



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

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**CTSA Steering Committee Meeting Summary**  
**June 22, 2026 | 2:30-3:30 PM ET**

**Steering Committee Attendees:**

Grace McComsey, Co-Chair

Elmer Bernstam  
Steven Bernstein  
Andrea Carnegie  
Manisha Desai  
Daniel Ford  
Fasiha Kanwal

Mimi Kim  
Julie Lumeng  
Gerry Moeller  
Elizabeth Ofili  
Reynold Panettieri  
Dominic Reeds

Mark Schleiss  
Marisa Spann  
Eric Vilain  
Sarah Wiehe  
Karen Wilson  
Ted Wun

**NCATS Attendees:**

Heather Baker  
Kris Bough  
Patrick Brown  
Soju Chang  
Anthony DiBello  
Jamie Doyle  
Stephanie Ezequiel

Stacia Fleisher  
Gallya Gannot  
Brittany Gibbons  
Cynthia Gonzalez  
Chris Hartshorn  
Francisco Leyva  
Joan Nagel

Katie Patel  
Thomas Radman  
Erica Rosemond  
Yolanda Vallejo  
Yanji Xu

**CCOS:** Kerry James, Amanda Scott\*

\* *SC Coordinator*

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**Welcome (Slides 1-2)**

Speakers: Grace McComsey

The meeting opened once quorum was reached, with Amanda S. facilitating logistics and transitioning to facilitation by Grace M. and Erica R.

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**Steering Committee Vote: Cycle 16 Working Groups (Slides 3-19)**

Speakers: Grace McComsey, Erica Rosemond, Amanda Scott

Presentation Summary:

The SC reviewed seven proposals, discussing the strengths and risks/barriers to success for each, before voting via electronic ballot. Across proposals, recurring discussion themes included overly broad scope, feasibility concerns, lack of specific deliverables, and potential overlap with



existing consortium efforts. SC members made recommendations for improving the submission and review process.

Three working group proposals were approved for start on July 1:

- Measuring Success in Translational Science
- CTS Launchpad: National Training Criteria from Classroom to Career
- Scaling a Reproducible CTSA/CTR Framework for Clinical Research Professionals Training Using a Collaborative Network Model

Four working group proposals were not approved:

- AI Enabled Clinical Research Operations: Accelerating Study Activation, Recruitment and Data Management Across CTSA Hubs
  - Narrow scope and define specific use cases (e.g., recruitment vs. data management).
  - Engage existing groups (e.g., TIN) prior to resubmission.
  - Clarify coordination with other CTSA initiatives.
  - Consider reframing AI as a tool rather than the central focus.
- Solution-Oriented Approaches in Health Disparities Research
  - Strengthen specificity of methods and deliverables.
  - Clarify how outputs will translate into actionable guidance.
  - Provide clearer implementation strategy and team expertise.
  - Revisit inclusivity and effectiveness of proposed approaches (e.g., town halls).
- The Advancing Dissemination and Implementation Science Working Group: Integrating Dissemination and Implementation Sciences across CTSA Components
  - Demonstrate clear response to prior feedback
  - Sharply narrow scope and define actionable deliverables
  - Clarify value beyond descriptive outputs
  - Improve feasibility plan given prior performance concerns
- Engaging Individuals with Disability in the Research Process 2.0: Training and Implementation
  - Clarify differentiation from prior versions (new value vs. continuation of prior committee's work)
  - Narrow scope and specify implementation strategy
  - Strengthen engagement strategy for individuals with disabilities

CCOS will include recommendations for consideration if submitters interested in resubmitting for a future cycle.

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### Pod Spotlight (Slides 20-21)

Speaker: Gerry Moeller

Presentation Summary:

The Pod Spotlight presentation was deferred due to time constraints to allow full completion of working group discussions and voting.

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**Adjourn (Slide 22)**

The next SC meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13.