be planned around these two tracks. While most agreed that another national workshop is likely, exploring more aggressive programs within CTSA regions rather than planning another workshop was mentioned. Committee members also shared the prospect of exploring R13 funding. One final suggestion was to select two or three disease topics such as

cardiovascular disease, cancer prevention, and asthma and begin with informational sessions then progress to lessons learned.

- The committee agreed that it needs to be determined how community engagement will be addressed in the context of translational research. Additionally, including a greater focus on T2 and T3 research was stressed.
- The private website www.healthdisparities.net supported by HRSA was referenced as a tool for sharing challenges and successes and lessons learned about quality improvement efforts. This may be a tool to share with the Community Engagement Steering Committee for evaluation purposes.
- Conclusions drawn during the debrief included casting a broader net regarding meeting topics and audience for the next national meeting and time allotted for more networking. Skills building may be delegated to smaller regional meetings rather than addressed in the national meeting setting.