Inside the Core
Penn CFAR Behavioral Social Sciences Core

1st ever Cross CFAR CAB Meeting

The Penn CFAR CAB continues to be an exemplar in the CFAR network. This past April, the CAB hosted a two day meeting with other CFAR CAB representatives from across the country. With upwards of 40 people in attendance representing 13 CFAR CABs, the time was spent both examining the similarities and differences of the CFAR CABs through lively discussion and information sharing and also included some skills building components like: how to apply for conference scholarships, writing abstracts, and building effective community boards. The two days also included a day long refresher for most on how to review protocols, led by FHI staff, Jonathan Paul Lucas and Cheryl Cokley.

The groups differed in size, function, and structure but all clearly indicated a commitment to "changing the landscape of HIV." Three of the thirteen CABs represented came from Developmental CFARS who were in the beginning stages of forming their CABs making this meeting an ideal resource for those groups.

100% of the attendees felt the meeting met or exceeded their expectations and 8 of the 13 CFAR CABs expressed interest in hosting a follow-up meeting. Many attendees upon returning sent letters about their experiences here is a partial quote, "I couldn’t wait to follow-up with you re: my experience at the CROSS CFAR CAB. It was absolutely worthwhile and wonderful from beginning to end."—Randy (UNC CFAR CAB)

Since the initial meeting the attendees have created their own listserv to continue to communicate and several in particular the representatives from developmental CFARs have reached out to the other attendees to get information on committee structure, evaluation, budgetary issues and more.

Protocols to Watch

- Adherence to HIV therapy in heroin addicts: oral vs extended release naltrexone (G. Woody) Contact: (215) 399-0980
- HIV prevention and partner abuse: developing an intervention for adolescent girls (A. Teitelman) Contact: (215) 898-1910
- The Barbershop. (J. Emmott) Contact: Shawn White (215) 746-6078
- Impact of poor health and HIV/AIDS on small businesses in South Africa (LW Chao) Contact: (215) 898-8483

Does anyone know?

- Did you know that four ways a toilet can change a girl’s life? [Link]
- Want the community to... [Link]
- Help recruit study participants [Link]
- Disseminate your findings [Link]
- Talk to the CFAR CAB at 215-746-7352 or penn.cfar@gmail.com

Who tweeted that?

RT @WaterFour ways a toilet will change a girl’s life: [Link]

A. Anthony Fauci
B. Gates Foundation
C. Waste Management

Email your responses to win a prize; tybrown@mail.med.upenn.edu
Do you have a friend request? Where to find

In the age of social media how do you engage study participants? How can we use this technology to address public health issues? Where is the communication line drawn as participants want instantaneous interactions and sometimes in very public ways and on your personal pages. These are just some of the many questions CFAR behavioral and social science investigators have been grappling with alongside their staff, the IRB, and University officials.

A small team has been meeting to help come up with policy and procedures on how to address these questions and more. Over the course of the last three months what they have found in some ways is that the questions and answers are far more complex than they would have ever imagined as the ever changing medium evolves and some are rather simple. Here is just a few of the quick and dirty tips the team thinks you should know:

1) Know what the purpose of using that particular medium is: (advertise, recruit, educate, communicate, etc)
2) Create a policy before you start, but understand that it may change because of site rules and/or IRB requirements change as the technology does.
3) Create one voice/ one person responsible
4) Be consistent
5) Update and refresh content frequently.
6) Be creative and have fun because it is labor intense.

If you have other suggestions or want to join our new Social Media Task Force call (215) 746-7352. We look forward to your ideas.

FYI

Find out more about the new结构性 Social Science Task Force call (215) 746-7352. We look forward to your ideas.

In the Community

The Penn CFAR CAB hosted a workshop as part of Philadelphia FIGHT’S AIDS Education Month in June on the new female condom. The interactive workshop is one of many initiatives meant to rebrand the condom and increase its use. As a result of the workshop and many meetings the CAB’s efforts have led to a collaborative with a number of local agencies as a way to promote and educate Philadelphians about the female condom, at present the only female controlled disease prevention method. The Penn CFAR CAB hopes to capitalize on the excitement about the new Philly condom and provide education about a safe effective alternative to the male condom.

What’s on your IPOD?

1. On to the Next One- Jay Z & Swizz Beatz (sometimes I know you all are just on to the next one- grant, talk, class, report, flight, etc)
2. Circles Around Me-Sam Bush (I do love the circles I travel in)
3. Mojo- Tom Petty (yes I have an eclectic mix here, don’t judge)
4. A Change is gonna come- Herbie Hancock (In honor of the Penn CFAR CAB as they hosted the 1st ever Cross CAB meeting that promises to promote change in the research agenda)
5. ’Til Summer Comes Around-Keith Urban (You know you are glad it’s here but didn’t expect it to be this hot!!)
6. Memphis Blues– Cyndi Lauper (I’m just tickled that girl who just wanted to have fun is now a blues singer)

Tell us what you think!

1. How can the BSS Core improve to meet your needs?  
2. Have you used the new software library? Was the process easy to navigate? Was it adequate technical support?

All responses can be emailed to: Tiffany B. Dominique at tybrown@mail.med.upenn.edu

Big Ups!

- The BSS Core is excited to offer poster printing to HIV behavioral researchers.
- Waheedah Shabazz-EL, Penn CFAR CAB Chair was a part of the US delegation at the UN General Assembly.

FYI

Look for funding opportunities: www.uphs.upenn.edu/aids/funding/funding.htm

June 27, 2011  
BSS Core Meeting  
3535 Market St, Ste. 640  12p-2p

July 7, 2011
HIV Ground Rounds
Ian McGowen  
JMB  
Class of 1962 Auditorium

July 12, 2011
CFAR CAB meeting  
3535 Market Street  
Ste 4123  12p-2p

July 28, 2011
HIV Ground Rounds  
Renslow Sherer  
JMB  
Class of 1962 Auditorium

August 1, 2011
Last Day to nominate Penn CFAR  
CAB Red Ribbon Awards Recipients

August 9, 2011
CFAR CAB meeting  
3535 Market Street  
Ste 4123  12p-2p