Translational Science RIG  
2016 Summary/Plans

Purpose
A venue for nurse scientists in a variety of academic and clinical organizations to network, collaborate, and discuss approaches to advance nursing science and nurse scientist engagement in clinical translational science.

Who Should Join?
- Nurse scientists who are actively involved, or who have interest in, translational science activities in the Midwest.
- While emphasized in the past, members may or may not be directly involved in Clinical Translation Science Award (CTSA) activities in the Midwest.

Overall/Long Term Goals
1. Promoting leadership and engagement of nurse scientists within CTSA administration and programs.

2015 Goals
(I = Immediate; F = Future/3 years – this can include RIG Awards and/or Guaranteed/Competitive symposia planned)

Immediate Goals:
- Prepare a Preconference for the 2017 Annual Meeting on the topic of leadership in translational studies -- multi-site studies, U-Grants, PCORI, etc
- Prepare a symposium focused on methods for addressing difficult to reach participant populations

Future/3 Years Goals:
- Build membership, particularly among smaller, less research-intensive colleagues, universities, and clinical settings
- Increase engagement in collaborative activities across member organizations

Recent Activities/Highlights
(Includes things such as pre-conferences, guaranteed/competitive symposia, panel discussion(s), presentations by members (for or outside MNRS), RIG awards, recent retirees, articles submitted by members [to any publication], etc.)
- Our highlight this year was successfully preparing the preconference on Big Data

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2016-2017 RIG Awards to be Offered
- Emerging Scholar Award (TBD)

2016 RIG Meeting - Attendance/Minutes
Attendance: 13 members
Minutes from the 2016 Annual Conference
Meeting Notes:

- Summary of Preconference 2016 – agreement on well-attended, with continuing interest
- Preconference Planning for 2017 – Discussion of topics, which resulted in agreement about the need to address struggles of more senior investigators as they take on roles in larger multi-site studies
- Guaranteed Symposium for 2017 – Discussion of topics, which resulted in agreement to tackle the topic of recruiting/engaging difficult to reach populations in research
- Some discussion of the need to incorporate smaller colleges/universities in translational research topics
- Ongoing need for how to mentor doctoral students in translational science

Next Action plan: New chair to confirm emails, assess involvement in CTSAs, NIH calls, etc