

Strategic Goal Committee Four: Enhancing the Health of Our Communities and the Nation

March 30, 2009

Meeting Summary

Attendees: H. Selker, Tufts University; D.J. McCloskey, NCCR; H. Pincus, Columbia University; M. Sufian, NCCR; G. Petrie, Case Western University; J. Sands, Emory University; M. Goode, University of Texas; P. Greenland, Northwestern; L. Michener, Duke; B. Moquin, NCCR

I. Welcome to the meeting (Drs. Greenland and Selker)

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

II.) Status Report: 4a Implementation Workgroup (Dr. Greenland)

Dr. Greenland informed the Goal Committee about recent activities and developments within the Implementation Workgroup. The challenge so far has been bringing in additional informatics support to expand the existing database of networks created in the Connections spreadsheet. A conversation with the Informatics Key Function Committee has already begun, and there will be a meeting to discuss collaboration on this effort. In addition to operationalizing the Connections spreadsheet, which is consistent with the 4a deliverable of creating a listing of CE research networks including their interests and contact information a best practices monograph has been written. The best practices monograph generated by members of the Community Engagement Key Function Committee, has been circulated for review by the Implementation Workgroup. Once review is complete, the monograph will be sent to an academic journal for publication. The Implementation Workgroup will participate in a collaboration effort with the CDC, HRSA and AHRQ to update the Principles of Community Engagement booklet. The Community Engagement Consultative Service, which an administrative supplement has already been awarded, and will assist the

Consortium in establishing best practices in community engagement. CTSA members have demonstrated significant interest.

III. Status Report: 4b Comparative Effectiveness Workgroup (Dr. Selker)

Dr. Selker provided an update to the Goal Committee regarding the Comparative Effectiveness Workgroup. A list of members is currently being compiled. The goal is to establish four workgroups that align with the four deliverables outlined for the Comparative Effectiveness Workgroup. Each workgroup would have two CTSA based conveners to help direct the development of the deliverables. In outlining the four deliverables associated with the Workgroup, Dr. Selker referenced the Institute of Medicine (IOM) and their current efforts around comparative effectiveness research and development of a report to be released in July. The IOM will conduct a needs and capacity assessment, but it is likely that the report will not reference the CTSA's. The CTSA's are an important component that serve as a bridge and portal. An argument made was that comparative effectiveness should be carried out at science centers rather than entities that are industry run. The NIH for example, is performing comparative effectiveness trials and assessing the benefits of drug treatments. In an effort to increase the membership of the Comparative Effectiveness Workgroup, PIs at the CTSA's will be asked to nominate individuals to participate in the Workgroup.

Supplements were discussed as a vehicle for executing strategic goals. It might be feasible for the CTSA's to work together. For example, three sites could apply as a linked application with each site receiving an award. An award of \$300,000 could be issued for a supplement to a site. Interested individuals should be listed on the Wiki page, as well as institutions that will take the lead. The goal is to have a trans-CTSA initiative. There are several possibilities to explore including a community engagement supplement, a CER challenge grant and a CSG administrative supplement. Drs. Sachs and McCloskey will share an FAQ document with the Goal Committee to clarify the applications for these supplements and grants.

IV. Next meeting: April 27, 2009 at 11 AM ET

Action Items:

- 1. Set up teleconference to discuss a trans-CTSA initiative, with individuals from various CTSA's taking a lead on various deliverables.**
- 2. Drs. Sachs and McCloskey to send FAQ document to Goal Committee members regarding supplements and grants.**