CTSA Steering Committee Webinar Summary
June 23, 2025; 2:30-3:30 PM ET

Steering Committee Attendees:

Michael Kurilla, Co-Chair	Daniel Ford	Elizabeth Ofili
Ted Wun, Co-Chair	Vesna Garovic	Ruth O'Hara
	Mike Holinstat	Reynold Panettieri
Elmer Bernstam	Mimi Kim	Doris Rubio
Stephan Bour	Julie Lumeng	Mark Schleiss
Arleen Brown	Gerry Moeller	Eric Viliain

Not In Attendance:

Andrea Carnegie	Grace McComsey
Steve Reis	Sarah Wiehe
Steven Bernstein	Rosalind Wright
David Ingbar	

NCATS Attendees:

Audie Atienza	Pablo Cure	Joan Nagel
Heather Baker	Jamie Doyle	Thomas Radman
Kris Bough	Stephanie Ezequiel	Erica Rosemond
Patrick Brown	Gallya Gannot	Joni Rutter
Soju Chang	Chris Hartshorn	Yolanda Vallejo
Jennie Conroy	Irina Krasnova	

Invited Guests:

Vickie Ellingrod, Jareen Meinzen-Derr, Maija Neville-Williams

CCOS: Lauren Fitzharris, Kerry James, Amanda Scott

Welcome (Slides 2-3)

<u>Speakers</u>: Michael Kurilla, Dan Ford

M. Kurilla and T. Wun welcomed members of the Steering Committee (SC). D. Ford announced the RIC CTSA POC Needs Assessment survey being disseminated in June.

Review and Vote on New Working Group Submissions (Slides 4-21)

Speakers: Amanda Scott

Presentation summary: A. Scott went over the results of the steering committee's review of four working group proposals for Cycle IX. Steering Committee members discussed some of the feedback and recommendations before voting as follows on working groups that have a July 1 start date:

- Principles for AI Translation in Healthcare (PATH): Approved
- AI Value in Translational Research: Not Approved
- Building a National Criminal Justice Translation and Clinical Science Network (CJTRACS): Not Approved
- Pediatric Clinical Trials: Approved

L. Fitzharris will notify working groups of the steering committee's decisions and include relevant contact information for CCOS and NCATS liaisons.

EHR/RWD Task Force (Slides 22-33)

Speaker: Jareen Meinzen-Derr

Presentation summary:

J. Meinzen-Derr delivered a final update on the Real World Data (RWD) Task Force to the CTSA Steering Committee, highlighting its two-year journey. The task force evolved from cataloging data assets to focusing on the people and processes essential for effective data use. Key priorities included education, democratizing data science, and community engagement. Major deliverables included a living glossary of data science terms, training resources, and a traineeship program in AI/ML developed in partnership with AIM-AHEAD and NCATS. The task force also aligned with the BIDS Enterprise Committee to carry forward its goals.

During the discussion, T. Wun and K. James highlighted the importance of making the glossary accessible via the CTSA website and maintaining it as a living document. The task force recommended sunsetting its operations and transitioning responsibilities to existing Enterprise Committees and working groups to sustain momentum. This approach aims to ensure continued progress on identified priorities such as rigorous research guidelines, community engagement, and workforce development.

Workforce Development EC Report Out (Slides 34-44)

Speakers: Vicki Ellingrod, Maija Williams

Presentation summary: V. Ellingrod highlighted the committee's focus on cross-committee collaboration and support for clinical research professionals, a group without a dedicated development body. Since June 2024, they've hosted six virtual sessions with steady attendance (~60 participants), conducted educational needs assessments, and spotlighted innovative programs from CTSA hubs. In response to the cancellation of the official spring meeting, they organized an informal session on resilience and adaptability, which brought together interested

participants and generated a shared Google Doc of best practices. This document has since become a living resource, with groups like the K Directors continuing to contribute.

The committee is actively collaborating with groups such as N3C and the ACTS Clinical Research Professional Task Force and supporting initiatives on digital badging and real-world data. Looking ahead, they plan to explore interprofessional education models, micro-credentialing, and integration with the "Across the Lifespan" initiative. During the Q&A, Michael Kurilla asked about the mood at the spring meeting. Vicki Ellingrod shared that attendees were grateful for the opportunity to connect and valued the collaborative document, which has fostered ongoing engagement. Action items include continuing cross-committee partnerships, expanding educational programming for clinical research professionals, and leveraging the spring session's insights for potential publications and broader dissemination.

Adjourn (Slide 45)

M. Kurilla adjourned the meeting.

Next Steering Committee Webinar Monday, July 14, 2025, at 2:30-3:30 PM ET