

2022 DaCCoTA Update

This last year, the DaCCoTA shifted from a cancer-centered focus as the **Dakota Cancer Collaborative on Translational Activity** to a broader focus on all diseases and health issues that are relevant to North and South Dakota as the **Dakota Community Collaborative on Translational Activity**.

Other noteworthy activities include:

- Renewal submission to the NIH for another 5 years of funding
- Successful 2022 DaCCoTA Symposium/AICoRN Summit at the Sanford Research Center in Sioux Falls
- Over 20 LOIs accepted for RFAs under the new health focus
- Creation of a new grant mechanism, the Introduction to Research Pilot Award
- Enrollment of new partner institutions to the DaCCoTA
- Hiring of a Database Navigator



Core Component Highlight: Tracking and Evaluation Core

The Tracking and Evaluation Core (TAEC) is responsible for the tracking, assessment, and evaluation of all activities and programs associated with the DaCCoTA.

Key Points:

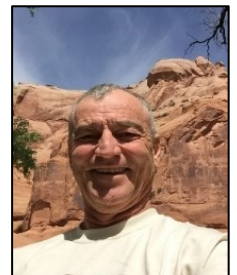
- Abiding by the evaluation standards to deliver high utility evaluations.
- Ensure DaCCoTA is compliant with NIH reporting requirements.
- Using mixed methods to evaluate the DaCCoTA efficiency and effectiveness.
- Advance evaluation scholarship:
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Services:

- Providing near real time feedback to improve DaCCoTA core efficiencies.
- Annual RRPR data collection and entry.
- Stakeholder surveys.
- Milestone tracking.
- Dissemination at national and international evaluation conferences.



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Core Co-Director
Just Evaluations

Current Initiatives:

- Advancing systems thinking theory and methods to evaluating complex interventions.
- Defining and disseminating evaluation utility metrics for improving CTR meta-evaluations.
- Advancing innovation in evaluating CTR success: more than logic models.
- Building internal systems thinking capacity.

“Our overarching goal is to provide high quality information to assist DaCCoTA decision-making”

-Rick Van Eck, PhD (Core Director)

Recent Training Resources

DaCCoTA Core Training Event: The Case for Public Use Datasets

DaCCoTA Core Training Event: National COVID Cohort Collaborative (N3C) Data Enclave

Database Spotlights: CDC Wonder

Database Resources (<https://med.und.edu/daccota/berdc-databases.html>)



Statistical Training Resources (<https://med.und.edu/daccota/berdc-resources.html>)

Recent Events

- October 2022
 - **The Case for Public Use Datasets (PUBS)**, hosted by the Biostatistics Core (October 12th)
 - **Core Training Event: N3C Training**, hosted by the Biostatistics Core (October 26th)
- November 2022
 - **Core Training Event: NIH Scoring**, hosted by the Professional Development Core (November 15th)

Upcoming Events

- February 2023
 - **Core Training Event: Writing Publication**, hosted by the Pilot Projects Program (TBD)
- March 2023
 - **Core Training Event: Logistics of Clinical Trials**, hosted by the Clinical Resources and Biostatistics Cores (TBD)
- April 2023
 - **Core Training Event: Ethics Trainings**, hosted by the Community Engagement and Outreach Core (TBD)

