



Clinical and Translational Science Awards Program
**Coordination, Communication, &
Operations Support**

CTSA Steering Committee Meeting Summary
June 8, 2026 | 2:30-3:30 PM ET

Steering Committee Attendees:

Mike Kurilla, Co-Chair

Elmer Bernstam
Steven Bernstein
Andrea Carnegie
Manisha Desai
Daniel Ford
Vesna Garovic
Michael Holinstat

Grace McComsey, Co-Chair

Fasiha Kanwal
Mimi Kim
Michael Kurilla
Julie Lumeng
Grace McComsey
F. Gerard Moeller
Elizabeth Ofili

Reynold Panettieri
Dominic Reeds
Joni Rutter
Mark Schleiss
Karen Wilson
Ted Wun

NCATS Attendees:

Audie Atienza
Heather Baker
Kris Bough
Dale Burwen
Soju Chang
Pablo Cure
Anthony Dibello

Jamie Doyle
Stephanie Ezequiel
Stacia Fleisher
Gallya Gannot
Cynthia Gonzalez
Chris Hartshorn
Rebecca Katz

Irina Krasnova
Francisco Leyva
Joan Nagel
Thomas Radman
Erica Rosemond
Yolanda Vallejo

CCOS: Stephan Bour, Amanda Scott*

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Guests: Mohammad Adibuzzaman

Welcome (Slides 1-2)

Speakers: Mike Kurilla, Grace McComsey, Amanda Scott

The meeting opened with brief welcome remarks and operational updates from Mike K., including clarifying that NCATS has always had authority to issue R01s, but budget constraints have limited expansion of those programs. He emphasized that recent NIH NOFO language reflects changes in communication format rather than new funding capabilities.

CCOS Updates (Slides 3-8)

Speakers: Stephane Bour, Amanda Scott



Presentation Summary:

Updates highlighted the launch of a redesigned CCOS website with enhanced search, directories, and submission features (e.g., “Pitch an Event”) to improve engagement across the CTSA network. A new “CTSA Program Impact” section and publications repository were introduced, supported by publicly sourced metrics (NIH RePORTER, PubMed, patents, policy citations), with discussion focused on clarifying how metrics—especially clinical trials—are defined and presented.

Key Questions & Action Items:

Q: Where do the numbers come from (impact page)?

A: We have an entire group dedicated to impact analysis, and the totality of these numbers come from publicly accessible sources. The main source is NIH Reporter. There is also content coming from Pubmed, the Patent Office database and the Overton service.

Q: Some of the numbers, particularly the number of clinical trials, seems really low. Is this just NIH-funded clinical trials, or all clinical trials?

A: This is all the clinical trials that are listed in Reporter associated with the CTSA.

Karen W: I think if you can just clarify that that is only NIH-funded clinical trials, that will help a lot.

Stephane B: Maybe we can have two different metrics. We can have the totality of the clinical trials, including those that are peripheral or influenced by the CTSA program, and those who are strictly funded by NIH.

Fall Annual Program Meeting Update (Slide 9)

Speaker: Amanda Scott

Presentation Summary:

The Fall Meeting is planned for September 23–25 in Washington, DC (Marriott Marquis), with the Steering Committee meeting moved earlier to September 22 (1–5 PM). Discussion focused on agenda development progress, including topic prioritization from a broad stakeholder survey and ongoing work to finalize themes, speakers and the keynote presenter.

Working Group Report Out: PATH (Slides 10-23)

Speaker: Mohammad Adibuzzaman

Presentation Summary:

The PATH Working Group presented its one-year progress, focusing on identifying barriers to translating AI from pilot stages to sustained clinical use and developing recommendations for CTSA hubs and NCATS. Discussion centered on the appropriate role of CTSA hubs in AI

implementation—balancing evaluation and methodological expertise versus operational deployment—and emphasized the importance of governance, post-deployment monitoring, and lifecycle considerations (including de-implementation).

Pod Spotlight: University of Rochester (Slides Adjourn (Slide 24-26))

Speaker: Karen Wilson

Presentation Summary:

Karen W. led a discussion on challenges implementing NIH public access policy, including workload burden for tracking publications, inconsistencies in systems (eRA Commons vs. PubMed), and ambiguity around what should be cited. Discussion revealed wide variation across hubs, with some dedicating significant staff effort to compliance, while others struggle with under-citation; participants also explored potential AI-supported solutions and the need for clearer guidance and shared examples.

Adjourn (Slide 27)

The next SC meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22.