

CTSA Clinical & Translational Science Awards Program

CTSA Program Steering Committee meeting
June 11, 2018, 2:30-4:00pm
Zoom Conferencing

Steering Committee Attendees:

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

NCATS Attendees:

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| Penny Burgoon | Ken Gersing | Samantha Jonson | Mike Kurilla |
| Mary Purucker | Erica Rosemond | Stephen Siedel | |

| Session | Summary Discussion | Action Item |
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| Director's Update (Austin) | <p>NCATS updates will be recurring on meetings going forward. C. Austin provided an update of the federal budget process. For any questions, please contact NCATS or your Program Officer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NIH released its Notice of Fiscal Policies in Effect for FY 2018: https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-18-180.html See C. Austin's latest publication "Translating Translation", send feedback if you would like! | |
| Review Action Items List (Jonson) | <p>CLIC circulated a pending action items list that developed from the May SC call.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlights from the list include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An in-person Administrator meeting, supported by CLIC, will be integrated with the Fall CTSA Program meeting The Steering Committee DTF Task Force will meet at the end of the month to discuss the development of the survey prior to dissemination to the consortium C. Austin suggested reviewing the action column to maintain accountability by raising issues and offering solutions S. Smyth is requesting clarity on how the SC Work Group will synergize with the Workforce Development DTF lead team; wants to avoid duplication of efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The concerns expressed are a real issue for the Workforce Development; looking for support beyond the DTF There is a need to explore unique aspects of translation beyond physician scientist, i.e.; mobility between academia and industry This can be viewed as bi-directional; SC could propose ideas to the Workforce Development DTF as well as the DTF can assign tasks to the SC An Ad Hoc SC Workforce Development Taskforce is being developed to examine and address issues in this realm Considerations were expressed regarding the CTSA application process in comparison with the Cancer Center review processes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Is there a way to streamline the CTSA application process to reduce time and effort Would re-instating site visits be more cost-effective? | <p>S. Jonson will incorporate names / dates to action items, when an item is unidentifiable</p> <p>Ad Hoc WFD Taskforce will be jointly owned between volunteered SC members and DTF Lead team members</p> <p>DCI leadership plans to meet with NCI Cancer Center and present feedback to SC</p> |

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| <p>CLIC Un-Meeting Report Out (Zand)</p> | <p>CLIC hosted a successful Un-Meeting: Addressing the Opioid Crisis through Translational Science on Saturday, June 2 in Rochester, NY that included participation from more than 40 institutions and companies. 4x4 presentations stimulated ideas for discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some discussion topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opioid Crisis in Rural Communities ○ Criminal Justice systems ○ Relationship between Infectious Diseases and Opioids ○ Research role of the CTSA network ○ Disparities ○ Pharmaceutical interventions <p>Highlights from the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not speaking on one but multiple epidemics, i.e.; prescription drugs, fentanyl • Implementation science; treatment to correct populations • Critical need for local fentanyl epidemic; Stop the Bleed initiative allows people to pick up Opioid overdose kit • Drug take-back event <p>Anticipated outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A “How to” Handbook is being developed on organizing an Un-Meeting • A Manuscript about Un-Meetings as a vehicle for translational science • An RFA will be produced soliciting ideas for future topics and location of future Un-Meetings • Networking through trans-disciplinary contacts • Increase in the number of projects across hubs and industry <p>A discussion arose around CTSA’s collectively providing funds for multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional collaborative pilot awards</p> | <p>Follow-up surveys will be administered throughout the year to track project progression</p> <p>CLIC to organize a call for M. Zand, R. Shaker, D. Center for further discussion on Pilot funding</p> |
| <p>iDTF and CD2H Update (Lloyd-Jones)</p> | <p>iDTF and CD2H have been working harmoniously to address potential structural and conceptual overlaps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iDTF will be the venue for all Working Group progress to be vetted • A review of the Workflow process for the creation & support of Workgroups and projects was presented • iDTF, CD2H and CLIC will maintain communication to avoid duplicating efforts and encourage open participation <p>The collaborative process exhibited by the iDTF and CD2H could be a model for other DTFs</p> | |
| <p>Common Metrics: Informatics Update (Dozier)</p> | <p>Pilot launched in November 2017, completed the end of January 2018 and was followed up in February with discussions and a survey of the participating sites. Pilot was implemented to enhance future metric testing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of scripts was helpful in launching pilot • Several domains identified by the iDTF were used to collect data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Age/DOB & administrative sex value had wider range of results and highest response from participating hubs • Across the 16 sites, there was a large range in number of patients | |

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| | <p>Knowledge gained from the Hub Pilot metrics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide range of expertise in team development; can be a model for future configuration of teams • Turn-the-curve (TTC) plans were also generated, i.e.; opportunities to re-code omitted values, examine missing data and additional ways hubs can improve • As the process evolves to implement the informatics metric to the remaining sites, several recommendations are being considered by the development team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should hubs be limited to databases that are only research oriented ○ Should a date range be applied to the Inclusion & exclusion criteria ○ Clarify expectations if script limitations exist; should additional queries be performed if not all data is being extracted ○ Can the data model be changed and will this affect data interpretation moving forward; Incorporate other data models ○ iDTF engagement necessary for guidance in Stretch Metrics <p>There is no “right” model; it is dependent on the state/completeness of the data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I2B2 model was more problematic obtaining data since it required some manipulation | <p>Targeted September date for rollout to the rest of the consortium</p> |
| <p>Pod Feedback Round Robin (All)</p> | <p>Pod feedback discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some calls would not be held due to resubmission deadlines; One Pod has 3 PIs submitting for renewal • Concerns for misinterpretation for Conflict of Interest and comprehension of NIH funding; Strong interest in understanding NCI application process and whether this could be adopted for the CTSA Program • Request for more notice and transparency for supplements, i.e.; funds available for distribution, number of awards • Varied perspectives regarding Common Metrics; IRB common metric being used as an improvement tool, a few sites felt metrics weren’t as useful • Requesting harmonization among NCATS concerning the role of CTSA’s and scientific reviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should a different review model be adopted, the review process should be collectively crafted • Mixed feelings about the TIN; request for the TIN to assign consultations to be made by hubs <p>Final thoughts by C. Austin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to can we make the RFA less burdensome? • Identifying Institutional value and realization of their worth • Should there be a CD2H equivalent in the other DTFs? | <p>Request for PIs to send an email stating “no updates” when there is nothing to report</p> <p>Provide Pod feedback in bullet points</p> <p>S. Jonson is working with NCATS Informatics to establish a G Suite to be rolled out in a few weeks</p> |