

Example Community Research Review Boards

The Bronx Community Research Review Board

<http://bxcrrb.org/who-we-are/history/>

From the website: “In order to protect the disadvantaged and vulnerable populations in the Bronx from academic research abuse, such as lying about the potential dangers of studies or violating their human rights, a group of passionate community members established The Bronx Community Research Review Board (BxCRRB). We are advocates for the Bronx, working to create a better life for everyone in our community.”

COBRE Center for Opioid Overdose Community Advisory Board:

<https://opioidcobre.org/community-advisory-board-cab/>

Providence/Boston CFAR-CCERC, (Consumer Engaged Research Council)

<https://www.brown.edu/academics/medical/about-us/research/centers-institutes-and-programs/afids/cfar-community-engaged-research-council-c-cerc>

“The goal of the CCERC is to enhance HIV education, prevention and treatment, and research activities that adequately respond to the needs of our community members, particularly women, individuals struggling with substance addiction, individuals with a history of incarceration, HIV infected individuals with comorbid conditions, and men who have sex with men. Membership of the Providence/Boston CFAR-CCERC reflects the populations it serves.”

Services that the CCERC can provide:

Funded Projects:

- Troubleshoot research projects
- Participant liaison-connecting researchers with study participants
- Help with recruitment
- Promote partnerships with community -based organizations (CBOs)
- Data dissemination/research findings

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- Development of recruitment flyers/information
- Consent form language
- Provide the voice of the participant

Members of the CCERC believe that conducting community engaged research is essential to include:

1. Diverse communities
2. User friendly, culturally sensitive practices and measures
3. Local interpretation of results
4. Trust and respect with community
5. More likely to lead to improved community health
6. Partnerships and coalitions that help mobilize resources and influence systems, change relationships among partners and serves as a catalyst for changing policies, programs and practices

While the expertise of the CCERC is often sought out by developmental applicants and awardees through CFAR Think Tanks, review meetings and grant writing workshops, there are many senior faculty members who may not be aware of the services and expertise that the CCERC provides.

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