

# CTSA Clinical & Translational Science Awards Program

CTSA Program Steering Committee meeting  
May 14, 2018, 2:30-4:00pm  
Zoom Video Conference

**Steering Committee Attendees:**

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

**NCATS/Guest Attendees:**

Penny Burgoon	Mike Kurilla	Erica Rosemond	Clare Schmitt
Ken Gersing	Samantha Jonson	Steve Seidel	Deborah Ossip (CLIC)

Session	Summary Discussion	Action Item
CLIC Updates (Ossip)	<p>CLIC presented the aggregate results of the collected evaluations from the Spring CTSA Program meeting. The results offered positive responses as well as suggested areas for improvement.</p> <p>Some areas of improvement are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include DTF updates</li> <li>• Poll for presentation topics and solicit presenters</li> <li>• More opportunities for networking and discussion</li> <li>• Offer real-time polling</li> <li>• Allot time for sharing best practices</li> </ul> <p>The full meeting evaluation report is available on the <a href="#">CLIC website</a>.</p> <p>CLIC is in the process of developing a Special Emphasis site page to highlight CTSA Program activities related to specific public health focus areas. Content is forthcoming.</p> <p>In coordination with NCATS, a funding opportunity link is being developed and will be added to the CLIC website.</p> <p>Upcoming event reminder: An <a href="#">Un-Meeting</a> to Address the Opioid Crisis through Translational Science - Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rochester NY Registration closes Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup></p>	SC will assess areas of improvement reflected in evaluations

<p>Open Discussion (All)</p>	<p>CTSA Program Steering Committee call agenda invited open discussion on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Continued discussion:</b> Reflections on the 2013 IOM Report on the Program</li> <li>• <b>Decision Making:</b> Role of interest groups, i.e. Administrators</li> <li>• <b>Funding Opportunity feedback:</b> What worked? What did not work?</li> <li>• <b>Bidirectional communication:</b> How to encourage the use of the suggestion box</li> <li>• An additional topic was requested to include discussion on <b>Pod Feedback</b></li> </ul> <p>2013 IOM report session at the Face-to-Face meeting discussed how to balance and unify the local and national initiatives to advance the impact of the CTSA Program. Areas discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to fulfill obligations on a local level that may not be relevant at the national level and vice versa</li> <li>• How to convey the expectations at the local level to NCATS; are there common elements amongst PIs to be shared</li> <li>• It might be valuable to articulate the benefits of being part of the CTSA Program to a hub's institutional leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ SC should think collectively about a process of soliciting input from institutional leaders to foster a stronger connection</li> <li>○ CD2H plans to assemble a top 10 translational informatics stories of the year to reveal moving parts of the organization, i.e.: data, people software, informatics and how these stories resulted in a transformational change</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>NCATS to coordinate a process to develop talking points of the value of the CTSA Program consortium for PIs to bring to their institutional administration</p>
<p>Pod Feedback Discussion (All)</p>	<p>There is notable concern regarding the adequacy of the translational workforce. It was stated that the success of the translational workforce should go beyond the KL2 and TL1 programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was concern expressed regarding Trainees in following areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Quantity</li> <li>2. Sustainability in post-training</li> <li>3. Lack of financial support post-training; NCATS does not have an RO1 program</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Data can be gathered but may not accurately reflect the current state of trainees</li> <li>• Could NCATS take a leadership role on assisting clinician investigators? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Financial loan indebtedness is a huge factor; Clinicians may be making life decisions based on their debt</li> <li>○ There are lots of people that are interested in this topic and there are several recent reports that the SC should consider</li> <li>○ We would need to be much more strategic; what can we offer to this issue that is unique?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Suggestion for Translational Workforce sub-committee to be led by subject experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Volunteer SC members could co-lead a small interest group to examine current and future state of translational workforce; identify next steps for trainee funding</li> <li>○ Volunteer SC members should bring their ideas to the Workforce DTF to gather insight from already assembled experts in this field</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Volunteers to be identified; then an initial call with Workforce Development DTF to explore leveraging current resources</p> <p>NCATS will explore additional networking time for future Face-to-Face meetings</p> <p>CD2H hosting an administrator boot camp for team science; will provide dates once determined</p> <p>NCATS will provide an update to the SC regarding</p>

	<p>PIs expressed appreciation for interpersonal interaction and consultation at the Spring Program meeting; they request more opportunities for networking at future meetings</p> <p>A strong consensus for officially supporting a more active role for administrators at the CTSA Program Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal NCATS discussions have ensued regarding Administrators; NCATS intends to contact key administrators to inquire about their needs and work collaboratively on their involvement</li> <li>• CLIC is working with NCATS on how to support Administrator group</li> </ul>	<p>administrators having dedicated time at Program meetings</p>
<p>Funding Opportunity feedback (All)</p>	<p>Feedback from the program meeting on previous funding opportunities and awards and how to collaboratively move forward and fulfill needs of the program?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was stated the existing Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) does not allow illustration of competencies due to restricted categories</li> <li>• If eligibility requirements in each section of the application were less stringent, space could be allocated for innovative science; this could allow institutions to highlight their strengths and contributions</li> <li>• Recommendations for obtaining feedback from the broader consortium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This topic should be discussed with the Pods for further input</li> <li>○ SC Suggestion: NCATS could prepare a Request for Information (RFI) to the scientific community and scientific reviewers</li> <li>○ CLIC could disseminate a survey and work with SC and NCATS to identify scope and target audience</li> </ul> </li> <li>• There is differentiation between review committees within the CTSA consortium and Cancer Centers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion tabled for a future call</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>NCATS will develop a plan to obtain input from the broader community.</p> <p>NCATS will continue to seek input regarding the FOA, including discussion for future SC and PI calls</p>
<p>Bidirectional communication (All)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pod call participation vary based on pods</li> <li>• PIs want active bi-directionality from NCATS; PIs expect suggestions submitted to be viewed as opportunities for change or initiate a reaction</li> <li>• NCATS is not receiving the anticipated volume via the suggestion box <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NCATS is considering mechanisms to make suggestions visible and become more transparent to the consortium, i.e.; logging responses on the website</li> <li>○ CLIC will be launching a moderated forum in the Fall with hope of enhancing input from the consortium</li> </ul> </li> <li>• PIs are requesting feedback from NCATS about frequency, value and scope of the Program meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Evaluations collected from Face-to-Face meeting help guide next steps, frequency and structure of the Program meetings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>NCATS continues to encourage topics/feedback be submitted via the <a href="#">Suggestion Box</a> on the CLIC website</p>