2023 RCMI CONSORTIUM NATIONAL CONFERENCE
April 12-14, 2023 | Bethesda Marriott Hotel in Bethesda, MD | #RCMIconf

RCMI CONSORTIUM GOAL STATEMENT

The RCMI Coordinating Center works closely with key personnel at all RCMI Specialized Centers and with NIMHD staff to help the centers collectively achieve their objectives to: (1) enhance institutional research capacity within the areas of basic biomedical, behavioral, and/or clinical research; (2) enable all levels of investigators to become more successful in obtaining competitive extramural support, especially from NIH, particularly on diseases that disproportionately impact minority and other health disparity populations; (3) foster environments conducive to career enhancement with a special emphasis on development of early career investigators; (4) enhance the quality of all scientific inquiry and promote research on minority health and health disparities; and (5) establish sustainable relationships with community-based organizations that partner with RCMI Centers.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE ANNUAL GRANTEES CONFERENCE

The RCMI Program Grantees Conference will bring together RCMI U54 PI/PDs and other senior scientists from each site, research project leaders, pilot project awardees, key community partners, and NIH staff to exchange information and discuss opportunities for collaboration and strategies for solving shared challenges in: (1) project administration and coordination among sites; (2) research resources to support scientific and multi-site projects; (3) early-stage investigator development and mentoring; and (4) community engagement.
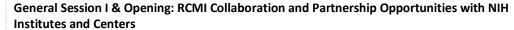
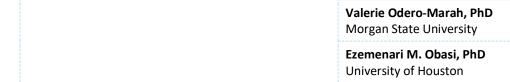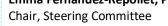| Wednesday, April 12, 2023		
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM (3hrs) *Grand Ballroom*	**General Session I & Opening: RCMI Collaboration and Partnership Opportunities with NIH Institutes and Centers** **Overarching Goal:** NIH Directors and COSWD describe priorities to address workforce diversity and collaborative research on health disparities. Discuss successful initiatives and opportunities for the RCMI Consortium. **Specific Aims / Objectives:** 1. Describe priorities for the NIMHD and the Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity (COSWD) 2. Share successful collaborative research on health disparities 3. Discuss how the RCMI Consortium can support and advance the priorities of NIMHD, COSWD, NIGMS, NHLBI, NIDA, and NCI.	
	Moderators	**Brian M. Rivers, PhD, MPH** Morehouse School of Medicine
		Valerie Odero-Marah, PhD Morgan State University
		Ezemenari M. Obasi, PhD University of Houston
	Welcome & Introduction of the RCMI Consortium	**Elizabeth O. Ofili, MD, MPH** Contact PI RCMI Coordinating Center
		Emma Fernández-Repollet, PhD Chair, Steering Committee

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	Opening Remarks	**Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, MD** Director National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)
	NIH Workforce Diversity Initiatives and Funding Opportunities	**Marie Bernard, MD** Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity
	National Institute of General Medical Sciences	**Jon R. Lorsch, PhD** Director National Institute of General Medical Sciences
	National Heart Lung and Blood Institute	**Gary H. Gibbons, MD** Director National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
	National Institute on Drug Abuse	**Wilson Compton, MD, MPE** Deputy Director National Institute on Drug Abuse
	National Cancer Institute	**Douglas R. Lowy, MD** Principal Deputy Director National Cancer Institute
	Panel Discussion & Moderated Q&A	
	Closing	**Brian M. Rivers, PhD, MPH** Morehouse School of Medicine
		Valerie Odero-Marah, PhD Morgan State University
		Ezemenari M. Obasi, PhD University of Houston

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11:15 AM – 12:45 PM (1 hr, 30 mins) *Grand Ballroom*	**General Session II: Roundtable Discussion** **Overarching Goal:** RCMI Investigators and collaborators share successes in COVID-19 Clinical trials and opportunity for innovation in dissemination and implementation science. **Specific Aims / Objectives:** 1. Describe the NIH RECOVER initiative and best practices in recruiting and retaining diverse patients. 2. Share lessons learned in recruiting diverse patients in the TRialNet Type 1 Diabetes Study. 3. Describe NHLBI priorities for the Center for Translational Research and Implementation Science (CITRIS) 4. Share use case of research implementation in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) 5. Propose a RCMI wide Planning Conference (U13) on Obesity translational research.	
	Moderators	**Noreen Mokuau, DSW** University of Hawaii, Manoa
		Samuel E. Adunyah, PhD Meharry Medical College
		Jay Vadgama, PhD Charles Drew University
	NIH RECOVER -Best Practices in Recruiting and Retaining Diverse Participants	**Priscilla Pemu, MD, MS** Morehouse School of Medicine
	TrialNet Type 1 Diabetes - Engaging and Enrolling Diverse Participants	**Linda DiMeglio, MD** Indiana University
	NHLBI: Center for Translational Research and Implementation Science	**Xinzhi Zhang, MD, PhD** NHLBI
	Best Practices in FQHCs Partnering in Dissemination and Implementation	**Michelle Brown, MPH** CEO Morehouse Choice Accountable Care Organization (FQHCs)
	Proposed RCMI Consortium Conference Planning (U13) on Obesity Translational Research	**Cheryl Franklin, MD** Morehouse School of Medicine
	Panel Discussion & Moderated Q&A	**Noreen Mokuau, DSW** University of Hawaii, Manoa
		Samuel E. Adunyah, PhD Meharry Medical College
		Jay Vadgama, PhD Charles Drew University

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1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (3hrs) *Grand Ballroom*	**General Session III: RCMI U54 Centers Presentation Session I**	
	Moderators	**Larissa Aviles-Santa, MD** NIMHD
		Nathan Stinson, PhD, MD NIMHD
		Omonike Olaleye, PhD, MPH (PI) Texas Southern University
		Gene D'Amour, PhD (PI) Xavier University of Louisiana
	RCMI Center Presentation-01 **Howard University**	**William Southerland, PhD (PI)**
		Tsang-Wei Tu, PhD
	RCMI Center Presentation-02 **Morgan State University**	**Valerie Odero-Marah**
		Nicole Arnold, PhD
	RCMI Center Presentation-03 **Morehouse School of Medicine**	**Vincent C. Bond, PhD (PI)**
		Amina Isom, MPH
		Arletha W. Lizana, PhD, MPH
		Gilberte ("Gigi") Bastien, PhD
	RCMI Center Presentation-04 **Meharry Medical College**	**Samuel E. Adunyah, PhD (PI)**
		James E.K. Hildreth, Sr., MD, PhD (MPI)
		Muthukumar Balasubramaniam, PhD
	RCMI Center Presentation-05 **University of Hawaii at Manoa**	**Jerris Hedges, MD, MPH (PI)**
		Noreen Mokuau, DSW
		Gehan Devendra, MD
		Juwon Park, PhD
	RCMI Center Presentation-06 **Charles R. Drew University**	**Jay Vadgama, PhD (PI)**
		Yanyuan Wu, MD
	RCMI Center Presentation-07 **Florida International University**	**Eric Wagner, PhD (PI)**
		Diana Azzam, PhD
		Elena Cyrus, PhD, MPH
	RCMI Center Presentation-08 **North Carolina Central University**	**Deepak Kumar, PhD (PI)**
		Cherise Harrington, PhD
		Rob Onyenwoke, PhD

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	RCMI Center Presentation-09 **University of Houston**	**Ezemenari M. Obasi, PhD (PI)**
		Chakema Carmack, PhD
		Meghana Trivedi, PhD, PharmD
		Rob Shimko, PhD
	RCMI Center Presentation-10 **University of California, Riverside**	**David Lo, PhD (PI)**
		Kalina Michalska, PhD
	Closing	**Larissa Aviles-Santa, MD**
		Nathan Stinson, PhD, MD
		Omonike Olaleye, PhD, MPH (PI) Texas Southern University
		Gene D'Amour, PhD (PI) Xavier University of Louisiana

4:15 PM – 5:45 PM (1hr, 30mins) *Congressional and Senate Suites*	**Networking Poster Session 1 & Exhibits**

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7:00 AM – 8:00 AM (1 hr) *Congressional and Senate Suites*	**Networking Poster Session 1 & Exhibits**

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM (1 hr) *Merle Thorpe – 15th Floor*	**RCMI Principal Investigators and Program Directors Meeting** *[CLOSED]*	
		William M. Southerland, PhD Howard University
		Julie Baldwin, PhD Northern Arizona University

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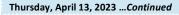
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (2 hrs) **Grand Ballroom**	General Session IV: RCMI Consortium Program Evaluation Overarching Goal: **The primary goal of the RCMI Coordinating Center's Evaluation is to assess increased scientific and community collaborations, scientific productivity, development of new and early-stage investigators, and engagement of diverse group of scientists in mitigating health disparities.** **The RCMI Tracking and Evaluation Consortium worked to achieve consensus on best practices for evaluation, standardization, and harmonizing evaluation data across the U54 RCMI programs, establish common metrics for evaluation, and provide input into the design and development of a centralized database management system to streamline the collection, management, analysis, and reporting of evaluative data for the U54 RCMI programs and the Coordinating Center.** Specific Aims/Objectives 1. **Present RCMI External Evaluation by NIMHD.** 2. **Updates on Common Metrics, Common Data Elements, and Data Collection and Management.** 3. **Present RCMI Consortium Profiles At-a-Glance** 4. **Demonstrate RCMI Consortium Data Collection Process**	
	Moderators	**Rina Das, PhD** NIMHD
		Jay Vadgama, PhD (PI) Charles R. Drew University of Medical Sciences
	Update on RCMI Program Evaluation by NIMHD	**Alexis Helsel, PhD, MPH** Director of Research and Evaluation at Ripple Effect
	Q&A	
	RCMI Consortium Common Metrics and Data Standards	**Daniel F.K. Sarpong, PhD** Multi PI, RCMI-Coordinating Center Executive Director, Office of Health Equity Research Yale School of Medicine
	RCMI Consortium Profiles At-a-Glance	**Mohamad Malouhi** Senior Software Engineer Morgan State University
		Ernest Alema-Mensah, PhD Morehouse School of Medicine
		Timothy Obialo RedCap Implementation, BIU Morehouse School of Medicine
	Demonstration of RCMI Consortium Process to Implement Common data Elements and Data Collection Process	**Daniel F.K. Sarpong, PhD** Multi PI, RCMI-Coordinating Center
		Alexander Quarshie, MD, MS Director, Biomedical Informatics Morehouse School of Medicine

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		Helen Tyree RedCap Implementation, BIU Morehouse School of Medicine
	Q&A	
	Closing	**Rina Das, PhD** NIMHD
		Jay Vadgama, PhD (PI) Charles R. Drew University of Medical Sciences
10:15 AM – 12:15 PM **(2 hrs)**	**Concurrent Workshop Session I**	
10:15 AM – 12:15 PM **(2 hrs)** *Bethesda/Potomac*	**Concurrent Session I-A: Investigator Development Consortium Workshop: Kick Starting Inter-Institutional Pilot Projects with New RCMI-CC Resources** **Overarching Goal:** Enrich the professional development and career advancement of post-doctoral fellows, early-stage investigators, and mid-career investigators at RCMI grantee institutions. **Specific Aims/objectives:** 1. Introduce and demonstrate RCMI-CC resources available to initiate and foster inter-institutional collaborations and mentorship. 2. Kickstart in real-time potential collaborations, through interactive work groups, on ways for building scientific, professional, and ethical mentoring relationships. 3. Explore best practices for mentoring the mentors as it applies to enhance IDC program outcome	
	Moderator	**Monica Carson, PhD** IDC Director University of California, Riverside
	Welcome and Workshop Overview	**Vivek R. Nerurkar, PhD** MPI, RCMI Coordinating Center IDC Consortium Director
	Demonstration of tools - MPI Finder and PROFILES Database MPI Finder Onsite Information	**Pamela Bullard** Project Support Associate, Ola Hawaii Administrative Coordinator, RCMI CC - IDC Consortium, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii at Manoa
	Investigator Research Webinars and Research Studio: Process for Assisting MPI and Collaborators with Development of RCMI CC Clinical Research Pilot Project, Program Grant Proposal	**Sandra P. Chang, PhD** University of Hawaii at Manoa
	Biostatistical Support for the Development of RCMI CC Clinical Research Pilot Project Program Grant Proposal	**Yan Yan Wu, PhD** University of Hawaii at Manoa
	Introduction of Thematic Tables to Address Individual Goals Regarding Networking and Mentorship	**Georges Haddad, PhD** Director IDC Howard University

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	Closing	**Vivek R. Nerurkar, PhD** MPI, RCMI Coordinating Center IDC Consortium Director
10:15 AM – 12:15 PM (2 hrs) *Rockville/Chevy Chase*	**Concurrent Session I-B: Community Engagement and Evaluation Consortium Workshop** **Overarching Goal:** Promote and strengthen academic and community partnerships in effectively supporting clinical and translational research that addresses diseases that disproportionately RCMI-communities exchange knowledge, skills, and resources. **Specific Aims/Objectives:** 1. Share community engagement transfer employed in underserved communities and communities of color. 2. Discuss effective strategies and approaches in promoting meaningful collaboration between investigators and the community – Academic-Community Research Partnership 3. Share lessons learned and best practices during the COVID-19 pandemic. 4. Discuss metrics for evaluating Community Outreach and Engagement Cores.	
	Moderator	**Antoinette Percy-Laurry, DrPH, MSPH** Health Scientist Administrator NIMHD
	Welcome and Workshop Overview	**Daniel F.K. Sarpong, PhD** Multi PI, RCMI-Coordinating Center Executive Director, Office of Health Equity Research Yale School of Medicine
	Section I: *Gallery Walk of RCMI CECs – Poster Presentation of RCMI CECs, highlighting target population and 1-2 Signature Programs.*	**Daniel F.K. Sarpong, PhD** Multi PI, RCMI-Coordinating Center Executive Director, Office of Health Equity Research Yale School of Medicine
	Section II: *Roundtable Discussions (2 Rounds)* *Academic-Community Research Partnership* *Lessons Learned and Best Practices during the COVID-19 pandemic*	**Tandeca King Gordon, EdD** Morehouse School of Medicine
	Section III: *CEC Evaluation: Discussion of Common Metrics*	**Antoinette Percy-Laurry, DrPH, MSPH** Health Scientist Administrator NIMHD
	Wrap-up and Next Steps	**Daniel F.K. Sarpong, PhD** Multi PI, RCMI-Coordinating Center Executive Director, Office of Health Equity Research Yale School of Medicine

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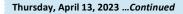| Thursday, April 13, 2023 ...Continued		
10:15 AM – 12:15 PM (2 hrs) *Salon E*	**Concurrent Session I-C: Administrators Workshop: RCMI Data Collection Demo; Profiles and PubMed How-To** **Overarching Goal**: Engage consortium wide RCMI U54 Center Administrators to share best practices on effective research administration and research compliance, including from the perspective of NIH and NIMHD sponsors. Optimize data collection for reporting and evaluation of U54 Centers. **Specific Aims/Objectives:** 1. Understand NIH/NIMHD Sponsor approach to best practices in research administration. 2. Optimize data collection for reporting and evaluation of U54 Centers. 3. Provide fiscal and administration session for program managers and research administrators of the RCMI consortium.	
	Moderators	**Geannene Trevillion, CRA, CPRA** Project Director Morehouse School of Medicine
		SeTonia Cook Financial Grants Administrator, Senior Meharry Medical College
	Budget Development	**Tamara V. Hall PhD, CRA** Associate Vice President, Research Operations, Morehouse School of Medicine
	NIH Grant Overview	**Sy Shackelford** NIMHD Grants Office
	PubMed	**Stacey McRae** Program Manager Howard University
	Q&A	
	Closing	**Geannene Trevillion, CRA, CPRA** Project Director Morehouse School of Medicine
		SeTonia Cook Financial Grants Administrator, Senior Meharry Medical College

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10:15 AM – 12:15 PM (2 hrs) *PK Hill/Kensington*	**Concurrent Session I-D: Research Infrastructure Consortium Workshop** **Overarching Goal:** To facilitate communication about core facilities at U54 RCMI Centers to enhance effectiveness and efficiency of core facilities. **Specific Aims:** 1. Share up-to-date information and highlight novel technological developments and their application to innovative research aimed at improving minority health and reducing and/or eliminating health disparities 2. Discuss issues and best practices in core facilities management and operations 3. Share practical information to enhance the optimization and implementation of technologies and techniques within core facility and biomolecular laboratory settings. 4. Brainstorm strategic solutions to challenges and impediments to the cost-effective management of RIC/RCC facilities.	
	Moderators	**James Wachira, PhD** Leader, RCMI Research Infrastructure Core Morgan State University
		Renato Aguilera, PhD Leader, RCMI Research Infrastructure Core University of Texas El Paso
		Kinfe K. Redda, PhD Leader, Research Infrastructure Core Florida A&M University
		Cimona Hinton, PhD Leader, RCMI Research Infrastructure Core Clark Atlanta University
		Robert Trotter, PhD Leader, RCMI Research Capacity Core Northern Arizona University
	Welcome and Workshop Overview	**Paul B. Tchounwou, ScD** Multi PI, RCMI-Coordinating Center Dean, School of Computer, Mathematical & Natural Sciences, Morgan State University

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	Breaking Down Barriers: Improving Access to Cryo-Electron Microscopy	
	Moderator	**James Wachira, PhD** Leader, RCMI Research Infrastructure Core Morgan State University
	Presenter	**Jana Ognjenovic, PhD** Senior Scientist & Group Leader Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research. National Institutes of Health
	Q&A	
	Quantitative Proteomic Approach to Identify Markers of Chronic Kidney Disease in Sickle Cell Disease Patients	**Renato Aguilera, PhD** Leader, RCMI Research Infrastructure Core University of Texas El Paso
		Sergei Nekhai, PhD Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Medicine Director of Basic Science Core, DC Center for AIDS Research Howard University
	Multiomics Approaches to Elucidate the Health Disparities in Human Diseases	**Kinfe K. Redda, PhD** Professor Emeritus & Leader, Research Infrastructure Core Florida A&M University
		Kumaraswamy Naidu Chitrala, PhD Assistant Professor, Department of Engineering Technology, College of Technology University of Houston
	Break	

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	Panel Discussion on Challenges, Solutions, and Best Practices for Improving Operational Efficiency and Cost-Effective Management of RIC/RCC Facilities	
	Moderators:	**Cimona Hinton, PhD** Leader, RCMI Research Infrastructure Core Clark Atlanta University
		Robert Trotter, PhD Leader, RCMI Research Capacity Core Northern Arizona University
	Panelists:	**Benjamin Fogelgren, PhD** Professor & Leader, RCMI Research Infrastructure Core University of Hawaii at Manoa
		Fatima C. Merchant, PhD Leader, RCMI Research Capacity Core University of Houston
		Abiel Roche-Lima, PhD Leader, RCMI Research Capacity Core University of Puerto Rico Medical Science Campus
		Derald Wentzien, PhD Leader, RCMI Research Capacity Core Delaware State University
		Sam Ying, PhD Leader, RCMI Research Capacity Core University of California, Riverside
	Q&A	
	Closing remarks	**Paul B. Tchounwou, ScD** Multi PI, RCMI-Coordinating Center Dean, School of Computer, Mathematical & Natural Sciences, Morgan State University

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10:15 AM – 12:15 PM (2 hrs) Kenwood Suites	**Concurrent Session I-E: Data Science Workshop and Funding Opportunities** **Overarching Goal:** The goal of the Data Science concurrent session is to highlight data science initiatives and funding opportunities from the NIH as well as provide an overview of training programs across the RCMI Consortium. **Specific Aims/Objectives:** 1. A representative from the NIH's Office of Data Science Strategy will highlight existing and upcoming research programming as well as funding priorities related to data science, machine learning, and artificial intelligency. 2. Drs. Wang, Roche-Lima, Deng, and Kwagyan, lead investigators from RCMI institutions who were awarded administrative Data Science training supplements will present on their progress and accomplishments. 3. Dr. Odom will present the RCMI Coordinating Center's Data Science Curriculum.	
	Moderator	**Alexander Quarshie, MD, MS** Director, Biomedical Informatics Program Director, Master of Science in Clinical Research Program Morehouse School of Medicine
	Funding opportunities and resources for RCMI grantee institutions	**Raphael Isokpehi, PhD** NIH Office of Data Science Strategy
	NIH ScHARe Platform and Think-a-Thons	**Deborah G. Duran, PhD** Senior Advisor to the Director for Data Science NIMHD
	RCMI Administrative Supplement to Enhance Meharry's Data Science Capacity	**Qingguo Wang, PhD** Professor, Department of Computer Science and Data Science Meharry Medical College
	Applying Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning to Health Disparities Research	**Abiel Roche-Lima, PhD** Assistant Professor Director Informatics Core IIS-RCMI University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus
	Hawaii Data Science Training for RCMI Researchers	**Youping Deng, PhD** Professor, Director of Bioinformatics Core Facility University of Hawaii at Manoa
	Enhancing Data Science Training at Howard University	**John Kwagyan, PhD** Associate Professor Howard University Graduate School Co-Director, Biostatistics, Epidemiology

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	Enhancing Diversity through Interdisciplinary Health Disparities and Data Science Training (RCMI Coordinating Center's Data Science Curriculum)	**Gabriel Odom, PhD** Assistant Professor, Florida International University (RCMI-Coordinating Center)
	Q&A and Closing	**Alexander Quarshie, MD, MS**

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12:30 PM – 1:30 PM (1 hr) *Grand Ballroom*	**General Session V: Roundtable Discussion Featuring NIH Programs and Opportunities for Collaborations** **Overarching Goal:** Share information with RCMI investigators on NIH programs, resources, funding opportunities and promote collaborations in effectively supporting training and research activities that addresses health disparities in the communities RCMI program serves. **Specific Aims/Objectives:** 1. Share NIMHD training opportunities to promote independent funding relevant to RCMI grantees. 2. Discuss effective strategies and approaches in promoting meaningful collaboration between RCMI investigators and the NIH funded programs from NIAID and NCATS 3. Share NIH program resources and funding opportunities with RCMI grantees.	
	Moderators	**Rina Das, PhD** NIMHD
		David D. Lo, MD, PhD University of California, Riverside
	NIMHD Training Opportunities	**Dorothy Castille, PhD** NIMHD Extramural Training Coordinator
	Collaborations with NIH Centers for AIDS Research (CFAR)	**Eric Refsland, PhD** Team Lead-CFAR NIAID
	Collaborative and Innovative Research Hubs (NCATS)	**Matthew Arnegard, PhD** NCATS
	Climate Change and Health Funding Opportunities	**Arielle Gillman, PhD** NIMHD
	Moderated Panel Discussion	
	Closing	**Rina Das, PhD** NIMHD
		David D. Lo, MD, PhD University of California, Riverside

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1:45 PM – 3:45 PM (2 hrs)	**Concurrent Workshop Session II**

1:45 PM – 3:45 PM (2 hrs) *Bethesda/Potomac*	**Concurrent Session II-A: RCMI Administrators Workshop** **Overarching Goal:** Engage consortium wide RCMI U54 Center Administrators in leadership training toward a culture of effective research support, website promotion of the U54 Centers, and to share best practices on effective research administration and research compliance, including from the perspective of NIH and NIMHD sponsors. **Specific Aims/Objectives**: 1. Participate in professional development for research administrators 2. Learn leadership qualities for creating a culture of effective research support 3. Participate in interactive session and demo of new RCMI-CC website that will support marketing of RCMI U54 Centers 4. Understand NIH/NIMHD Sponsor approach to best practices in research administration

	Moderator	**SeTonia Cook** Financial Grants Administrator, Senior Meharry Medical College
		Carri Ramesy-Tookes Research Administrator III Morehouse School of Medicine
	Award Management	**Rick Roberts, PhD, CRA, CPRA** Director Administration and Finance Morehouse School of Medicine
	Best Practices in Program Management	**Doris A. Andújar-Pérez, MPH** Director of Special Projects Ponce Health Sciences University
	Award Closeout	**Tamara V. Hall PhD, CRA** Associate Vice President, Research Operations Morehouse School of Medicine
	Q&A	
	Closing	**SeTonia Cook** Financial Grants Administrator, Senior Meharry Medical College
		Carri Ramesy-Tookes Research Administrator III Morehouse School of Medicine

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1:45 PM – 3:45 PM (2 hrs) *Rockville/Chevy Chase*	**Concurrent Session II-B: RCMI Clinical Research Networks for Health Equity (RCMI-CRNHE)** **Overarching Goal:** The goal of the RCMI Clinical Research Network for Health Equity (CRN-HE) is to leverage community-based clinicians and/or health care delivery systems to conduct research addressing health care for populations that experience health disparities including the diverse clinicians providing health services. **Specific Aims / Objectives:** 1. The PIs/MPIs from the RCMI CRN-HE at the University of Hawaii, San Diego State University, North Carolina Central University and Howard University will describe the specific aims and UG3 goals of their respective Centers 2. Daniel Sarpong, PhD, RCMI-CC MPI will describe RCMI Consortium Common metrics and data standards that will guide data collection across RCMI CRN-HE 3. Alexander Quarshie, MD, MS, will share challenges with operationalizing EMR data for research, and introduce timeline for the RCMI-CC research studio consultations.	
	Moderators	**Rada K. Dagher, PhD, MPH** Program Official, Clinical and Health Services Research NIMHD
		Priscilla Pemu, MD, MS Director and Associate Dean, Clinical Research, Morehouse School of Medicine
	Speaker	**Cecilia Shikuma, MD (PI)** PI, Hawaii CRN-HE University of Hawaii at Manoa
		Dominic Chow, MD, PhD
	Speaker	**Guadalupe Ayala, PhD, MPH** MPI, ICCRN, SDSU
		Helina Hoyt, PhD, RN, PHN (MPI) ICCRN, SDSU
		Suzanne Martinez, BSN, MS (MPI) El Centro Regional Medical Center
	Speaker	**Deepak Kumar, PhD** PI, RCMI CRN-HE, NCCU
		Mark S. Johnson, MD MPH PI, CRN-HE, Howard University

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		Daniel F.K. Sarpong, PhD Multi PI, RCMI-Coordinating Center Executive Director Office of Health Equity Research Yale School of Medicine
	Q&A and Closing	Rada K. Dagher, PhD, MPH Program Official, Clinical and Health Services Research NIMHD
		Priscilla Pemu, MD, MS Director and Associate Dean, Clinical Research, Morehouse School of Medicine

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1:45 PM – 3:45 PM (2 hrs) *Salon E*	**Concurrent Session II-C: RCMI Coordinating Center Research Studio: Mapping the Design Concept into Data Structure** **Overarching Goal:** This session will draw upon lessons learned from the NIH funded National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN)-Strategic Empowerment Tailored for Health Equity Investigators (SETH) to describe best practices in mapping study design concept into data structure and data analysis. This is important to ensure rigor and reproducibility, a score driver in NIH research proposals **Specific Aims/Objectives** 1. Describe the types and challenges in study designs, by mapping pathway between study aims to meaningful data analysis 2. Discuss how to map study design into analyzable data structuring: cross sectional vis- à-vis longitudinal data 3. Demystifying research study design-optimizing consultation with the statistician	
	Moderator	Huan Xie, PhD Texas Southern University
	Speaker	Mohamed Mubasher, PhD Professor and Senior Biostatistician Morehouse School of Medicine
	Speaker	Fengxia Yan, PhD Associate Professor Morehouse School of Medicine
	Q&A	
	Closing	Huan Xie, PhD Texas Southern University

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1:45 PM – 3:45 PM (2 hrs) *PK Hill/Kensington*	**Concurrent Session II-D: NRMN Alumni Networking and Research Collaboratory**

Overarching Goal: Promote and strengthen academic partnerships and community of practice among the RCMI investigators to build institutional and individual capacity for grant-funded research and exchange of knowledge, skills, and resources.

Specific Aims/Objectives:
1. Discuss individual and shared metrics of success.
2. Identify grant writing and research development resources available within and to the RCMI faculty.
3. Promote resource sharing and Peer support through the Health Equity Collaboratory.
4. Discuss the role of NMRN in building individual and institutional capacity for grant-funded research.

	Moderators	**Jonathan Stiles, PhD** Professor and Chair, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Immunology Developer/Sponsor, NRMN-SETH Morehouse School of Medicine
	Speaker	**Yulia Strekalova, PhD** Coaching Director, NRMN-SETH Assistant Professor, University of Florida
	Q&A	
	Closing	**Jonathan Stiles, PhD** Professor and Chair, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Immunology Developer/Sponsor, NRMN-SETH Morehouse School of Medicine

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1:45 PM – 3:45 PM (2 hrs) *Kenwood Suites*	**Concurrent Session II-E: RCMI CC Multi Site Collaborations and EQBMED**

Overarching Goal:
Equitable Breakthroughs in Medicine Development (EQBMED), will help underrepresented patients be more involved in the research and development of potential life-saving medical treatments. Funded by a grant from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), over the next 18 months EQBMED will bring together diverse communities, patients, providers, health partners, community organizations, and academic institutions, along with individual clinical trial sponsors, to pilot a network of sustainable, connected, community-based trial sites. EQBMED Network partners are Yale University, Morehouse School of Medicine, RCMI Coordinating Center and Vanderbilt University.

Specific Aims/Objectives
1. Describe the objectives of the Learning Phase of the EQBMED Initiative
2. Present the RCMI-CC framework to expand industry sponsored clinical trials sites to RCMI institutions and affiliated health system partners
3. Discuss the Learning phase clinical trial sites at Texas Southern University and Meharry Medical College

	Moderators	**Robert Kirken, PhD** PI, RCMI U54 Center Dean, College of Science University of Texas El Paso
		Karam Soliman, PhD PI, RCMI U54 Center, FAMU Assoc. Dean for Research and Graduate Studies Florida A&M University
	Speaker	**Elizabeth Ofili, MD, MPH** Contact PI, RCMI Coordinating Center Professor of Medicine, MSM
	Speaker	**Veronica Ajewole, PharmD** Texas Southern University
	Speaker	**Rajbir Singh, MD** Meharry Medical College
	Moderated Q&A	
	Closing	**Robert A. Kirken, PhD**
		Karam Soliman, PhD

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4:30 PM – 6:30 PM (2 hrs) Grand Ballroom	**General Session VI: Inaugural Sidney A. McNairy, Jr. RCMI Awards for Inclusive Excellence**	
	Moderator	**Elizabeth O. Ofili, MD, MPH** Contact PI, RCMI Coordinating Center
	Visionary Award	**Sidney A. McNairy, Jr. PhD, DSc** Presenters: William M. Southerland, PhD; Elizabeth O. Ofili, MD, MPH
	Remarks	**Louis W. Sullivan, MD** President Emeritus and Founding Dean Morehouse School of Medicine
		Walter Sullivan, PhD Office of Sponsored Programs (Retd) Morehouse School of Medicine
		James E.K. Hildreth, Sr., PhD, MD President and CEO Meharry Medical College
		Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, MD Director, NIMHD
	Leadership Award	**Michael Sayre, PhD** Presenters: Nathan Stinson, MD, PhD; Julie Baldwin, PhD
	Academic-Community Partnership Award	**Priscilla E. Pemu, MD, MS** Morehouse School of Medicine Presenter: Daniel F.K. Sarpong, PhD
		Rev. Leland L. Jones, Sr., DMin President Community Advisory Board Morehouse School of Medicine Presenter: Tandeca King Godon, EdD
	Young Investigator Award	**Patricia Mendonca, PhD** Florida A&M University Presenter: Karam F.A. Soliman, PhD
	Mentor Award	**Jonathan Stiles, PhD** Morehouse School of Medicine Presenter: V. Craig Bond, PhD
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	Community-Based Participatory Research	**Attallah Siedah Dillard, MSN, RN** Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science Presenter: Richard J. Noel, Jr., PhD
	Behavioral and Social Determinants of Health	**Angelica Garcia-Segui, MD** University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus Presenter: Richard J. Noel, Jr., PhD
	Basic and Applied Minority Health and Health Disparities Research	**Richaundra Randle, BS** Meharry Medical College Presenter: Melissa Harrington, PhD
	Clinical and Translational Minority Health and Health Disparities Research	**Hongmei Wang, PharmD, PhD** Texas Southern University Presenter: Melissa Harrington, PhD
	Remarks	**Richard J. Noel, Jr., PhD** Ponce Health Sciences University Chair, Abstract Committee
	RCMI-CC Awards for Inclusive Excellence	
		Presenter: **Paul B. Tchounwou, ScD**
		Recipient: **Richard Yanagihara, MD, MPH** University of Hawaii, Manoa
		Presenter: **Daqing Wu, PhD**
		Recipient: **Shafiq Khan, PhD** Clark Atlanta University
	Closing Remarks:	**Emma Fernández-Repollet, PhD** University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus Chair, Steering Committee

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM (1hr, 30mins) *Congressional and Senate Suites*	**Networking Poster Session 2 & Exhibits**	

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7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **(1 hr)** *Congressional Ballroom and Senate Suites*	**Networking Poster Session 2 & Exhibits**

| **7:00 AM – 8:30 AM** **(1.5 hrs)** *Merle Thorpe - 15th Floor* | **RCMI Presidents Breakfast with NIMHD Leadership** *[CLOSED]* **Overarching Goal:** The Presidents and Leaders from the Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI), affirm their commitment to the goals of the RCMI Program, as established by Congress to address the health research and training needs of minority populations, by preparing future generations of scientists at these institutions, with a track record of producing minority scholars in medicine, science, and technology. At its core, the RCMI Program embodies the interlinked goals of diversity, equity, and inclusion. The RCMI Consortium, which consists of the RCMI Specialized U54 Centers and a Coordinating Center (CC), serves predominantly African Americans, Latinx, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and Native American/Alaska Native communities. COVID-19 disproportionately impacted these communities, due to ongoing health disparities that are intertwined with racial bias and racism. **Specific Aims/Objectives:** 1. Underscore alignment of RCMI Leaders with NIMHD's goals to achieve health equity, and ensure the development of a diverse biomedical workforce that is representative of the nation 2. Engage the NIMHD leader in dialogue on the Institute's strategic goals to strengthen and expand funding support for the RCMI Program 3. Request update on the NIMHD's Evaluation Progress of the RCMI Program, and how these data will be utilized to ensure sustainability of the RCMI Program. | | |

	Moderators	**Emma Fernández-Repollet, PhD** University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus Chair, Steering Committee
		Jerris R. Hedges, MD Dean, School of Medicine Professor Surgery & Medicine University of Hawaii
		Elizabeth O. Ofili, MD, MPH Contact PI, RCMI Coordinating Center Morehouse School of Medicine
	Opening Remarks	**Wayne A.I. Frederick, MD** President Howard University
		David K. Wilson, PhD President Morgan State University

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	Speakers	**James E.K. Hildreth, Sr., PhD, MD** President and CEO Meharry Medical College
		David Lenihan, PhD, DC, JD, MBA President and CEO Ponce Health sciences University
		David Carlisle, MD, PhD President Charles R Drew University of Medicine and Science
		C. Reynold Verrett, PhD President Xavier University of Louisiana
	Participating Institutional Leaders/Panelists	
		Johnnie Early, II, PhD, RPh Dean, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences FAMU
		Rick Kittles, PhD Senior Vice President for Research Professor of Community Health and Preventive Medicine
		Hongtao Yu, PhD Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
		Hala Madanat, PhD Vice President for Research San Diego State University
		Timothy Turner, PhD Vice President for Research Tuskegee University
		Robert A. Kirken, PhD Dean College of Science Steven McKnight Distinguished Professorship in Biological Sciences University of Texas at El Paso
		Omonike Arike Olaleye, PhD, MPH Senior Associate Vice President for Research & Innovation Professor of Pharmacology Texas Southern University
		Vassilis L. Syrmos, PhD Vice President for Research and Innovation University of Hawaii

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8:00 AM – 12:00 PM (4 hrs) *Grand Ballroom*	**General Session VII: RCMI U54 Centers Presentation Session II**	
	Moderators	**Deborah Linares, PhD** NIMHD **Nancy Jones, PhD** NIMHD
		Deepak Kumar, PhD (PI) North Carolina Central University
		Samuel Adunyah, PhD (PI) Meharry Medical College
	RCMI Center Presentation-11 **University of Puerto Rico, Medical Research Center**	**Emma Fernandez-Repollet, PhD (PI)**
		Filipa Godoy, PhD
	RCMI Center Presentation-12 **Xavier University of Louisiana**	**Gene D'Amour, PhD (PI)**
		Sara Al-Dahir, PharmD, PhD
	RCMI Center Presentation-13 **Florida A&M University**	**Karam F.A. Soliman, PhD**
		John Luque, PhD
		Getinet Adinew, PhD
	RCMI Center Presentation-14 **Clark Atlanta University**	**Xin Li, PhD**
	RCMI Center Presentation-15 **University of Texas at El Paso**	**Robert A. Kirken, PhD**
		Gabriel Frietze, PhD
		Elisa Robles, PhD
	RCMI Center Presentation-16 **Ponce Health Sciences University**	**Jose A. Torres-Ruiz, PhD (PI)**
		Richard Noel, PhD (MPI)
		Julio Jimenez, MD
		Melissa Marzan-Rodriguez, DrPH
		Eida M. Castro-Figueroa, PhD
		Guillermo Armaiz-Pena, PhD
	RCMI Center Presentation-17 **Northern Arizona University**	**Julie A. Baldwin, PhD (PI)**
		Emily Cope, PhD
		Joseph Mihaljevic, PhD
	RCMI Center Presentation-18 **Delaware State University**	**Melissa A Harrington, PhD (MPI)**
		Sangeeta Gupta, MD, MPH (MPI)
		Brian McNaughton, PhD
		Sokratis Makrogiannis
10:05 AM – 10:20 AM (15 mins)	**Break**	

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	RCMI Center Presentation-19 **Texas Southern University**	**Omonike Olaleye, PhD, MPH (PI)**
		Huan Xie, PhD (MPI)
	RCMI Center Presentation-20 **San Diego State University**	**Guadalupe X. Ayala, MA, PhD, MPH (MPI)**
		Humberto Parada, Jr., MPH, PhD
	RCMI Center Presentation-21 **Tuskegee University**	**Deepa Bedi, MD, PhD**
	RCMI Center Presentation-22 **Jackson State University**	**Felicite Noubissi, PhD**
	Closing	**Deborah Linares, PhD Nancy Jones, PhD**
		Deepak Kumar, PhD (PI) North Carolina Central University
		Samuel Adunyah, PhD (PI) Meharry Medical College

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (30 mins) *Grand Ballroom*	**General Session VIII: Closing Remarks & Adjournment**	
	Moderators	**Nathan Stinson, PhD, MD** NIMHD
		Emma Fernández-Repollet, PhD Chair, Steering Committee
		Gene D'Amour, PhD Xavier University of Louisiana
	Speaker	**Monica Webb Hooper, PhD** Deputy Director National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
	Closing	**Elizabeth O. Ofili, MD, MPH** Contact PI RCMI Coordinating Center