

**Council on Research and Evaluation (CORE) Meeting**  
September 10, 2020

**Notes**

**Attendees: 25 total attendees**

Ronda provided an overall introduction of the Agenda.

**AUCD Updates (15 minutes)**

- **Research Roundup (Luis Valdez):** Described the overarching process: Each quarter AUCD network centers and members submit their research through the research submission form online to be developed soon. This will be used to create infographics of network research. Luis asked people to volunteer to be reviewers to help AUCD narrow down which articles to convert into an infographic. Randall Owen described the criteria for reviewing research. Reviewers will fill out a short survey that allows them to rate the research. Christine from Ohio asked that all files and products be made fully accessible for people with all types of learning styles and reading abilities. Randall says that they will work very hard to make the research very understandable by working with a graphic designer who will make it understandable by all audiences. Please reach out to Luis Valdez ([lvaldez@aucd.org](mailto:lvaldez@aucd.org)) if interested in serving on the review committee.
- **Knowledge Translation (Randall Owen):** The Knowledge Translation Project will include infographics but also other formats to present research results that come out of the network. Randall will be working with AUCD to identify and translate the network research. He worked with Luis to go through NIRS over the past two years to identify specific topics. Please reach out to Randall Owen ([randall.owen@gmail.com](mailto:randall.owen@gmail.com)) if you have ideas for which national organization with grassroots presence in states would make for a good partner for AUCD to organizationally align with in terms of partnerships to reach non-disability audiences with AUCD network research.
- **Annual Conference and CORE meeting (Ronda Jenson):** Ronda reviewed the annual meeting, which will be virtual this year. CORE will meet Wednesday, December 9 at 1:45 EST. Attendees will need to be registered for the conference in order to attend the CORE meeting. The Council meetings will have closed captioning and sign language and the virtual platform is screen reader accessible, which provides another layer of accessibility. The rate for the conference registration is lower than it typically would be. Dawn Rudolph provided the conference registration page with rates: <https://www.aucd.org/conference/template/page.cfm?id=50247>

**DD Network Journal and CORE (15 minutes) (Ronda Jenson).** This is still an opportunity for CORE members. This is a special issue focused on UCEDD responses to COVID.

- **Updates on manuscript preparation:** 12 abstracts were submitted to the Journal. Two abstracts were submitted by CORE subcommittees. CORE will review these abstracts just to provide feedback. These two CORE Abstracts address: 1) PAR and how you do it in a COVID world (Kaitlyn Ahlers leads); 2) ethics and consent issues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ronda explained that CORE members can still submit articles even if they have not submitted an abstract.
- Due dates: November 30, 2020.
- Call for reviewers: Ronda will be reaching out to CORE members to review manuscripts.

- Editorial: CORE will write an editorial. If you want to be a part of this, contact Ronda.

#### **Network Activities and Updates** (15 minutes) (Facilitated discussion)

- CORE members share updates, questions, requests for feedback, call for collaborators, etc
    - Research and evaluation activities related to COVID-19
    - Upcoming proposals and/or activities needing collaborators
- There is a PCORI grant about health care transition for young adults with IDD and special health care needs. PCORI's interest is in having a comparative study. The link to the RFP is: <https://www.pcori.org/funding-opportunities/announcement/broad-pcori-funding-announcements-cycle-3-2020>. Ronda proposes that this is perhaps a good opportunity for CORE members to partner given the broad geographic areas, populations served, and areas of expertise. Send Ronda an email if you are interested in learning more. Anne Harris says that this is could build on the ACL grants focused on transition planning. Iowa and Wisconsin both have ACL grants focused on healthcare transition. Rodney and George commented on the overall difficulty of writing and getting PCORI grants. Dawn indicated that AUCD sees the PCORI announcement as a good fit for network members and is happy to support applications.

#### **Planning for Annual Conference Meeting** (15 minutes)

- Brainstorm ways of engaging the CORE membership and topics – did not have much of an opportunity to delve into this agenda item. Will circle back to this in preparation for the annual meeting. **However, Ronda would love to get comments about ways to engage the CORE membership and potential topics for the AUCD Conference in December.**

#### **CORE SMART Goals (2019-2020)**

1. Pilot the project with one trainee identified at the 2019 AUCD Annual Conference for a one-year term.
2. Hold Webinars/Webinar series as the first step to provide information and opportunities for collaboration with other Centers and Programs
3. Ensure the smooth communication across interested individuals/groups that are currently working towards increasing the dialogue and shaping perspectives/narratives with respect to the disability communities and advances in medical interventions and scientific findings by providing a means to coordinate bandwidth and potential deliverables.
4. Collaborative opportunities will primarily serve to develop the research and evaluation capacity of the AUCD network.
5. Collect information annually to inform and guide the CORE focus areas each year forward following 2019.