

Strategic Goal Committee Four

Enhancing the Health of Our Communities and the Nation

Monthly Meeting

Attendees: P. Greenland, Northwestern; M. Goode, Texas; J. Sachs, NCRR; L. Michener, Duke; H. Selker, Tufts; H. Pincus, Columbia; A. Hayward, NCRR; DJ McCloskey; M. Helfand, OHSU; T. Concannon, Tufts;

I. Welcome

Drs. Selker and Greenland provided the formal welcome for the monthly meeting.

II. 4A: Community Engaged Research Workgroup

- **Creating a Network of Networks**

The Workgroup is currently working toward a goal of creating a “network of research networks.” Dr. Greenland stated that this is an ambitious goal, which will likely take several years. One of the initial steps in creating this network, will be convening a conference funded by an R13 grant which will be submitted in August.

- **Consult Service for Community Engagement**

The Consult Service for Community Engagement is nearing its first round of completion. It has been awarded a second round of funding, through an ARRA Supplement for two years. The second year will focus on standard tools and outcomes related to community engagement and how to institute best practices of community engagement. The focus will be on creating a tangible deliverable.

- **PRIMER Survey**

The PRIMER Survey is largely nearing completion. The supplement is aimed at compiling a list of needs for tools and resources from researchers to enhance research capacity. A developed resource guide which is informed by the list of needs from researchers is to be distributed to Community Engaged Researchers and PBRN researchers.

- **“Proof of Concept” Joint Research Project**

Members of the Resource Development Workgroup jointly submitted an ARRA administrative supplement application. The project has been

successfully awarded and will fund a research project which will develop a community worker health care model.

- **Principles of Community Engagement Booklet Revision**

The Principles of Community Engagement met last week. Writing groups have been assembled to participate in the revision of the 1997 CDC Principles of Community Engagement Booklet. The revision will include practice examples derived from the CTSA institutions, CDC Prevention Research Centers, PBRNs and HRSA Community Health Centers. . The Committee will employ various means for disseminating the revised booklet, including online dissemination. The revision will be completed in one year.

III. 4B: Comparative Effectiveness Workgroup

- **Capacity and Needs Assessment**

The capacity and needs assessment which captured CER related resources across CTSA institutions has been formally completed.

- **White Paper**

The white paper is currently in its third draft. Input from other institutional centers is being collected. The white paper should be ready for distribution by next week.

- **CER Methods**

The CER Methods Deliverable Workgroup will convene next week. The Workgroup will work on its charge to develop recommendations for the research agenda and will specifically address the role of clinical research in interoperability and the conduct of comparative research effectiveness in real world settings.

- **Networking Activities**

The Networking Activities Deliverable Workgroup is working on four distinct areas. The Deliverable Workgroup is presently working with the Informatics Key Function Committee (IKFC). The IKFC will post work products from the CER Workgroup to their Wiki space including the white paper and capacity and needs assessment. The Deliverable Workgroup and IKFC representatives also discussed convening a meeting on EHRs and research. Additionally, Dr. Bill Adams will review the inventory of Informatics related resources that may be usable. Lastly, the Workgroup is also working with the Society for Medical Decision Making to potentially gain access to panel to present regarding the activities in CTSAs. Dr. Concannon has contacted each Deliverable Workgroup convener about convening in person meetings.

- **CER Training Needs for Workforce and Curriculum**

This is a newly created Deliverable Workgroup which was formed for the purposes of assessing workforce needs in CER. The Co-Chairs for this group are Drs. Wishwa Kapoor and Kurt Kroenke. The workforce encompasses a broad range of domains and disciplines. The goal will not be to collect

methodologic needs but rather to assess what are the key resources needed to bolster the practice. The key strategic issue will be to develop the new discipline of CER.

IV. Strategic Goal Committee Four: Face-to-Face Meeting

The face-to-face meeting will address best practices and provide status reports. One of the main goals will be to build capacity and disseminate information throughout CTSA's. The Goal Committee will also discuss how the SGC can leverage the work of both Workgroups of the Committee. For example, CER could be addressed with respect to how it interacts with health IT and may be impacted by the activities of health care reform. The Community Engaged Research Workgroup may address how to engage with practices in communities and the Comparative Effectiveness Workgroup may provide the framework for the analysis. The Committee should consider conducting work sessions to allow workgroup to work on key issues of interest to the Committee. A planning committee will convene to plan the agenda.

Action Items:

1. Schedule an agenda planning call regarding the face-to-face meeting.

Next teleconference: August 24, 2009 at 12 Noon ET