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**R2R Mentorship Program Quarterly Conference Call**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2012 1:00-2:30EST (12:00-1:30CT; 11:00-12:30MT)   
CALL NOTES**

**Participants:** Charlene Cariou (St. Luke's Mountain State Tumor Institute); Hope Krebill (Midwest Cancer Alliance); Michael Celestin (LSU); Alton Hart (VCU); Kiameesha Evans (TCINJ); Evelyn Gonzalez (Fox Chase Cancer Center); Venice Haynes (Morehouse); Cam Escoffery (Emory); Lisa Troyer (MT DOPHHS); Gene Lengerich (PSU); Peyton Purcell (NCI); Michael Sanchez (NCI);

* **Mentee/Mentor Report Backs and Discussion** (60 minutes)

Share progress on projects and deliverables and share feedback

* + A couple of common themes seemed apparent across all the projects – issues with sustaining engagement and responsiveness among community or organizational partners amidst competing priorities. This are all things that you can consider including in your posts and also sharing across pairs so you can benefit from one another experiences as well as from your mentors.
  + Group Updates:

Charlene – Hope

* + 1. Finally had the opportunity to engage with some new community partners to explore the idea of implementing the RTIP, Pool Cool, in community pools in Idaho. One Pool Director was very excited about the opportunity.
    2. Needs guidance around how to conduct an evaluation of a train-the-trainer model
       - For projects Kiameesha is working on, including Body and Soul now, this has been a component of their evaluations. Given where they are in their projects, it is usually more process focused (follow-up with trainers and see if they have changed their process or behaviors) rather than outcome driven.
       - Evelyn said that she could offer some examples and guidance from Body and Soul
       - Cam suggested talking with the original Pool Cool staff (use contact us on website) to see if they have any advice or materials around Train the Trainer evaluations that they might not have yet published on.

Michael – Alton

1. Received IRB approval for both the patient and provider survey. The patient survey has been completed and they are in the midst of analyzing the data; the provider survey has been delayed a bit due to low response from the clinicians, but they anticipate they will be completed shortly.
2. Next step will be to use SPSS for the analysis
   1. Alton said he would be able to help with training on SPSS
   2. Referred Michael to the resources that Michelle Revels shared during the Evaluation Training (posted on R2R Workspace)

Venice – Cam

1. Community engagement with their initial faith organizations was a challenge, but it ultimately led them to some groups that are actually a better fit for their program.
2. Having trouble collecting data from community partners and from the busy project staff – what are some recommendations?
   1. Reaching out to the partners to determine what is the barrier to submission – procrastination, time, the requested format or type of information needed for collection.
      1. Make a personal call (rather than email) to understand the issues.
   2. Offer to collect the information verbally over the phone or in person if they are unable to submit it in writing.
3. Cam and Venice had their site visit recently in which they had all the stakeholders participate in a face-to-face (or via conference call) meeting to make sure everyone was on the same page and discuss how to address the barriers.
   1. Venice posted the agenda from this session on the R2R workspace for others to see and potentially model their site visit meetings (if appropriate).

Lisa – Gene

1. Finalized and completed the project evaluation plan (she will post it to the workspace)
   1. Struggled with the issue of data already collected – there was a lot of unnecessary data items previously collected; some measures added in the new evaluation plan that were not previously collected (how to compare across time with shifting measures)
2. Looking for suggestions for how to engage with Insurance Companies (she posted her March story on this)
   1. We will announce her story in the PLANET newsletter to see if any of the readers have thoughts they could share.
   2. Perhaps Debbie Pfeiffer, from Wash U (MIYO), might have some thoughts on whether any of their users have partnered with insurance companies in their states to implement CRC reminder programs.
   3. Two other contacts would be Jeff Harris and Peggy Hannon (Univ. Washington) who both have done work in CRC and in partnering with unions and large employer member organizations to improve help which may be a back-door entry to working with some of the insurance companies.
   4. Check to see if any of the other CDC CRC initiatives have done anything of the sort – email the list serve.

Kiameesha – Ev

1. Open houses with the churches were held – all but one showed up, but that was just because they hadn’t received the invitations as they remained very interested and participated in a one-on-one.
2. Partners have indicated a desire to have a way to communicate with one another outside of just the meetings or through Kiameesha so is exploring the technology options for doing so (Google Groups was problematic initially); thus far have had a good response to survey providing incentives and letting the group know who has submitted (and received their gift) so to inspire a little envy and competition.
   1. Struggling with the issue of how to keep folks continually engaged with a small staff and low resources.
      1. Cam offered to connect Kiameesha with the coordinator for the GA Faith Health Networks group which has had good success with their engagement strategies.

* **Updates and Discussion from NCI** (30 minutes)
  + RSS Feeds/Email Notifications
    1. We have, at long last, added email notifications to the workspace and to the public facing pair pages so you can get a message when a new discussion, task, document, etc has been added to your workspace or a story to the pair page which we hope will encourage some more engagement between pairs on the site – use one another as a resource for questions/issues just as we do on the quarterly calls or just to connect on how things are going in your professional development (as Michael posted!).
       - I have attached a document with some instructions on how to sign-up for the notifications, if you haven’t done so or were having trouble.
       - Let us know if you have thoughts on the new system.
    2. Also, let us know if there are other social media outlets that you prefer to connect on and we can see if we can incorporate that.
  + Trainings – Evaluation and Adaptation
    1. Thank you so much for your participation in the Evaluation Training – we thought it was a successful session and hope you did too.
       - The archive for the session as well as all the materials that were shared are posted to the workspace – refer to these as you move forward.
    2. The next training will be on Adaptation and Michelle Carvalho (Emory) will be leading the training, with Cam serving as a panelist as well.
       - We would like your suggestions of what would be useful content so please add your suggestions to the workspace or email/call Peyton with your thoughts.
         1. What are the different processes of adaptation (ideas of fidelity and fit) and how does adaptation and evaluation contribute to the evidence-base? (Venice)
         2. It is emphasized that if something is changed in a replication, that evaluation must be done, but replication of the expensive research studies is difficult so if something changes how to decide what, and to what degree, something needs to be evaluated? What are the core components and how to you identify those?(Evelyn)

A complicated issue that isn’t black or white, but we will raise the question to Michelle and hopefully have productive conversation during the training.

* + Workspace Engagement
    1. Work plans have been posted on the workspace under Cohort Documents – please go in and read them and share your thoughts/questions with the group in a discussion so we can develop some cross-cohort dialog and peer-to-peer mentoring.
       - There may also be opportunities for collaboration across the projects and lessons that can be learned from one to the other.
    2. As mentioned above, we hope the email notifications will help encourage you all to become more engaged on the workspace to the extent that it is a useful resource for you all.
  + Journal Supplement
    1. Mike has posted the proposed outline that was sent to Preventing Chronic Disease (and received positively by the editor)
       - There would be a couple of background papers on R2R and Community of Practices led by NCI and planning group members and then a series of case studies for the pairs – these will either be clumped by settings or will be stand alone case studies (a link to example case studies has been added to the discussion posting).
       - This would be for submission in spring 2013.
* **Other**
  + Next Calls – 3rd Tuesday of the month.
    1. Tuesday, June 19th, 1:00-2:30pm EST
    2. Tuesday, September 18th, 1:00-2:30pm EST
    3. Tuesday, December 18th, 1:00-2:30pm EST