Fostering NIMH APC and CFAR Collaborations to Advance Science to Practice

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Overview

• What did NIMH hope would happen?

• What has happened (*no spoilers)?

• How does this collaboration fit in the larger NIMH Division of AIDS Research scientific agenda?
The mission of the NIMH-funded APC program is to support cross-cutting, interdisciplinary research at the intersection of mental health and HIV/AIDS, particularly science that advances the understanding, prevention, and treatment of HIV-associated morbidity.

- Broad research areas include: basic, applied, clinical, translational and implementation science.
- Thematic areas: behavioral aspects of HIV prevention, care and treatment, policy research, community-based research and mobilization, training and local partnerships.
The Implementation Gap

Interventions proven effective in clinical and controlled research settings

Successful delivery on the ground to communities most in need
What has happened so far?

• Series of meetings, starting broad and becoming more focused

• APC-1:
  ■ Establish collaborations through formative research efforts

• APC-2:
  ■ Advancing the intervention development pipeline to address gaps in the treatment cascade

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Discovery, Development, and Testing of Novel Interventions to Advance HIV Prevention and Care

- New Intervention Approaches
- Structural and Cultural Barriers
- Mediators/Moderators

Advancing the Impact of Effective HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment Interventions

- MSM
- Adolescents
- Ethnic Minorities
- Cultural components
- International
- Active Ingredients
- Principles
- Validation

- Rapid Uptake
- Capacity Building
- Engagement in Communities
- Partnerships: PEPFAR, CDC, USAID
- QA/QC
Priorities for Division of AIDS

- HIV Care Continuum relevant research
  - Longitudinal studies of pathways in and out of the care continuum
  - Care integration especially care for co-morbid medical and social service needs
  - Implementation science to address systems-level factors to enhance adoption, uptake and sustainability

- Combination Prevention, Social Determinants of HIV, Adherence
THANK YOU!

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