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TITLE

Best Practices - Community Advisory Boards for Effective and Impactful Community-Engaged Research

ABSTRACT

Objectives: Create an evidence-based resource for the Stanford Medicine community to identify best practices for the development, implementation, and evaluation of community advisory boards (CABs) for effective and impactful community-engaged research.

Methods: Relevant articles and resources were identified via PubMed and Google Scholar searches. The 7-page synthesis includes an introduction to community engagement and CABs to support research. Findings were organized into four main sections: development, implementation, evaluation, and additional resources.

Results:

Development - It is important to identify individuals who will serve as backbone staff. These staff may initiate member recruitment while considering their selection criteria and will support during all levels of CAB operations. Once further established, CAB members may take on leadership roles.

Implementation - It is recommended that CAB members participate in a new member orientation and trainings to better understand community-engaged research and ethical considerations. Things to consider when implementing a CAB include member term lengths, meeting schedule and logistics, facilitation, payments/incentives, and communication strategies.

Evaluation - It is critical to incorporate evaluation activities throughout the cycle of a CAB to measure the effectiveness of CAB activities and its impact. These may include member satisfaction surveys, post-training surveys, and consultation satisfaction surveys.

Recommendations: The best practices identified in the synthesis can be disseminated to partners interested in engaging other academic and community members for the development of their own CAB or those seeking consultations from an existing CAB.

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