

COVID Working Group 5/29/2020

Old business/ Updates- Dodani & Group

- We are recycling the RSF LOI for an opportunity with NIHCM (National Institute for Healthcare Management Foundation)—it is a small foundation
- Dr. Dodani also circulated a drafted Aims Page for an R01 opportunity.
- Team led by Amy is also circulating ideas for a U01 opportunity related to precision medicine. They are planning to meet next week. This is still in the brainstorming phase.

Finalize IRB protocol and questionnaires/surveys

- Josh Edwards sent out an updated protocol as well as a draft of the variable list.
- Discussion on protocol details:
 - Team decided that it would be best to expand criteria to the US as a whole (rather than limiting to Virginia).
 - We will be able to offer the surveys in Spanish as well.
 - We can plan to add the wearable data (ie: fitbit, apple watch)—Vibrent can assist with the language here.
- Discussion of incentives-
 - We could also give folks the option to donate that incentive to COVID-relief.
 - Jack Burtch mentioned a company called Rybbon (as well as a few others) that can help with electronic gift cards and/or points schemes: <https://www.rybbon.net/about/>. He will look further into these services and can provide language.
 - We should consider the total participant time needed in determining amounts.
- Josh will clean up the protocol and send out to the group.
- Everyone will be listed on the IRB application and will be approved to have access.
- We will aim to submit to IRB next week.

New R01 focused on registry and RSF study

- Dr. Dodani sent out a draft of aims, which includes the primary aim of creating the registry itself.
- Most research that has already been funded is focused on the clinical parameters, but there are a few that are focused on mental health, though they are notably different from our focus and population of interest.
- Dr. Dodani encouraged everyone to visit the links for the two R01s that are listed on the draft and consider how we may want to change our aims. Team suggested that widening the scope to the whole country, rather than just Virginia.
- We will need to communicate with the program officer to assess feasibility. IRB approval and preliminary data would really help our case.
- Sarah will set up a meeting with the program officer.

- We will change the aims to expand from Virginia to the US.
- Amira suggested taking a mixed methods approach to get some more qualitative data on experiences of health disparities. Amira can add that aim.
- Jack Burtch mentioned leveraging existing online consumer panels, which reach diverse communities. This could be another novel component. We'll need to have more discussions on how to recruit from hard-to-reach populations.

Updates on Other Ongoing Research

- HADSI is already working with Sentara on research with clinical data.
- Dr. Dodani asked if other team members had access to clinical data. Amira mentioned that GMU has free clinics that have data.
- Dr. Marik also has contacts who may have data to share.

Action Items

- Team members will review and revise the aims for Monday.
- Sarah will reach out to program officers to set up two calls. She will have carter invite everyone to the two program officer meetings.
- Sarah and Josh can create a paragraph on our request for data and share with Amira.
- Josh sill can check with Dr. Marik on the other institutions that may be involved with his work.