



5:40 – Meeting Brought to Order

Attendance: Danielle A., Catherine B., Nick F., Cody G., Amneris L., Robert P.

Guests: Ramil S. from St. John Fisher College, Ronald C. from ABC & Action Front Center

EDUCATIONAL TOPIC: An Introduction to CAB

- Dr. Amneris Luque presented an overview of ACTG (AIDS Clinical Trial Group)
 - Focus has shifted from new ARV discovery and new treatments to finding a cure by targeting viral "sanctuaries" within the body. This is partly due to the fact that current treatments are very good, as well as the fact that scientific advances have given us the clues toward understanding latent viral reservoirs.
 - Catherine Bunce presented an overview of HVTN (HIV Vaccine Trials Network), CAB, and CFAR (Center for AIDS Research)
 - HVTN has done many trials over the years that have increased understanding of HIV vaccines and helped us move the research forward. A study conducted in Thailand found that a vaccine candidate was partially effective (31.2%) at reducing the risk of HIV acquisition, which gave researchers a glimmer of hope that an effective vaccine was indeed possible. We have learned from all our studies, although the Thai study in particular is guiding the direction of upcoming vaccine studies, as well as driving a current 10-site expansion in southern Africa.
 - Cathy showed a few slides that illustrated how CAB serves as a link between our researchers and the wider community.
 - This past month CFAR hosted a "meet and greet" with researchers from biostats, bench research, and behavioral research. It provided an excellent opportunity to foster multidisciplinary collaboration.

Handouts were reviewed and included:

- Purpose, Mission, and Organizational Structure handout with accompanying organizational chart.
 - Sub-committees identified & currently in-place:
 - Membership and recruitment
 - Nick F. emphasized that CAB membership is what keeps the CAB going. It is everyone's job to talk about CAB with their social circles and identify those that may have an interest in participating in our CAB. Our CAB meetings are always open invitation for folks that are contemplating joining CAB - just have them email Cody Gardner, the CAB Liaison, if there is someone that is interested in attending.
 - Dani A. and Amneris L. are trying to recruit persons living with HIV to join our CAB. Ideas include reaching out to Jackie Dozier and identifying an ACTG-Trillium representative.
 - Bylaws & charter review
 - We will need to review and revise the CAB bylaws this year, so we will need to re-form this ad hoc committee
 - Protocol Review
 - Primarily serves to provide input on possible upcoming studies with ACTG. This is an open committee and anyone on CAB is welcome to help review protocols as they are available.
 - Special Events & Community Education
 - Attendees Rob P. and Dani A. are on this committee. Rob helps Cody G. with flyering and outreach. Dani A. recently conducted an educational presentation on HIV and vaccine research with a 7th Day Adventist Church in Rochester.
 - Dani A. had the idea to become more involved with Jackie Dozier's "A Call to Women of Color" event next year.
 - There are also Global CAB seats opening up, which have the opportunity to provide input directly to network leadership on new protocols, as well as share experiences with international sites during regular phone calls and conferences. Information about these seats will be provided to U of R CAB members as available. Please let the CAB Liaison know if you are interested.

All regular monthly meetings are conducted on the 4th Wednesday of every month (except for October, November, and December)- beginning at 5:30 PM and ending at 7:00 PM. Meetings take place in the Saunders Research Building on the first floor in room 1404, right next to West Winds Café. **REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM 5:15 PM each month.** Staff Liaison: Cody Gardner, cody_gardner@urmc.rochester.edu, 585-276-5335



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Other topics discussed:

- Cody Gardner demonstrated the new CAB website, which is still being constructed:
➤ www.rochestervictoryalliance.org/cab
It will have a password protected area that contains CAB documents, including minutes.
 - Cody Gardner also brought up the CAB retreat. In lieu of a retreat this year, we will attempt to plan three public health fairs with presenters. Ideas related to these health fairs:
 - Ronald C. suggested holding them in a more central and easy-to-get-to location, like Trillium or Anthony Jordan.
 - Nick F. suggested the one health fair be focused on treatment and one be focused on prevention. They should be weeknight health fairs with two presenters at each. 5:30pm-7:30pm with refreshments.
 - Dani A. suggested that we consider working with neighborhood associations or PTAs and collaborate on an event.
 - To accommodate the HVTN full group meeting, and to accommodate the schedule of our next speaker, we agreed that our next meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the month instead of the fourth.
Our next meeting: *Wednesday, October 15th, 2014.*

6:55 – Meeting Adjourned