
Our Voice Matters in Research! CAB Presentation and Panel

**3rd National Ending the HIV Epidemic
Partnerships for Research Meeting**

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UCLA CDU CFAR CAB



Disclosures

**The UCLA-CDU CFAR Los Angeles
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UCLA CDU LA CFAR CAB “DA” CAB



Started virtually as a planning group in June 2021
Named after our 1st Lead CAB member, Darrin Aiken.

We are made up of a diverse group of 13 community members:

- 12 members, and 1 LEAD member

Virtual meetings are currently held on:

- The last Tuesday of every month from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

The LA CAB focuses on:

- Impacted local communities ensuring that research is responsive to their interests and needs, which may result in new areas of research

Some of the LA CAB goals are to provide:

- Provide input on proposals and study materials
 - Support the CFAR Summer Institute and CECIC Core
 - Plan and host an annual LA CAB Conference
 - Promote activities of the CFAR, and research studies
 - **Global CAB:**
 - Collaborated on projects - Intersectional Stigma Journal Article
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Accomplishments

1. 2 National CFAR meetings
2. Joint Meetings LA & Global CAB
3. Contributed to the Global CAB's paper on intersectional stigma
4. 2 Meet and Greets
5. Input on RFAs
6. Reviewed protocols
7. Provided letters of support
8. Hosted Inaugural LA County CAB E4 Conference!!! (Educate, Empower, Engage, Elevate)
9. CAB in person retreat
10. Summer Institute presentation and panel
11. Peer-reviewed journal article
12. Provided input on CFAR website
13. CAB Bios and **Taglines**
14. CAB conference presentation
15. World AIDS Day event panels
16. Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day event panel
17. Created "**Tips Sheet**" for Researchers

CAB Bios and Taglines

Shawn Pleasants

My Voice Matters In Research...

Because I want others to have better health and more options than I had 28 years ago! A lot was still unknown and I

Raul Amezcua

Mi Voz Es Importante en la Investigacion...

Porque como inmigrante, aunque el inglés no es mi primer idioma y no crecí en la cultura estadounidense, mi participación en estudios de investigación clínica es crucial para encontrar una cura. Creo que necesitamos hablar más sobre la investigación clínica y, si lo hacemos, usted y yo podemos marcar la diferencia.

Lynnea Railey

My Voice Matters In Research...

Because Black women in America have been silenced, disrespected, and unappreciated for too long. My voice is fueled with passion for

Journey Moreno

My Voice Matters In Research...

Because transgender voices deserve a seat at every table. Participating in research allows me to share my perspective as an Indigenous American Latinx mixed trans woman. Getting the care that I need is extremely important to me. It's scary being publicly vulnerable, but visibility and representation are vital to eliminating the stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS and transgender care. I hope using my voice inspires others to do the same. I believe together we can lift each other up and all be heard!

Patsy Lawson

My Voice Matters In Research...

Because I believe research makes a difference and saves lives. I am a strong black woman, and this fight against HIV and AIDS has awakened a warrior in me. I stand with many others against stigma and ignorance towards individuals living with HIV and AIDS. I know I am not alone and I want you to know that you are not alone either.



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LEAD CAB MEMBE



SHE/HER



CAB MEMBER



SHE/HER



CAB MEMBER



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CAB MEMBER

Lynnea Railey

My Voice Matters In Research...



SHE/HER

Because Black women in America have been silenced, disrespected, and unappreciated for too long. My voice is fueled with passion for change. Stigma, guilt, shame, and fear have caused many of us to hide our faces and swallow our words. I speak for those who can't. I can be an inspiration to others, and I know that HIV research can result in a cure. I've never known a world without HIV, and because of research, I hope to see a cure within my lifetime.



LEAD CAB MEMBER

Raul Amezcquita

My Voice Matters In Research...

Because as an Immigrant, even though English is not my 1st language, and I didn't grow up in the American culture, my participation in clinical research studies is crucial to finding a cure. I believe we need to talk more about clinical research, and if we do, you and I can make a difference.



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Raul Amezcquita

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CAB MEMBER



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Maria Scott



SHE/HER

My Voice Matters In Research...

Because I know research saved my life. I have always participated in research since I was 1st diagnosed. I was part of the research, where they learned how to dose medications for women. I expect to continue to participate in research until the day I die, and then, I plan to donate my body to science, to ensure that the research can continue even after I'm gone. My voice matters in research because I KNOW my participation in research continues to make a difference.



CAB MEMBER

Shawn Pleasants



HE/HIM

My Voice Matters In Research...

Because I want others to have better health and more options than I had 28 years ago! A lot was still unknown and I needed a way to not only help myself but to find some hope in a grim situation. My experience has been overwhelmingly positive and life-changing. Participating in research projects has allowed me to directly contribute. With each project I participate in, I am changing someone's life. Knowing that, gives me hope and helps me believe in myself.



CAB MEMBER

“Tips Sheet” and Journal Article

The tip sheet includes communication strategies, practical presentation tips, and explanations:

Communication Strategy examples

- Provide written information about your project in advance of your presentation
- Make the presentation accessible and easily digestible, with simple words that anyone can understand
- Clearly convey the purpose of the research
- Expect and welcome active CAB participation, and be specific about the questions for which you want CAB input
- Keep your presentation brief, and be mindful of the CAB’s time constraints
- Follow up with the CAB soon after the meeting and be open minded to additional suggestions
- Foster a long-term relationship with the CAB

Panel



Thank you!!!!

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