

Collaboration/Engagement Domain Task Force – Committee Update/Summary

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Purpose of the Collaboration/Engagement DTF:

- Engaging stakeholder communities so they contribute meaningfully across the translational sciences spectrum.
- Enabling team science to become a major academic model.
- Ensuring that all translational science is performed in the context of collaborative team science and that shared leadership roles are the norm throughout the entire translational science process.

Priorities of the DTF:

- Methods, processes and systems are developed and utilized to identify and effectively engage relevant and diverse stakeholders across the translation spectrum
- There are established measures for assessing and improving collaborations
- The translational science workforce is competent in community engagement and collaboration

Working Groups of the DTF:

1. Compensation Workgroup

- **PURPOSE:** To develop guidelines for appropriate financial compensation for community stakeholders who participate in DTFs and/or DTF Workgroups. These guidelines also will be disseminated to Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) projects, providing a resource for their consideration in compensating community stakeholder participation in their local work.
- **PROGRESS:** Compensation guidelines completed and shared with NCATS. NCATS currently considering.

2. Developing Measures for Assessing and Improving Collaboration Workgroup

- **PURPOSE:** To identify and evaluate the measures used to assess the value, quality, productivity and impact of collaboration and engagement. Existing measures will be identified and assessed for their psychometric properties (reliability, validity, sensitivity/responsiveness).
- **PROGRESS:** Completed an environmental scan of collaboration and engagements measures; in the process of developing a toolkit of reliable and valid measures of constructs and variables related to collaboration and engagement. Completed a draft summary report of published measures of research collaboration and engagement.

3. Joint Workgroup on Researcher Training & Education and Community Capacity Building

- **PURPOSE:** Identify and catalogue best practices of curricula and training resources for researchers in engaging communities & stakeholders in translational research and for building community capacity to participate in translational research.
- **PROGRESS:** Developed a statement of purpose and in process of creating an inventory of the training programs and curricula for researchers and community members in translational research. The workgroup continues to refine the exclusion/inclusion criteria and categorize curricula collected for the environmental scan.

4. Dissemination & Implementation (D&I) Workgroup

- The WG is planning to conduct a CTSA Program-wide environmental scan of the D&I resources within the consortium.

5. Joint Workgroup on Collaboration/Engagement and Method/Processes DTF

- **PURPOSE:** Identify key barriers and delays to research translation and demonstrate solutions as a process to improve clinical research.
- **PROGRESS:** Will begin to assess the CTSA Program institutions' strategies for engaging community stakeholders.