

Virginia COVID-19 Working Group Meeting 6/5/2020

Old business/ updates since last meeting

- Dr. Dodani has forwarded the e-mail response from Mike Grisham regarding the white paper we had sent him. Unfortunately, the state funding will not be available, and he encouraged us to submit through the normal VBHRC mechanism as a LOI for round 11 funding.

VBHRC LOI: Deadline is June 30th: <https://www.virginiacatalyst.org/apply.html>

- This funding is focused on projects that can improve the economic condition of the state or are for the economic growth of the state (ie: a product or service that can be commercialized in order to generate jobs).
- The proposal requires participation of 2 academic partners and 1 industry partner, who participates in 1:1 cost sharing.
- We have revised the LOI based on previous versions and sent to the group. However, there are some missing pieces still, particularly that Vibrent may be able to elaborate on.
- We will also need the name of a lead from GMU to list in that part.

COVID Registry IRB Update

- Everything has been submitted. CVs and CITI training certificates are still needed from PJ and Josh from Vibrent.
- At this time, the incentives section has been removed. We can always submit that as an amendment.
- Vibrent shared the informational video that will be used for the program. It is available in multiple languages and is accessibility compliant and close captioned.
- They also demonstrated the website as a part of integrated marketing strategy.
- IRB review should be expedited—likely about 1.5-2 weeks but could be sooner.
- Josh will provide survey instrumentation to Vibrent.
- Amira recommended using some of the questions they used in their national sample as well as student and healthcare worker cohorts.
- In the IRB we are stating that we would have the opportunity to follow up with sub-groups and offer them to participate in additional parts.
- Josh will send final protocol with all appendices to the group for their review.
- Next week we can discuss outreach and awareness as well as how and why participants would join the study. We will set aside 30 minutes for this, and Josh can elaborate on what we already have planned. We will also involve some of our communication folks in those conversations as well.
- We circled back to the discussion on whether to collect mobility data. PJ suggested that we encourage people to join first, and then possibly do a follow-up or sub-study that would ask if people wanted to share their mobility data. Vibrent team will set up another meeting with Brian and anyone else who would like to join. Currently, mobility has not been included in the IRB in order to expedite the process. We do

want to add those factors ultimately. Team was in agreement that it would be valuable to include.

- PJ brought forward the idea of creating a nurses or healthcare workers cohort as a possible off-shoot of Dr. diFillipi's existing work from INOVA. Mason is also working on a nurses cohort, so maybe that work could be brought together.
- Amira suggested that in the next meeting we should focus on planning and prioritization—for example, it may be most effective to start recruitment in Virginia.

R01- Group Discussion

- Today Dr. Dodani, Dr. Roess, Josh, and Sarah met to day with the scientific contact from the NIH Transformational Research Award.
- They key point in this award is research that is truly novel, pushing the envelope, etc.
- A major downside is that the funding would not be available until next summer.
- The consensus is that this opportunity is not the ideal fit for our work.
- We have a meeting next week with the PO from another opportunity focused on health disparities: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MD-20-011.html>
- Amy offered to involve their grant review group with that meeting.

Clinical COVID Data from other sources

- Amy requested a re-written blurb with more detail on the data sharing, possibly involving a secure drive where both institutions would be depositing the data.

Other

- Dr. Dodani and Amy discussed an upcoming planning call for a potential U01/U54 related to COVID-19 and cancer, focused on serology and creating a biorepository. They are doing a planning call next week. Solicitation is expected in June with a deadline of July.
- Sentara has been approached by UVA on a study of COVID-19 positive patients. Dr. Dodani has declined to join in this case.
- PJ mentioned another U54 around testing that can be discussed next week as well.

Action Items

- Dave and PJ will take a look at the VBHRC LOI and make their appropriate edits.
- Sarah will reach out to Suzanne from VBHRC to schedule a meeting. Dr. Dodani and Amy will meet with Suzanne from VBHRC to further evaluate our project.
- Sarah will provide more language for Amira regarding data sharing and security.