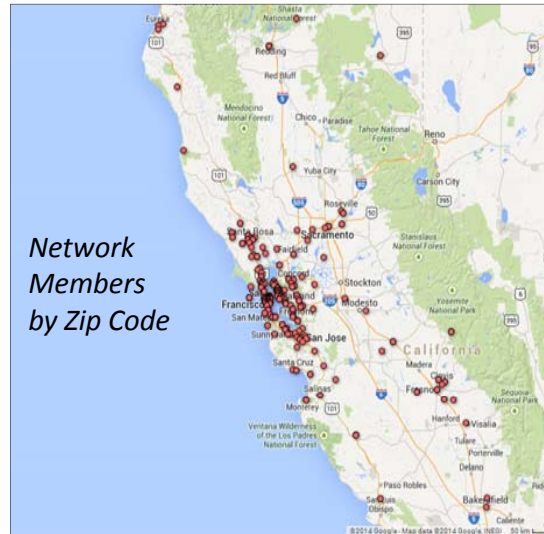


Aligning Community-Initiated Practice-Based Research: A summary of partnerships from the San Francisco Bay Area Collaborative Research Network's small grants program

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Building Community-Initiated Research

- The purpose of these small grants was to build research capacity and support the development of research partnerships between UCSF and community-based members of the SF Bay CRN. A total of \$39,000 over 3 years (2011-2013) was distributed to 10 community-based recipients working with UCSF faculty research partners
- Each small grant application needed to be submitted by a community-based member of the network who would also be the fiscal agent for the award
- Each project needed a UCSF faculty research partner attached either from the outset or through linkage from SF Bay CRN leadership
- Each community-initiated research partnership was required to summarize their work and given the opportunity to participate in a group consultation with the SF Bay CRN Steering Committee to obtain guidance and consider opportunities to sustain the partnership



Research Partnership Grantees

- Study of HIV Sonoma County Transition: **HIV Healthcare Network**, UCSF School of Pharmacy
- Implementation and Evaluation at **Contra Costa Regional Medical Center**, UCSF School of Dentistry
- Developing a Clinical Research Infrastructure for Early Childhood Mental Health: **Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland**, UCSF SFGH
- AsthmaMD Android App Development: **Tri-Valley Pediatrics**, UCSF School of Medicine
- Patient Goals Project: **Integrative Medical Clinic Foundation**, UCSF School of Medicine
- HCV Support & Education Group: **Housing and Urban Health Clinic**, UCSF School of Nursing
- A New Model of Obstetrical Care: **Marin Community Clinics**, **Prima Medical Foundation**, UCSF School of Medicine
- Pre-experience Perceptions about Telehealth: **API Wellness Center**, UCSF School of Medicine
- Partnering to Increase Breastfeeding Exclusivity: **CARECEN**, UCSF School of Medicine
- CREATE Curriculum: **TEACH Program**, UCSF School of Medicine

Research Partnership Feedback

Through the collaborative work with SF Bay CRN, our agency has gained significant and important information about our patients and their views on emerging and innovative service delivery models in primary care settings.

– API Wellness Center grantee

Great advice from the group [consultation] about [our] next steps, and possible future collaborators. – UCSF School of Pharmacy research faculty

The team was excellent to work with and gave us significant and crucial feedback on our work. – Prima Medical Foundation grantee

This was a strong match for me from a clinical and research interest, as well as community. – UCSF School of Nursing research faculty

I credit our CRN grant with getting our hospital-based research & evaluation program off the ground. Although it was a small amount of money, it paid off substantially for us through the sharing of ideas, support with problem-solving technical issues, connections that were initiated with faculty, and simply receiving the encouragement to keep pursuing our goals.

– Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland grantee

Sample Network Statistics

- **1650 Individual Members**
- **Types of Settings**
 - 38% Community health centers
 - 28% University based practice
 - 15% Private practice
 - 4% VA/military practice
- **Professional Disciplines of Respondents**
 - 70% Medicine
 - 14% Pharmacy
 - 10% Nursing
 - 4% Dentistry
 - 2% Other

Partnership Outcomes

- 80% continued their work together on the pilot scope or on a new iteration of the project
- 3 partnerships received additional funding (CTSI, Foundation and CDC funds)
- 3 groups are working on manuscripts for publication
- 5 groups reported local improvements in care related to their partnerships

Conclusions

A small grants program focused on self-identified interests and needs of community-based clinical leaders can help nurture productive practice-based research.

The success of this model deserves ongoing examination with particular attention to sustainability of the small grants program and the partnerships initiated.