



Progress Report

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Subcommittee: Core Resources

Chair: Dr. Robert Kirken

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Sub-committee OBJECTIVE	MAJOR ACTIVITIES/ MILESTONE	OUTCOMES (publications, grants, online courses, videos, databases)
Promote Activities of the BWG	Identify BWG RFA announcements, notify interested members and efforts to identify resources and/or data required for virtual core	Held and continue to hold webinars Submitted an RTRN Admin Supplement request for new materials, software, and data management. Will continue to promote grant submissions
Identify new core resources needs and available resources	Had successful 2015 core resource survey which led to helpful ideas, identified new needs and core resources for the network. This survey will update and expand that effort which is nearly two years old .	Will provide greater insight into RTRN scientist needs and be useful in the final year of the RTRN grant for resubmission. Useful to promote <i>a) ID and accrual of biospecimens at RCMI institutions</i> <i>b) Gather available clinical demographic data and sites</i> <i>c) Leverage existing laboratory information management systems (LIMS) such as BSI to annotate and store biospecimens/biomarker data</i>
Promote Greater exposure of Core Resource at RTRN Schools	Generate e-fliers with brief, simple, highlights of RTRN affiliated core labs	Began with Biorepository flier, others being developed and released. Will be partially based on new Core Resources survey. Seek greater core participation.
Publications	The network has shown core resource and expertise sharing via funded “Core Bucks” awards. There have also been surveys such as the “Core Resources Survey -2015” and “Assessing Clinical Trials Readiness, Research Capacity, and Research Networking Across and Beyond RTRN Survey” (RTRN Survey)	Will provide insight into past activities that relate to the impact of RTRN’s support: <i>a) Informatics strategy for collaboration e.g. eagle-i etc.</i> <i>b) Key capabilities of the collaboration infrastructure</i> <i>c) Leverage the data collected</i> <i>d) Dedicated Collaboration Infrastructure???</i> (Is now the time...)

Identify Challenges / Actions

CHALLENGES	ACTIONS TO RESOLVE THEM
Broader participation and interest of RCMi institutions	Make surveys less time consuming, garner PI support and readily deliverable materials that can be read and considered by RTRN scientists without lengthy tutorial.

Dissemination Activities

Activity	Description
Fliers emailed and promoted on a reoccurring basis	Short graphic presentation that takes into consideration limited stakeholder time that would include a bimonthly release.