

CTSA Strategic Goal Four Committee Monthly Meeting

November 23, 2009

Attendees: A. West, Emory University; B. Moquin, NCRR; Aguilar-Gaxiola, UC Davis; S. Pauker, Tufts; R. Filart, NCRR; L. Michener, Duke; P. Greenland, Northwestern; D.J. McCloskey, NCRR; H. Selker, Tufts; H. Pincus, Columbia; S. Greene, University of Washington

I. Welcome and introductions

Dr. Greenland formally welcomed the group to the call. The October meeting minutes were approved.

II. SCG 4B Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) Update

Dr. Selker provided an update regarding the SGC 4B CER Workgroup. The CTSA Consortium Steering Committee (CCSC) will host a vote on whether there will be a CER KFC. The proposed CER KFC web meeting on December 14, 2009 will provide a venue to discuss who will serve as CTSA institution representatives to the CER KFC (these representatives may be different than the CER POCs whose names are now being collected).

SGC 4B Deliverable Workgroup Updates:

- 4B-1: CER Capacity and Needs Assessment. This Deliverable Workgroup will work with the 4B-3 CER Methods and 4B-5 CER Workforce and Development Deliverable Workgroups to better align future capacity and needs assessments with the way in which people are articulating the methods and trainings that are in use now. A suggestion was made to create a centralized manner in which CTSA's can update their capacity, activities, and needs on an annual basis.
- 4B-2: White Paper: The CER White Paper be submitted for publication in the near future. The six recommendations provided in the CER White Paper will assist in informing a series of R13 meetings in the future.
- 4B-4: Networking Activities – This Deliverable Workgroup will join with the 4A-1 Community Engaged Research Networking group. A suitable meeting time is currently being sought. Two recent face-to-face meetings were held, one on October 7, 2009 around community engagement and another on October 28, 2009 around research networking. The Networks of Research Networks website database is on its second iteration. Currently, the site mechanics are being developed, while cleaning and adding data will happen in the future. The CDC, HRSA, and AHRQ need to be integrated into this effort so that some of their information will also be searchable. The proposed CER stakeholder face-to-face meeting will be postponed until March or April 2010.
- 4B-5: CER Workforce and Development – This Deliverable Workgroup has developed a proposal for CER workforce and development and has brought forward some proposals for increasing the capacity for CER. This Deliverable Workgroup will present its work to SGC 2. The report generated by the Deliverable Workgroup contains a table that shows that over half of CTSA's are lacking in certain areas of CER capacity. While this is likely to be a sensitive subject, the consensus was to share the information with the research teams.

II. SCG 4A Community Engaged Research (CEnR) Workgroup Update

- 4A-1: Community Engaged Research Networking Subgroup
 - A new joint meeting time will be determined for SGC 4A-1 Community Engaged Research Networking Subgroup and the SGC 4B-4: Networking Activities Deliverable Workgroup.
 - The 2010 Network of Research Networks Conference 2010 will be held in June 2010. The R13 application did not receive a high score, so the group is waiting to see whether the R13 will be funded in the current form or whether the application will need to be revised and re-submitted. Contingency plans were discussed in the event that the conference is not funded. If the conference takes place as planned, AHRQ, CDC, and HRSA would be invited to participate in the Conference.
- 4A-2: Best Practices in Community Engagement Subgroup – Tom Concannon has a contact to pursue for publication and will work with Lloyd Michener to pursue the contact.
- 4A-3: Administrative Supplements Subgroup - This Subgroup includes the Community Engagement Consult Service (CECS) and the PRIMER project. The CECS is revising the consult service webpage and working to finish with any sites that have not yet had a consult visit. The PRIMER group's work has resulted in the creation of a website, <http://www.researchtoolkit.org/>, and is working on its final recommendations to NCRR.
- 4A-4: Principles of Community Engagement – Work continues on the re-writing of the PCE Booklet. The first draft was completed earlier this month.

III. Other Discussion

- The Veteran's Administration (VA) is looking to connect with CTSA's on an individual as well as a national level. Discussions in Washington, D.C. have taken place regarding how the VA can engage the community. Discussions about creating connections with the VA have also happened within the CE KFC. The SGC 4 Committee discussed the best way to involve the VA, and whether that would happen within the both the SGC4 and the CE KFC. It was generally decided that there needs to be a less ad-hoc way of involving interested stakeholders, though this discussion cannot wait until the planned face-to-face meetings.
- Senator Reid's [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act](#) Senate bill contains negative implications for CER (Pages 1648-1690). Those who are on this call who have an interest in CER should read this section and contact their Senators to express their opinions. Text of the full bill: http://dpc.senate.gov/dpcdoc-sen_health_care_bill.cfm

ACTION ITEMS:

The SGC 4B-1, 4B-3, and 4B-5 Deliverable Workgroups need to start meeting together.

1. Kristin Kennedy will send a Doodle poll to determine the best meeting time for the join SGC4 -1 and SGC4 B-4 Networking groups.

2. Lloyd Michener will discuss with Harry Selker an informal sharing of SGC 4B-5 Workforce and Development report with Ann Bonham (AAMC).
3. Phil Greenland, DJ McCloskey, Lloyd Michener, Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola, and Tom Concannon will continue with the meeting planning for Network of Research Networks Conference in June 2010.
4. Kristin Kennedy will send the <http://www.researchtoolkit.org/> website link to the Committee.
5. An agenda item for the joint SGC 4 A-1 and SGC 4B-4 Networking groups will be to discuss how to best involve stakeholders such as the CDC, VA, etc.
6. Lloyd Michener, DJ McCloskey, and Sergio Aguilar-Gaxiola will follow-up with the CE KFC to determine what contact has been made with the VA and whether there is anything to report to SGC 4.