Capacity Building and Sustainability: Academic Perspective

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Lesson #1

• My academic perspective is that there cannot be an academic perspective
• Capacity building requires community/partners’ buy-in
  • Bidirectional Learning
  • Shared Governance
  • Shared Vision
  • Sharing of Resources
Partnering with “The Community”

• Seek the advice of *recognized* community leaders or persons of influence

• Be intentional about leaving a community better off because of the community’s participation; what are the “give backs”? 

• “Never approach your research from a Messianic perspective”
  
  *Dr. Franklin Lance, Senior Pastor, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church*
Shared Governance

• Internal Steering Committee
  • Co-developed Mission and Vision for sustainability beyond the R24
  • Votes on new members
  • Developing bylaws, process for future MOUs

• Significant portion of funds leave the university
Lesson #2

• There must be buy in at the highest level of the academic institution
• Our R24 application had letters of support and active participation in the kick off meeting
  • University President
  • Every Dean on the campus (Pharmacy, Medicine, Nursing, Law, Social Work, Dentistry)
Sustainable University Support

• Institutional financial support and within ICTR
• Recognition of program and leaders
  • Drs. Mullins and Newhouse were co-Researchers of the Year
  • UMB Champion of Excellence and highlighted on highway billboards
  • UMB Martin Luther King Faculty Diversity Award
  • University System of Maryland Wilson H. Elkins Professorship
  • Association of Black Cardiologists’ Dr. Savage Memorial Science Award
Lesson #3

• There must be a strategic plan and diversified portfolio
  • Federal grants, PCORI, Patient Advocacy, Industry, Foundations
• Pipeline of new researchers and new mentors
  • K-Awardees
  • New courses, training opportunities
The **PATIENTS** Program New Funding

- Two methods awards
- Three pragmatic clinical trials (each > $10 Million)
- Since the original R24
  - Contributed to approximately 100 new proposals
  - Written into 80% of new proposals
  - Funded on 26 of 28 new awards
  - Seven proposals outside University of Maryland
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http://www.umaryland.edu/research/umb-research-profile/research-centers-and-institutions/cer-pcor/
PATIENTS Program Pilot Funds

Funding opportunities for **up to $5,000** to assist with pilot work towards a PCOR submission

*New targeted announcement for **three (3) awards of up to $10,000** in 2017

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