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CTSA Program Steering Committee

Jan 9th, 2023
2:30 – 3:30 ET

CTSA Clinical & Translational
Science Awards Program



NIH National Center
for Advancing
Translational Sciences

Agenda January 9th, 2023

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:30 – 2:35	Welcome	Michael Kurilla & Duane Mitchell
2:35 – 2:55	New Steering Committee Introductions	New Members
2:55 – 3:10	Responsibilities & Pod Feedback Online Process	Martin Zand
3:10 – 3:30	CTSA Roundtable Feedback	Joni Rutter



National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences: (NOT-TR-23-005)

[Notice of Termination for PAR-22-122: Limited Competition: Clinical and Translational Science Awards \(CTSA\) Consortium-Wide Centers: Resources for Rapid Demonstration and Dissemination \(U24 Clinical Trials Optional\)](#)



Incoming Steering Committee Members

New Member Introductions

Incoming 2023 Steering Committee Members



Doris Rubio, PhD
University of Pittsburgh
KL2 Member



Steven Reis, MD
University of Pittsburgh
ENACT Representative



Arleen Brown, MD, PhD
UCLA
UL1 Member



Jessica Kahn, MD, MPH
University of Cincinnati
UL1 Member



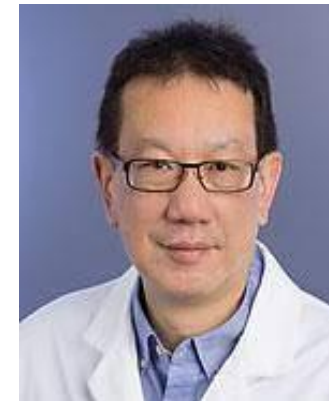
Randall Urban, MD
UTMB Health
UL1 Member



Rosalind Wright, MD, MPH
Icahn School of Medicine at
Mount Sinai
UL1 Member



Kathryn Sandberg, PhD
Georgetown University
TL1 Member



Theodore Wun MD, FACP
UC Davis Health
UL1 Member

Responsibilities & Pod Feedback Online Process

Martin Zand

CTSA Program Pods (2023)

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UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
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UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

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UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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BOSTON UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - SOUTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER

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SCRIPPS RESEARCH INSTITUTE
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Note: TL1, KL2 and Administrator Representatives, do not have a pod assigned. Their Consortium Group, is seen as their pod.

CTSA Program Steering Committee Roles and Responsibilities



Lead Pod meetings and report Pod feedback to SC



Communicate with the KL2 and TL1 PIs



Oversee Enterprise Committee and Working Group activities



Serve as Planning Committee
CTSA Program Annual Meeting



Review and Approve Surveys



Formation of Task Forces

<https://clic-ctsa.org/governance-guidelines-policies/ctsa-program-steering-committee-roles-and-responsibilities>



Pod Responsibilities



- Pod Leader organizes a Pod meeting every 1 to 2 months.
 - Pod Leaders determine the meeting cadence that works best for their Pod.
- Pods topics often include:
 - Updates from the SC
 - Questions, concerns, or feedback the local hubs wish to convey to the SC and NCATS
 - Topics of special interest identified by the CTSA consortium, the SC, and/or NCATS
- Pod Leader submits a meeting report, which includes a summary of the meeting discussion and may also include any feedback provided by the pod.
 - Reports are viewable by the CTSA consortium on the CLIC website.
 - Submitted via the [SC Webpage](#).
- NCATS reviews and discusses Pod feedback with the SC once a month as a dedicated topic on the SC meeting agenda.

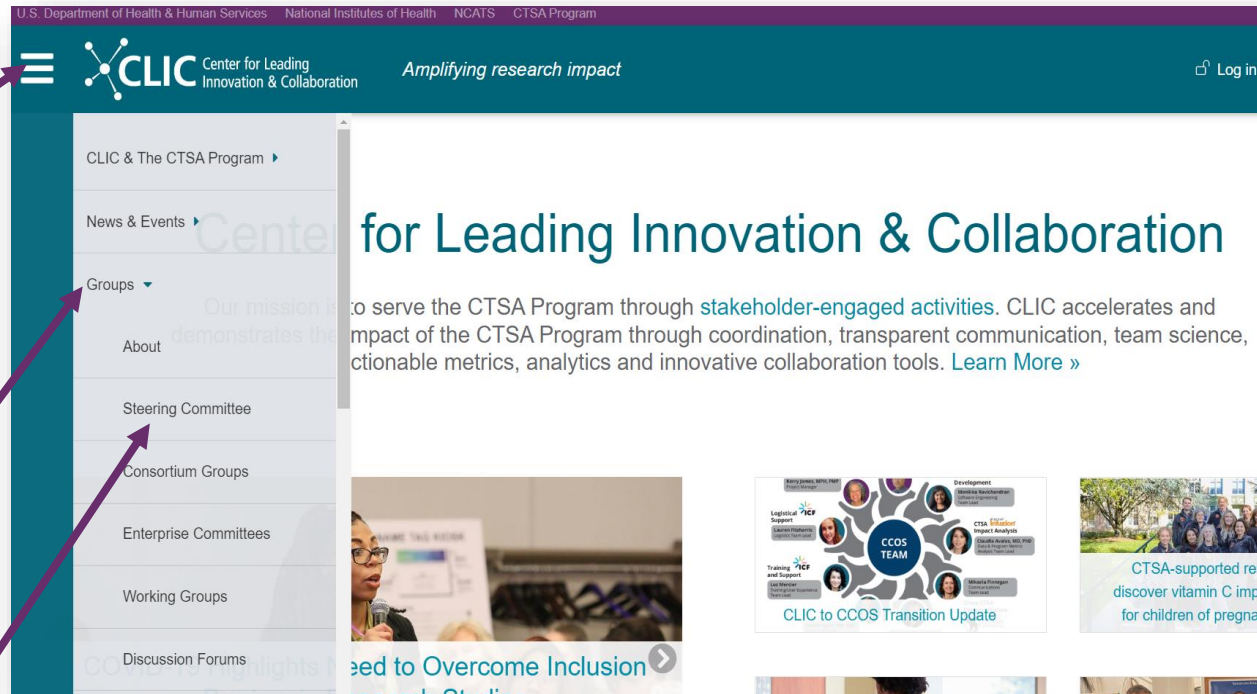


Pod Submission

Martin Zand, MD, PhD
CLIC

How to access the Pod Submission Form

1. Go to the [CLIC homepage](#) and select the menu bar
2. Then select the “Groups” in the menu
3. Then select “Steering Committee” under the “Groups” menu



4. Once on the SC landing page, select the “Pods” Tab

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Steering Committee

About Meetings **Members** Pods Important Updates

Membership

Information on Steering Committee Roles & Responsibilities

The NCATS CTSA Program Steering committee provides leadership for sharing of policies, practices and resources, and discussion of opportunities, impediments, joint agreement on broad issues impeding clinical research and other appropriate topics. The Committee will identify and recommend best practices and policies to advance clinical and translational research as a discipline and facilitate collaboration and sharing among CTSA Program and non-CTSA Program institutions, and with

Feedback

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services National Institutes of Health NCATS CTSA Program

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Steering Committee Pods

About Meetings Members **Pods** Important Updates

Overview

CTSA Program Pods are designed to facilitate bidirectional communication between NCATS and the CTSA Program Steering Committee (SC), collectively “CTSA Program leadership,” and the local CTSA Program hubs.

A “Pod” is a subgroup of CTSA hub PIs that is led by a current member of the CTSA Steering Committee who is designated the “Pod Lead.” Pods meet regularly to review updates from the SC, discuss issues raised by the local hubs, and provide an opportunity for the CTSA community to raise other topics to CTSA Program leadership through Pod Submissions.

Please view the [Pod Assignments](#) for the current Pod structure and the [Pod Quick Reference Guide](#) for more information about Pod activities.

Pod Submissions

The [Pod Submission Form](#) is one of the main channels for Pod communication with CTSA Program leadership. Following each Pod meeting, the Pod Lead submits meeting notes and any feedback or questions raised by Pod

POD SUBMISSION FORM

Pod Resources

- [View Pod Submissions](#)
- [2022 Pod Assignments](#)
- [Summary of Results - Survey on Pod Structure \(January 2018\)](#)
- [Pod Submissions SOP](#)
- [Pod Quick Reference Guide](#)

Feedback

5. Once on the “Pods” landing page, select the “Pod Submission Form” button.

Note: There is a box of linked Pod Resources for you and your Pods

Submission form

Updated form is broken into two sections:

1. Meeting Summary Report



2. Feedback

Pod Submission Form

[View](#) [Results](#)


Find resources and learn more about the [Steering Committee Pods](#)

Date of Pod Meeting *

mm/dd/yyyy  --:--:-- 

Pod Lead Name *

Do you have a pod meeting summary report to submit? *

Yes 


Type your report here:

Or Upload your report here:

No file chosen

One file only.
256 MB limit.
Allowed types: pdf.

Do you have feedback to submit? *

- Select - 

*You will have the opportunity to submit multiple items of feedback if needed

You can type your report into the form or Upload a PDF of your report

When submitting feedback, there are multiple options to indicate what type of feedback you are sharing:

1. Question

- This gives an option for you to request a response from NCATS

2. Idea Sharing

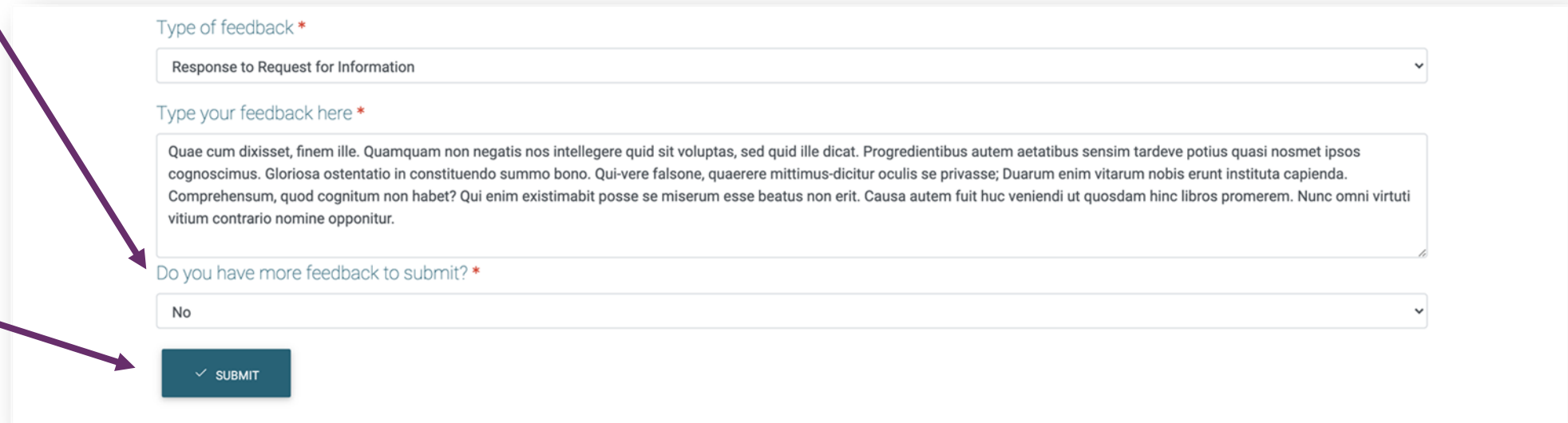
3. Response to Request for Information

The screenshot displays a feedback form with two main sections. The first section, titled 'Question', includes a dropdown menu set to 'Question', a text area with placeholder text in Latin, a dropdown for 'Would you like a response from NCATS?' set to 'Yes', and another dropdown for 'Do you have more feedback to submit?' set to 'Yes'. The second section, titled 'Idea Sharing', includes a dropdown menu set to 'Idea Sharing', a text area with placeholder text in Latin, and a dropdown for 'Do you have more feedback to submit?' set to 'Yes'. Three purple arrows originate from the numbered list on the left: the first points to the 'Question' dropdown, the second points to the 'Idea Sharing' dropdown, and the third points to the 'Do you have more feedback to submit?' dropdown in the second section.

You are able to submit both a report and multiple feedback items in one form. To submit multiple feedback, just answer yes to the question “Do you have more feedback to submit?” with the drop down and another feedback submission section will appear.

When you have entered all of your feedback, you can select “no” to the “Do you have more feedback to submit” question and a “submit” button will appear.

Select “submit” and it will be submitted and once reviewed, it will be published.



The screenshot shows a feedback form with the following elements:

- Type of feedback ***: A dropdown menu with the selected option "Response to Request for Information".
- Type your feedback here ***: A text area containing a Latin passage: "Quae cum dixisset, finem ille. Quamquam non negatis nos intellegere quid sit voluptas, sed quid ille dicat. Progredientibus autem aetatibus sensim tardeve potius quasi nosmet ipsos cognoscimus. Gloriosa ostentatio in constituendo summo bono. Qui-vere falsone, quaerere mittimus-dicitur oculis se privasse; Duarum enim vitarum nobis erunt instituta capienda. Comprehensum, quod cognitum non habet? Qui enim existimabit posse se miserum esse beatus non erit. Causa autem fuit huc veniendi ut quosdam hinc libros promerem. Nunc omni virtuti vitium contrario nomine opponitur."
- Do you have more feedback to submit? ***: A dropdown menu with the selected option "No".
- SUBMIT**: A dark blue button with a white checkmark icon and the text "SUBMIT".

Two purple arrows originate from the text on the left. One arrow points from the word "submit" in the first paragraph to the "SUBMIT" button. The other arrow points from the word "no" in the second paragraph to the "No" option in the dropdown menu.

Items to note

- You can submit a pod summary report without submitting feedback
- You can submit feedback without submitting a summary report
- The form is public
 - This allows those who are submitting on a SC members behalf still have access
 - This is why there is a review before published to ensure it was submitted from a valid source

November CTSA Roundtables: Summary and Next Steps

Joni Rutter, PhD
Director, NCATS

Objectives for November Roundtables

- Start a conversation about how we can enhance communication and collaboration across the CTS enterprise
- Identify fora where we can come together to have robust discussion, address challenges head-on, and explore emerging scientific opportunities
- Create channels for straight talk



Attendance by session

	Total participants	CTSA PI/ Director	Institution Leader	Dual CTSA PI - Institution Leader	Other CTSA role
Nov. 4	23	10	3	9	1
Nov. 14	46	15	17	9	5
Nov. 17	31	10	7	14	0
Total	100	35	27	32	6



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The most important work the CTSA Program as a whole does is:

 Mentimeter

At my institution, having a CTSA provides ____.

Mentimeter

resources
expertise
teaching
research leadership
training
infrastructure
support
opportunities
pathways
shared support
funding
mentee support
critical support
collaboration
community engagement
career development
access

Nov 4

15

At my institution, having a CTSA provides ____.

Mentimeter

career development
novel resources
home for cts
innovation
community engagement
a future
environment
education platform
pilot funding
pilots
support
resources
infrastructure
training
leadership
motivation
framework
prestige
energy
a home
stability
critical infrastructure
research support
academic home
opportunity
visibility
education
filling gaps
infrastructure
funds
structure
hope

Nov 14

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At my institution, having a CTSA provides:

At my institution, having a CTSA provides ____.

Mentimeter

leadership in ctr
culture change
excitement
collaboration
collaborators
comfort
integration
credibility
funding
infrastructure
resources
leadership
innovation
ideas
vision
direction
expertise
training
institutional direction
visibility for ctr
access to a network
connections with community
stability
network
colleagues
community

Nov 17

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Q1. How can NCATS can help promote communication across the consortium?

- Create opportunities for brainstorming and discussion
- Routinely engage “1-on-1” with CTSA hubs (via pod calls, site visits)
- Facilitate local/regional interactions and highlight local/regional initiatives
- Create opportunities for communities and partners to engage directly with NCATS/CTSA leadership



Q2. What formats would work to gather input and enable forward-looking conversations across the enterprise?

- Interactive annual meetings with breakout sessions or other mechanisms to facilitate small group discussion and collaboration
- Steering committee meetings to prioritize and discuss strategic topics
- Pods structured such that hubs with similar features (size, geography, region) are grouped together
- Central website for rapid dissemination of important information and resources
- Roundtable-style meetings with various groups to discuss specific topics in CTS



Q3. At an institutional level, what are the biggest constraints preventing you from maximizing the CTSA Program?

- Lack of understanding about the value and impact of the CTSA program on the institutional research enterprise and local communities
- Institutional incentive structure is not conducive to CTSA Program goals
- Challenges with recruiting and retaining physician scientists and clinical research workforce
- Research infrastructure inefficiencies



Q4. This is an ongoing discussion. What topics do we need to wrestle with?

- Improving community engagement
- Communicating impact and value of the CTSA Program
- Developing an inclusive workforce of excellent clinical research professionals
- Addressing challenges with building, maintaining, and sharing research infrastructure, particularly in the realm of informatics
- Improving regulatory and operational processes
- Tackling health disparities



Q5. What is missing?

- The roundtables were viewed positively among attendees as an effective format for engaging
- The annual meeting needs a re-think, with built-in time for strategic thinking and small-group discussions
- Attendees appreciated the inclusion of institutional leadership and would support continuing to engage with them where appropriate
- Pods meetings could be re-organized so that they are more conducive to collaboration, particularly for regional interactions
- The N3C was a huge success. We need to expand the database to include patient health data on other diseases so we can continue to leverage the power of RWD and EHRs.



Some proposed ideas

- **Improving community engagement**
 - Develop community-focused messaging
 - Find innovative ways bring community partners to the table
 - Implement community-based training
- **Communicating impact and value of the CTSA Program**
 - Clearly articulate who NCATS is and how translational science fits in with the broader NIH mission
 - Develop a set of measurable outcomes to quantify the impact of the CTSA program
 - Consider building a brand for the CTSA network as a whole
- **Developing an inclusive qualified workforce of clinical research professionals**
 - Offer additional diversity supplements
 - Host periodic orientations for new faculty, PIs, and leadership
 - Develop a mechanism that incentivizes and promotes translational scientists
- **Addressing challenges with research infrastructure, particularly in the realm of informatics**
 - Share best practices on how informatics resources are shared and supported both institutionally and federally
- **Improving regulatory and operational processes**
 - Continue working on single IRB, master contracts, etc. to improve multi-site trials and inclusion of community, rural, and underserved populations



Next Steps

December 2022

- Follow-up meetings with a handful of individual PIs for clarification on points they made during the Roundtable discussions

January – February

- Present Roundtable summary to the CTSA Steering Committee (Jan 9)
- Share summary notes with Roundtable invitees
- Prioritize key topics for strategic discussion and planning

March – June

- Hold quarterly Roundtables with key CTSA groups



FY23 Omnibus

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023

Report Language on the CTSA Program

Appropriations - FY 2023

➤ Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328)

➤ Signed by President – 12/29/22

\$ (in millions)	FY 2022	FY 2023	
NCATS	Enacted	Enacted	Difference
Total	882.3	923.3	+41.0 (4.6%)
CTSA	606.6	629.6	+23.0 (3.8%)
Non-CTSA	275.7	293.8	+18.1 (6.6%)

*CAN**

Up to \$60M

Up to \$70M

*All CAN projects are funded through the non-CTSA budget.



Appropriations - FY 2023

Explanatory Statement (also known as Report Language) – released 12/20/22

- Report language contains more detailed guidance to departments and agencies than is provided in related appropriations bills.

Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSAs).—The agreement provides \$629,560,000, an increase of \$22,914,000 above the fiscal year 2022 enacted level. The agreement maintains its strong support for the CTSA program and reaffirms previous language preserving the size, scope, and historic mission of the CTSA program, including the direction that no hub shall receive less than 95 percent of the resources that were provided prior to fiscal year 2022. Last year, the agreement expressed concerns with a new Funding Opportunity Announcement and its potential to divert appropriated resources away from CTSA hubs. The agreement is concerned that NCATS continues to push to disaggregate CTSA activities, which makes the application process burdensome on investigators and resulted in nearly all institutions submitting partial applications. No later than 30 days after enactment of this Act, NCATS is directed to brief the Committees on options to reverse disaggregation, preserve historic CTSA activities and institutional support, including training as many young investigators as possible, and ensure that any hub funded receive not less than 95 percent of the resources that were previously provided. Finally, the agreement reiterates previous direction that NCATS inform the Committees prior to any planned changes to the size of hub awards, scope of the program, or strategic changes to the program, specifically noting that the Committees shall be consulted prior to any new CTSA initiatives being implemented.

Source: https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/download/division-h_-lhhs-statement-fy23 pgs. 78-79



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NEXT MEETING

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