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Rationale for SPRC

• History of racism endured by racially and ethnically diverse communities in the past, i.e. Lacks and Tuskegee
  • Created suspicion among these community
  • Affects their willingness to participate in biomedical/clinical research
• Difficult to make results from research studies applicable to these communities
What is SPRC?

- Science Participation Resource Center
  - Goal: Increase participation of under-represented communities in clinical research
    - Under-represented: LGBT, ethnic/racial minorities, elderly, youth
  - Partnered with local community organizations to create a two way bridge between the academic and community worlds
  - Community Advisory Board (CAB) created to help strengthen relationships
Community Engagement

• Research forums/ focus groups throughout the year to increase research literacy
  • Encourage dialogue and build trust
• Conquering Diseases outreach
  • Volunteer registry encourages individuals to participate in research studies at UMass

Community Engagement (cont’d)

• Public Media
  • Telegram & Gazette
• Community Forums
• Focus groups
  • Moderated by Community Representatives
Cultural Competency

- Number of barriers that lead to lack of participation
  - Informed consent process
- SCRIIP TT was created to help find a way to break down these barriers, starting with our own research staff here at UMass
SCRIIPTT

- **Simulation-based Community-engaged Research Intervention for Informed Consent Protocol Testing and Training**
- **Goal:** develop culturally and linguistically appropriate approaches to the informed consent process
- **Collaboration between community members and UMass faculty**
Background of SCRIIPPTT

• Community members and faculty came together and created a 37-item checklist to train Research Assistants (RA)
  • 79% is the minimum passing score and no Core Item
• RAs were then trained on in the informed consent process, focusing on:
  • Communities of color
  • Cultural implications
  • Delivering feedback
Use of Simulation

• RAs used simulation centers to practice encounters using the techniques they learned
  • Community members were trained to act as potential research participants
• Additional community members and faculty observed via video and rated the RAs performance using the 37-item checklist
Deliberate Practice

- Deliberate practice: repetitive performance
  - Used after each encounter (total of 3)
- All observers gave feedback to the RA on their performance
- RAs used the feedback to improve on their performance while in deliberate practice
End Result

- 13 RAs were trained
- 4 did not meet the minimum passing score (79%) and were invited to come back for more deliberate practice
- All improved dramatically, compared to their baseline data
Hopes for the Future

• These results are a glimpse of how successful deliberate practice can be
• Community-engaged methods and medical simulation are novel ideas
• Simulation centers provide a safe environment for learning
Consultation Service

- UMass staff and community members meet with UMass research study teams
  - Advise with recruitment and retention strategy of under-represented populations
    - Technical support from UMass Team
    - Community feedback from network of community groups
    - Direct linking with community partners
  - Open to researchers across UMass’ Network
Consultation Service: Scope

- Assist a Research Team with development of recruitment and retention protocols from inception to application
- Assist a Research Team with evaluation and adjustment of existing recruitment and retention protocols
- Offer outsourcing connections when research team is in need and within ability to include in their budget
- Our team can engage with research team and recruiting/retention agency to offer guidance based on planned recruitment and retention protocols
  - This may include training for research team and agency
- Follow up over time to aide in process of protocol application with research team and agency
Upcoming Events

• Presentation at Northeastern on May 19\textsuperscript{th} to present on the work of SCRIIPTT
• Forum on May 31\textsuperscript{st} at Booth Housing Development
• Focus groups with African communities, i.e. Ghanaian and Liberian communities
Questions?