

RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 12, 2018

Place: Conference Room A324

Members present: Chair: Jeff Burgess, Melanie Bell, Kacey Ernst, Doug Taren, David Marrero, (Admin: Suzanna Trejo) (**Absent:** Cyndi Thomson)

Presenter: Nicole Yuan

1. Presentation of AIMS page

- a. Gave a verbal presentation of AIMS page

2. Comments from Committee

- a. David
 - i. Construct vs. language
 - 1. What is the need
 - ii. Urban health – segmented patterns
 - 1. Doesn't understand the terminology
 - 2. Assume that the reviewer knows nothing about your topic, get to the point upfront
 - iii. Native Americans and Alaskan Natives
 - iv. Reservation
 - 1. How it influences their access to healthcare
 - v. Migration to urban areas
 - vi. Social Capital?
 - vii. Egocentric __ data?
- b. Kacey
 - i. Start with the object upfront within the 1st line in the first paragraph
 - ii. Hypothesis – if you can have a hypothesis
 - iii. Small paragraph after AIMS covering statistics and methodology
 - iv. Focus on one area with background
- c. Melanie
 - i. Feasibility of AIMS
 - 1. Can we recruit them?
 - 2. Will they give us their data?
 - 3. Can you retain them?
 - 4. Bringing up past experience
 - ii. Tutorial for pilot studies (Melanie to FWD/send to Nicole)
- d. Doug
 - i. Hypothesis?
 - ii. HRSA vs. NIH – sounds more like a study HRSA would fund
 - iii. Background with tribe studies should be included
- e. Jeff
 - i. What is it the Tucson Indian Center wants?
 - 1. Want to know what other services to provide
 - 2. Behavior, mental health

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- f. David Marrero
 - i. Document the through put
 - ii. How many receive services already?
- g. Melanie
 - i. Need a senior (AI) investigator on the project to help support
 - 1. Nicky at NAU
 - 2. Usha Menon at Cancer Center – talk to her
- 3. **Discussion of RAC Presentations and Feedback**
 - a. Make sure that those presenting know they need to present (not a traditional review without the PI). Can send materials in
 - i. Via email
 - ii. Online
 - b. David's Note: Feedback can sound critical, but PI does not need to feel obligated to implement the suggestions

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Ensure that presenters know that they must present to the RAC committee in person
- 2. Melanie – Forward Tutorial for pilot studies to Nicole
- 3. Suzanna – send out possible dates for regular monthly meeting time and dates

REMINDER: *** Next meeting: March 29, 2018