PHHP Office of Research Town Hall

Monday, April 27th 2:00-3:00pm

*Please be sure to mute your mic upon entering the meeting*
COVID-19 is giving us an urgent and immediate opportunity to conduct new research. Here are some things to think outside the box:
Everything we study has a connection to COVID. How?

a) Contributions to the literature on recruitment and retention
   ◊ Willingness to participate, ability to conduct research like MRIs,
   ◊ Economic-do people want to participate now because they need money? venue paranoia, and other reasons.

b) Other needed data
   ◊ How does isolation affect older adults?
   ◊ Substance abuse- is drug use/binge drinking going up/down as a result of COVID?
   ◊ Interventions to reduce pain in this crisis
   ◊ Novel testing paradigms
   ◊ Telehealth- effects of this mode of care delivery on outcomes
   ◊ SLHS- an already vulnerable group- how are they affected by social isolation compared to their counterparts?
   ◊ People with baselines prior to COVID- how have behaviors changed since COVID?; Anxiety and depression during COVID- is it the same as pre-DVID?
   ◊ New models for studying spread of COVID
PHHP Investigators are talented and should take advantage of these opportunities
Grants Core and Office of Research Up the Hill are able to help

◊ In March, they have processed MORE grants than in any other month for the past 5 years!
Internal pilots are available for COVID from CTSI and due on April 30th. CTSI has committed $2M for 6 month awards, up to $100,000 each. Money is coming from the Moonshot initiative that:

- Contributes new knowledge that can inform the COVID-19 response and/or lay critical groundwork for subsequent research to address the COVID-19 pandemic
- Can realistically be completed in six months or less with appropriate safeguards in place
- Supports multidisciplinary collaboration
- Encourages the development or use of emerging methodologies and technologies
- Allows for rapid acquisition or analysis of proof-of-principle data to proceed with fullscale investigations
- Shows significant promise in securing external funding
Internal Pilots Continued:

- As of this weekend, over 80 internal pilots have been submitted, with over $5M requested.
- Reviews are being done now, and a special review committee has been assembled.
  - From PHHP, we have Chip Mainous, Mattia Prosperi, and Catherine Striley
- Executive Leadership of the CTSI is reviewing each one in addition: Linda Cottler and Thomas Pearson are part of that group.
Internal Pilots are not sustainable; thus, external awards are extraordinarily important

- As of Sunday evening, approximately 50 HSC proposals were logged as submitted & about 7 of them were submitted with PHHP PIs
  - Mattia Prosperi has been funded already by NSF
CTSI Funding Resource Information:

- CTSI COVID-19 Updates
NIH Funding Resource Information:

- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19): Information for NIH Applicants and Recipients of NIH Funding

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<td>Notice of Special Interest: Availability of Administrative Supplements and Competitive Revision Supplements on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) within the Mission of NIAAA</td>
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Open Mike with Dr. Michael Lauer:

- Extramural News Blog

- COVID-19 Funding and Funding Opportunities excerpt: As you can imagine, NIH is devoting significant resources to COVID-19. In addition to dedicating regularly appropriated funds, to date NIH has received emergency funding for COVID-19-related activities in two supplemental bills (available from the NIH Office of Budget website), that together provide:
  - $1.532 billion for NIAID
  - $103.4 million for NHLBI
  - $60 million for NIBIB
  - $36 million for NCATS
  - $30 million for the NIH Office of Director
  - $10 million for NIEHS
  - $10 million for NLM
COVID-19 Telehealth Program

The COVID-19 Telehealth Program will provide $200 million in funding, appropriated by Congress as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, to help health care providers deliver connected care services to patients at their homes or mobile locations in response to the novel Coronavirus 2019 disease (COVID-19) pandemic. The Program will provide immediate support to eligible health care providers responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by fully funding their telecommunications services, information services, and devices necessary to provide critical connected care services until the program’s funds have been expended or the COVID-19 pandemic has ended.

Note that the COVID-19 Telehealth Program is limited to nonprofit and public eligible health care providers that fall within the categories of health care providers in section 254(h)(7)(B) of the 1996 Act. For more information, see Question 8 of the FAQs.
ASPPH Friday Letter: COVID-19 Coverage

- Ways to gain ideas and disseminate findings (for public health departments)
- COVID-19 Coverage
- Be sure to contact PHHP’s Public Relations Director, Jill Pease, to let her know of accomplishments/news stories related to COVID
PHHP Office of Research, Conroy Smith
Sharing COVID-19 Grants & Supplement Grants:

- Yan Wang, Epidemiology
- Adam Woods, Clinical & Health Psychology
- Tara Sabo-Attwood, Environmental & Global Health
- Mattia Prosperi, Epidemiology
- Linda Cottler, Epidemiology
Questions?