

**CAB Conference Call
August 26, 2021
12:00 ET
Meeting Minutes**

Participants:

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| Andrea | Jacobi Medical Center |
| Carol | Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center |
| Claire | Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health |
| Eduardo | Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health |
| Exzavia | Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center |
| Falon | University of Colorado, Denver |
| Julie H. | University of Alabama, Birmingham |
| Haleigh | FSTRF |
| Karim | Westat |
| Kimbrae | Texas Children's Hospital |
| Kylie | Texas Children's Hospital |
| Liz | Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health |
| Mandy | Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health |
| Megan | Westat |
| Stephanie S. | University of Miami |
| Vanessa | Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health |
| Veronica | University of California, San Diego |

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the July 22, 2021 call were approved with no changes.

• **PHACS CAB NEWSLETTER JULY 2021 EDITION – THANK YOU AND FEEDBACK**

Megan thanked everyone for their suggestions and submissions for the CAB newsletter.

The CAB reviewed suggested topics for the next newsletter. **Kim** mentioned the newsletter should keep including information about PHACS members. **Megan** confirmed that the next newsletter will introduce new PHACS members and include profile of **Vanessa Vassall**. **Vanessa** is the HOPE project manager.

• **HECC UPDATE & CAB FEEDBACK**

Claire talked about the HECC Core projects:

- 40th anniversary of HIV/AIDS
 - Website will house creative projects.
 - Focus on pediatric HIV. It will include how HIV affects families.

- DisCLOSURE
 - Project includes conversations with someone disclosing their HIV status and the person it was disclosed to.

- Participant Newsletter
 - Tool to maintain contact with study participants.
 - Includes updates on PHACS activities.
 - Sent in the way that is most comfortable to participants. It could be email or text.

- **Mandy** worked on graphics for the PHACS website.

- Support to investigations
 - **Peter Torre's** study about how people interpret sounds.
 - **Mandy** created three images for the study:
 - First image: Woman hearing numbers through headphones. This image portrays one of the tasks in the study.
 - Second image: Man sitting down. It portrays the impact of having challenges with communication.
 - Third image: People from different parts of the United States. Portrays that study participants come from different areas of the United States. The study results can impact people around the world.
 - **Megan** said it is important that the community support studies from the beginning.
 - Study about maternal stress during the COVID pandemic. The study will evaluate racism.
 - HECC Core will help explain to participants what geocoding is. Clear explanations to participants will allow them to make the right decisions.
 - **Kim** mentioned that racism can be experienced differently depending on the area. Also, racism affects people differently.

- Town Hall meeting about the COVID – 19 vaccine. CAB members suggested specific topics:
 - **Kim** mentioned her interest in learning about the interaction between the COVID vaccine and HIV medication. She suggested to include a discussion about side effects after the shot.
 - **Megan** ask the CAB members if they would like a discussion about vaccine research and how vaccines work. **Exzevia** agreed those topics are important. She suggested contacting Dr. Fauci.
 - **Claire** mentioned that it will be interesting to know about the mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna). That technology could be used to create an HIV vaccine.
 - **Haleigh** mentioned her interest in antibody production.

• **PLANNING FOR FALL 2021 VIRTUAL CAB RETREAT**

Megan mentioned that the in-person CAB meeting will be next year and is scheduled for May 2022. This year the CAB will hold a virtual retreat, which is scheduled for the beginning of November.

CAB suggestions for the retreat in November:

- **Kim** suggested including games during the CAB retreat. She suggested trivia related to the PHACS studies. She suggested a session about different ways to cope with stress. Also, she suggested to send CAB members a journal. The journal will contain positive thoughts from PHACS leadership.
- **Megan** suggested to include a session about self-care and self-soothing. That session could be led **Liz**.

NOTE: The next CAB call will be on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 12:00 pm ET.