

CTSA Strategic Goal Committee Four:

Enhancing the Health of Our Communities and the Nation

Monthly Teleconference

August 24, 2009

Attendees: S. Aguilar-Gaxiola, UC Davis; B. Moquin, NCRR; A. West, Emory; P. Greenland, Northwestern; H. Pincus, Columbia; T. Concannon, Tufts; L. Michener, Duke; S. Pauker, Tufts; M. Sufian, NCRR; H. Selker, Tufts

I. Update: SGC 4A: Community Engaged Research Workgroup

An R21 grant has been submitted to fund a national network of research networks conference. The Workgroup has contacted the Journal of Translational Medicine about submitting an inventory and summary of the national conference proceedings after the conference has occurred.

Dr. Michener referenced recent conversations with leadership from the Health Research and Services Administration and the interest of linking networks with CTSA's. The network of networks that the Canadians have established, would be a likely example to reference. The goal is to be connected, identify and gather data elements and analyze them. Dr. Michener also discussed opportunities to connect with health IT efforts and the Office of the National Coordinator's efforts regarding the standardization of data elements for health records.

Administrative Supplements: Other main deliverables of the Community Engaged Research Workgroup were discussed including the Consult Service for Community Engagement and the PRIMER survey. Both administrative supplement efforts are nearing completion. The website for the Consult Service is presently being worked on and improved upon. The PRIMER group is also working on its website and the development of a toolkit.

Principles of Community Engagement Booklet: Several writing groups have been assembled to participate in the revision of the 1997 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention booklet.

II. 4B Comparative Effectiveness Research Workgroup

Dr. Selker referenced the significant outside interest in joining the various Deliverable Workgroups, and maintained that it is important to strike the correct balance of members to respond to deliverable topics efficiently. New members should be brought on as necessary and in a consultative capacity.

4B-1 Capacity and Needs Assessment

The Deliverable Workgroup plans to deliver the final assessment to the Workgroup complete with tables. The Workgroup may explore framing a revision and expansion of the Capacity and Needs Assessment to capture input from CTSAAs that are new to the Consortium .

4B-2 White Paper

The White Paper is currently in its third version and is being reviewed for the final time.

4B-3 CER Methods

The CER Methods Workgroup met recently. The Workgroup is currently working on enumerating activities and scope for the development of the methods agenda.

4B-4 Networking Activities

The Networking Activities Deliverable Workgroup plans to attend the SMDM conference and launch a CER/CTSA Interest Group. Members of the Workgroup are also planning on attending the Informatics Key Function Committee Research Networking Group in late October. The Workgroup also plans to develop a 2010 meeting on CER and possibly also attend the SMDM meeting next year.

III. October Face-to-Face Meeting

The Planning Committee has begun assembling an agenda for the October 7, 2009 face-to-face meeting. The face-to-face meeting will provide a forum to allow workgroups to work on deliverables and for the Community Engaged Research Workgroup to address synergies with the Comparative Effectiveness Research Workgroup.

Action Items:

1. Dr. Greenland will share grant application for national conference with Deliverable Workgroup 4B-4.