

Mile High Community Engagement: Developing a Training Pipeline for Community Based Participatory Researchers in Colorado

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Learning Objectives:

- Describe how the pipeline within community engagement for researchers and community members can enhance CBPR research practice, and increase community participation and capacity.
- Learn how to incorporate the roles of Community Research Liaisons and create Immersion Programs for community engagement.

The Colorado Clinical Translational Sciences Institute (CCTSI) Community Engagement Core within the University of Colorado, has developed a pipeline model for researchers and community to build capacity for Community Based Participatory Research faculties. The pipeline includes Community Research Liaisons, the Colorado Immersion Training, Partnership Development and Joint Pilot Grants, and the Community Consults and Ethics Committee. All activities within the CCTSI Community Engagement are under the oversight and direction of the Partnership of Academicians and Communities for Translation (PACT) Council. The PACT Council is comprised of 7 Academic and 7 community partners.

Researchers can apply to receive training and support in CBPR and Community Engaged Research from the CCTSI. This support comes in the form of the Colorado Immersion Training, which introduces academic researchers to communities within specific geographic and demographic groups in Colorado. Once completing the Colorado Immersion Training, researchers are encouraged and supported to apply for Partnership Development Grants through CCTSI Pilot Grants. These grants fund time dedicated to building relationships between research and community. Grantees will receive hands on Coaching and mentorship with Community Research Liaisons, and are encouraged to continue CBPR practices in their research. After completing their Partnership Development grant, they can apply for another 12-month funding to begin research through a Join Pilot Grant. Both grant mechanisms require at least half of funds to go to community. The next portion of the pipeline includes direct consultation with a community based Consults and Ethics Committee, providing direction and processes to ethically include community members in research. Research participants in the pipeline are encouraged to stay connected, and can even consider applying to become a part of the PACT Council, fully completing the pipeline.

This session will highlight the successes of the CCTSI Community Engagement Pipeline, and encourage discussion and peer support around community engaged activities. CCTSI Staff will share best practices and results from current programs and grant activities. Participants will

gain insight into successful community engagement activities in an established academic setting.

Session Details:

Discussion	Activity
Describe the Role of CRLs, the Immersion Program, and Pilot Grants at the CCTSI	PowerPoint Presentation
Share best practices for training researchers in CBPR practices	Table discussion
Discuss the Colorado Immersion Training and its impacts on future community engaged work	Video, table discussion
Share the Community Capacity Building Tool for community engaged research	Complete a draft of the tool