

Meeting Minutes: CTSA POD Meeting

Date: March 24, 2026

Participants:

VCU: Gerry Moeller, Elizabeth Fortune

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1. Feedback from the CTSA Steering Committee

- Reporting Shift: The Steering Committee has transitioned from reporting feedback by specific POD to presenting broader general themes.
- N3C Data Governance: There was a brief mention of concerns regarding N3C data governance.
- Theme of Shared Best Practices: An overarching theme from the committee was the need for PODs to share administrative best practices to address common institutional hurdles.

2. ClinicalTrials.gov - Who is Responsible?

- Responsibility Debate: Discussion occurred regarding whether oversight of ClinicalTrials.gov compliance falls to the CTSA or the individual Hub.
- NCATS Position: NCATS representatives indicated that because institutions receive indirect costs, they are responsible for ensuring compliance; institutions must "make it happen".
- Emerging Models: Some Hubs are adopting centralized, high-touch models where ClinicalTrials.gov oversight is integrated into the IRB process.

3. Public Access Compliance Issues

- RPPR Delays: The VCU progress report (RPPR) is currently stalled due to non-compliant publications that appeared the week before the RPPR due date. Discussion about this difficult scenario that many other hubs are also facing.
- Administrative Barriers: Issues include NLM confusing accepted author manuscripts (AAM) with preprints and delays in lifting "gold locks" even after open-access fees are paid to the publisher.
- Monitoring Challenges: It was noted the Public Access Compliance Monitor (PACM) does not automatically update from MyNCBI, leading to the use of potentially out-of-date reports.

4. Learning Health Systems (LHS) Working Group

- Community of Practice: The group is focused on sustaining a long-term "Community of Practice".
- Working Group Challenges: The Steering Committee is seeking recommendations on how to encourage more health system operations experts to participate.
- Strategic Model: Discussion included the "Data to Knowledge, Knowledge to Practice, Practice to Data" cycle as a framework for future CTSA directions in LHS.

5. Rural Health Transformation (RHT) as Presented by Dartmouth

- RHT Initiative: Dr. Steven Bernstein (Dartmouth) presented on the RHT program, which aims to distribute \$50 billion to improve healthcare access and quality in rural America.

- Funding Scope: Funds are intended for care delivery transformation, workforce development, and tech innovation. It cannot be used for new construction or duplicating billable clinical services.
- CTSA Opportunities: Potential roles for CTSA include program evaluation, community engagement, and digital health partnerships with health systems and FQHCs.

6. ACTS TS Meeting & POD Get Together

- Brief discussion of who will be in attendance at TS26 in Milwaukee and planning of a POD get together

8. Other Issues: Grant Award Delays

- NOGA Disruption: NYU reported they are still waiting for their Notice of Grant Award (NOGA), effective date of 2/1/2026.
- Discussion from other hubs describing sponsor backlogs and delays as a disruption rather than inconvenience.