HPTN-061 Black Caucus Update

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Black Caucus

- **Each site represented**
  - 1-2 two site representatives
  - Special content area experts

- **Work Plan**
  - 5 – areas established with benchmark goals

- **Monthly Conference calls**
  - Every 2\textsuperscript{nd} Tuesday of the Month (General / Work plan leaders)

- **Direct Co-PI Access**
  - Dr. Darrell Wheeler
Area 1: Scientific and Community Expertise

- **Black MSM CBO and investigator presence**
  - On going representation/consultation
    - Son of 061, PrEP, Co-chairs, National Meetings, Community Relationships

- **Resource Guide**
  - **RES**ource Troubleshooting (REST) Guide
  - A Report on Challenges and Strategies for Linking HPTN 061 Participants to Community Resources
    - Housing
    - Employment and Education
    - Social Support & Social Services
    - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
    - HIV and STI Treatment Services
Area 2: Study Implementation - *Cultural*

- **Cultural SWOT**
  - Conducted at each site
  - Results have been analyzed
  - Will serve as the basis for cultural competency training curriculum/workshop

- **Black Caucus member site Presence**
  - Each site has Black Caucus member representation
  - Day to Day onsite operations and relevance
    - Conduct cross site monitoring
    - Identify culturally relevant best practices
    - Identify areas for improvement
Area 3: Data Analysis, Interpretation and Dissemination

- Conference Abstracts – Dissemination
  - January 2011 – NAESM Meeting (Workshop & Plenary)
  - August 2011 – CDC HIV Prevention (2 Oral Presentations)
  - October 2011 – APHA Conference (1 Poster)

- Black Paper
  - Development of the Black Caucus
    - Draft is completed – Being reviewed

- Data Analysis, Interpretation
  - Talks with SCHARP
  - Qualitative Working Group
  - HPTN-061 Publication Committee
Area 4: Technical Assistance

- Community Engagement
  - Ongoing representation and consultation
  - Cross network consultation and assistance
  - On going collaboration with FHI / CWG

- Cultural Competence
  - Workshop
    - Multicultural competencies such as cultural awareness, knowledge, and skills in working with Black MSM communities

- Ensure Cultural sensitivity
  - Staff recruitment
  - Conflict resolution and mediation
  - Quarterly site survey of front line workers
Area 5: Retention Plan Implementation

- **Retention Plan Retreat: December 2010**
  - Where are the *BROTHERS* – Released March 8, 2011
  - [http://www.hptn.org/research_studies/HPTN061StudyDocuments.asp#BlackCaucus](http://www.hptn.org/research_studies/HPTN061StudyDocuments.asp#BlackCaucus)

- **Recommendations Prioritized**
  - Immediately applicable
  - Requiring central coordination
  - Future study implementation

- **Monthly Retention call established**
  - 4th Wednesday of the Month at 4 PM EST
### Black Caucus Members

- **Boston / Fenway** - Ben Perkins  
- **Boston / Fenway** - Yovannys Kenney  
- **Emory/NAESM / ATL** - Rudy Carn  
- Emory – Dr. Lawrence Bryant  
- Emory – Jermel Wallace  
- GWU - Christopher Watson  
- HPTN Core / FHI - Jonathan Lucas  
- Legacy – Damon Humes  
  - Boris Powell  
- Legacy - S. Wakefield  
- NY – Irvin Parker IV  
- NY – Craig Hutchinson  
- QWG / Binghamton – Dr. Leo Wilton  

- **SFDPH** – Mathew Sanchez  
- **SFDPH** – Jaymie Campbell  
  - Dr. Michael Arnold  
- Social Science – Dr. Sheldon Fields – Black Caucus Chair  
- Study Co-chair / NY – Dr. Darrell Wheeler  
- UCLA - Christopher Hucks-Ortiz  
- UCLA - Gregory Victorianne  

- HPTN Scholars  
- Dr. LaRon Nelson  
- Dr. Russell Brewer
Thank you / Contact Information

- **HPTN, & 061 Co-Chairs**
  - Sten Vermund: Principal Investigator, HPTN
  - Quarraisha Abdool Karim: Co-Principal Investigator, HPTN
  - Wafaa El-Sadr: HPTN Domestic Prevention Project Leader
  - Beryl Koblin: HPTN 061 Protocol Co-Chair
  - Kenneth H. Mayer: HPTN 061 Protocol Co-Chair
  - Darrell P. Wheeler: HPTN 061 Protocol Co-Chair

- **FHI**
  - Kathy Hinson, Sarah Artis, & Jonathan Lucas

- **Questions / Feedback**
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