

CTSA Program Pod Meeting

University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

Thursday February 16, 2023
2:00 pm Central

Attendees

- **UTMB Galveston Institute for Translational Sciences**
 - Randall Urban
 - Susan Rojahn
 - Kim Rashke
- **University of Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research**
 - Julie Lumeng
 - Beth LaPensee
 - Latonya Denise Berryhill
- **Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance**
 - Andrew West
 - Bradley Phillips
- **University of Miami Clinical & Translational Science Institute**
 - Daru Ransford
- **University of Kansas/Frontiers Clinical & Translational Science Institute**
 - Mario Castro
 - Steven Leeder
 - Julius Leary
 - Edward Ellerbeck
 - Jen Whitaker
- **University of Arkansas Translational Research Institute**
 - Laura James
 - Robin Liston

Notes

Updates from the CTSA Program Steering Committee

- 2 meetings per month
- January 23, 2023 Steering Committee meeting highlights:
 - CTSA Program Meetings
 - Ruth O'Hara of Stanford is planning the CTSA Fall 2023 Annual Program Meeting (as part of her duties as the 2024 Steering Committee Co-Chair Designee)
 - Reviews from the 2022 Program Meeting: A lot of people were energized by the DEI focus; however, there were mixed reviews on having a single theme
 - CLIC to CCOS transition
 - CCOS presented to SC on transition status
 - CCOS offered for their representative to come to our Pod meeting to answer questions.
 - Pod felt it would be best to wait a bit, give CCOS more time to figure things out, and then invite them to present to our Pod in a few months
- February 13, 2023 Steering Committee meeting highlights:
 - Presentation on Dissemination & Implementation (D&I) (slide deck, with good references, available on CLIC website)

- Lack of standard terminology is an issue. D&I can be interpreted in many different ways. Publications alone are likely not sufficient. Something more specific or thoughtful in terms of angle to D&I is needed.
- Commercialization of non-patentable innovation: advice for if you have something an innovative idea but it's not something you can patent
- Community engagement programs: discussion on how it is hard to sustain strong community engagement programs, much discussion but no solutions.
- Crowdsourcing ideas from the Pods: Big ideas for ways we can collaborate better together, including regional collaborations. Can submit ideas through the CLIC website.
- Discussion regarding recent Administrators call in which Dr. Rutter presented and requested more feedback from administrators
 - Challenges of changing organization of CTSA from programs, to functions and cores, and now modules and elements. The changes seem to be in the right direction but it is very challenging from an organizational and renewal standpoint
- Discussion of challenges of coordination between spring ACTS and CTSA meetings
 - Need a virtual option especially with limited travel funds
- Discussion of need to have small breakout sessions at CTSA program meetings
 - Another good topic for fall meeting would be how to transition from Core and Function construct to Element and Module construct
- Discussion around wanting to hear more translational science and progress of researchers in our programs
 - West described the regional conference that Emory CTSA participates in ([Southeast Regional Clinical and Translational Science Conference](#)), now includes many other institutions from Georgia and Florida and other states. Good setting for hearing about scientific progress. Conference starts at noon on a Wednesday and ends at noon on a Friday; intentionally set far away from Atlanta so people commit to staying for evenings.
 - Do the hubs in this pod want to have researchers speak at the pod meetings for 10 minutes or so? Pod decided no, prefer to keep it to other discussion.
 - Ellerbeck said that if any hubs in our pod have specific innovations in informatics, enhancing mentorship, innovations in clinical trial networks, R25 programs, renewals, etc, it would be good to hear about that, and the group agreed.
 - Susan Rojahn in Galveston hub will survey the pod about topics they would like to hear about from other hubs and then we will start having 10-minute presentations from one hub per meeting on a topic chosen from the survey list

Updates from Pod Members

- **Michigan** – Preparing to ramp up all 7 year activities after having been in bridge year
- **Miami** – Recently received a JIT for our K. Also transitioning following the passing of Dr. Sacco. Dr. Carrasquillo and Dr. Korbetz will be PIs in shared fashion
- **Emory** – 3 updates: (1) Big regional conference with institutions from Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida. Mike Kurilla to speak on difference between Clinical and Translational Research and Clinical and Translational Science; (2) Received Deal of Year from Georgia Bio; (3) External Advisory Committee on March 17.
- **Kansas** – in midst of RPPR, first year of current cycle; Research Day on March 9; EAC on March 10. At least four EAC members will attend both. Just added new EAC member, Dr. Andrea Carnegie
- **Arkansas** – New application to be submitted in May, also working on RPPR, and second Research Day on April 3, Duane Mitchell from UF attending
- **Galveston** - We have always just been a single hub, but for our renewal in 2024 we are taking on partners in the Houston-Galveston region, Texas Southern University (an HBCU), University of Houston

Clear Lake (an HSI) and Houston Methodist. We've held several retreats. Partnerships will bring undergraduate campus to the hub and other disciplines.