

# CTSA Clinical & Translational Science Awards Program

CTSA Program Steering Committee meeting  
April 9, 2018, 2:30 - 4:00 ET  
Zoom Video Conferencing

**Steering Committee Attendees:**

Christopher Austin	Dan Cooper	Alan Green	Tim Murphy	Martin Zand
Kathleen Brady	Brad Evanoff	Melissa Haendel	Reza Shaker	
David Center	Dan Ford	Phil Kern	Susan Smyth	
Barry Collier	Jennifer Grandis	Don Lloyd-Jones	Joel Tsevat	

**NCATS Attendees:**

Ken Gersing	Mike Kurilla	Samantha Jonson	Mary Purucker	Erica Rosemond
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Session	Summary Discussion	Action Item
<p>In-Person Steering Committee Agenda (Brady)</p>	<p>The in-person SC meeting will focus on topics identified by the pods.</p> <p>Time will be allotted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Common Metrics</li> <li>DTF discussion; optimization of the structure</li> <li>Review of 2013 IOM Report and 2014 NCATS Council Working Group Report and subsequent reflections from pod discussions</li> </ul>	<p>NCATS to compile recommendations and enhancements received from DTF presentations for discussion at the F2F SC meeting</p>
<p>Common Metrics (Zand)</p>	<p>Common Metrics visualizations reflects the overall efforts of the consortium to the Common Metrics initiatives.</p> <p>Highlights of presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hub information will continue to be deidentified to the consortium</li> <li>2016 qualitative and quantitative data presented, both reflect how each hub is executing within the network</li> <li>The Scorecard system used to analyze data in the Common Metrics Initiative (CMI) revealed limitations, such as: lack of primary data, variability in metric titles, and lack of narrative integration. Therefore, CLIC developed a Common Metrics Initiative (CMI) database, where we have integrated the qualitative and quantitative data from the Scorecard with external data sources to enable a more meaningful analysis of the hub provided CM data.</li> <li>2016 IRB Duration Metric data analysis; included the 59 hubs who reported the metric in 2017; having the CMI data in a separate database allowed for the ability to incorporate Clinicaltrials.gov data to provide a much richer analysis of the metrics</li> <li>The presentation incorporated analysis of the Turn the Curve (TTC) plan and with continued development can benefit the consortia by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying commonalities between hubs</li> <li>Providing a clearer differentiation of both challenges and opportunities for the CMI when combined with quantitative data</li> </ul> </li> <li>2016 Pilot Metrics data can be askew if all hubs do not report their metric data</li> </ul>	<p>Hub specific visualization reports to be distributed to each hub in August 2018</p> <p>SC can provide recommendations and feedback on useful visualizations for the CM Data to the <a href="#">CLIC Suggestion Box</a> or directly to <a href="#">Martin Zand</a></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outstanding hub response rate for Careers in Clinical &amp; Translational Research Metric collection</li> <li>• 2016 Career Metrics data for research programs does not account for persons still in a training program</li> <li>• CLIC developed a <i>draft</i> hierarchical clustering visual that could offer insight for re-structuring of the pods, but it was noted that the data is highly variable dependent on the criteria used for sorting</li> </ul> <p>Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>: CLIC to host an “Un-meeting” on Addressing the Opioid Crisis through Translational Science in Rochester NY. Visit the CLIC website <a href="#">Events page</a> for more information</p>	
<p>Approval: Communications Environmental Scan Survey (Ossip)</p>	<p>In accordance with <a href="#">NCATS CTSA Program Policy and Procedures for Surveys</a> and the just finalized <b>CTSA Program Guidance for Surveys</b>; the SC will need to approve any data collection instrument that will be distributed consortium wide.</p> <p>The Environmental Scan is a proposed “feedback survey” that will to be distributed to the CTSA Program hub communicators contacts at each hub to assess what their doing to promote their hubs’ efforts and challenges they’re facing, so CLIC can better assist communicators with disseminating information. Results of this scan will be posted on the soon to be created, Communications page on CLIC website.</p>	<p>Environmental scan may move forward.</p>
<p>Domain Task Force Round Robin (Tsevat, Lloyd- Jones, Cooper, Evanoff &amp; Smyth)</p>	<p>Updates on the current status of the five Domain Task Forces including Working Groups, both active and sunsetted as well as suggested enhancements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration / Engagement DTF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 active Workgroups, 1 sunsetted Workgroup</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Informatics DTF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1 active Workgroup, 2 sunsetted Workgroups</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Integration Across the Lifespan DTF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3 active Workgroups</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Methods &amp; Processes DTF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 active Workgroups, 2 sunsetted Workgroups</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Workforce Development DTF <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 4 active Workgroups</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>See meeting slides and DTF briefing packet for specific information.</p>	<p>SC members discuss areas for enhancement.</p>
<p>Pod Feedback Discussions (All)</p>	<p>The Pod feedback survey conducted in January and circulated to the SC in February indicated pods calls are useful and should continue to meet. The Pod Structure Feedback Report is viewable on the <a href="#">CLIC Steering Committee page</a>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pod Feedback received via the CLIC Suggestion Box has been valuable in shaping communications with PIs and the SC agenda.</li> <li>• Notify NCATS if pods are deficient; can offer assistance in addressing barriers</li> </ul>	<p>Strongly encourage the pods to continue to meet and submit brief bullet point feedback via the <a href="#">suggestion box</a> on the CLIC website</p>