

# First Annual CTSA Forum and Retreat

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CTSA faculty and staff, leadership of Buffalo Translational Consortium (BTC) institutions and our NIH Program Officers spent a day and half immersed in our first annual CTSA Forum and Retreat. UB President Satish Tripathi and Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean, Dr. Michael Cain, made introductory comments. We reviewed our first 7 months of accomplishments and outlined one year goals and a 5-year vision for the CTSA.

The “Exploring Innovative Translational Science” keynote was provided by Co-Directors of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, University of Rochester Medical Center, Nancy Bennett, MD, MS, Director of the Center for Community Health, Professor of Medicine & Public Health Sciences; Karl Kiebertz, MD, MPH, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research, Robert J. Joynt Professor in Neurology and Martin Zand, MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine, Director of Rochester Center for Health Informatics.

Results of a survey of faculty and 19 interviews with BTC leaders were presented and discussed in an effort to help us align CTSA priorities with the needs of researchers.

Through active and spirited discussions, CTSA staff and BTC leaders developed ideas and plans focused around implementing programs and mechanisms to encourage and reward team science, which is critical in advancing the field of translational science. We also took the first steps in developing a comprehensive communication plan for the CTSA, taking into account our multiple audiences, including research faculty and staff, community healthcare providers, community members, BTC leadership and our national CTSA audience.

Expect to hear more in the coming months now that our teams are in place and we are gaining momentum.

## CTSA Overview

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