



BREAKING BOUNDARIES: BUILDING A DYNAMIC PBRN FOR TRANSFORMATIVE HEALTHCARE COLLABORATION IN PUERTO RICO

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BACKGROUND

Pioneered in the US during the 1980s, Practice-based Research Networks (PBRNs) have fostered collaboration between researchers academic clinicians, driving knowledge translation into communities.

Rico, the Hispanic Puerto Alliance for Clinical and Translational Research launched the island's inaugural PBRN to forge a collaborative nexus among healthcare providers, researchers, and community stakeholders.

Generating Research Opportunities Working together for Puerto Rico (GROW PR Network) was formed, establishing a connection with over 90 members, 15 signed MOUs, site visits, and meetings for members and collaborators by 2024.

This represents unique continue the opportunity to advancement of clinical research findings translating and expeditiously and effectively

METHODS

Network Development



Recruiting Members Site visits Meetings

Phase II

Phase III

Establish research collaborations Support training needs Support research in

progress Dissemination

Implementation Process



Network leaders were carefully selected to spearhead the conceptualizatio n of the PBRN's and engage stakeholders for **a u** recruitment purposes.

Planning

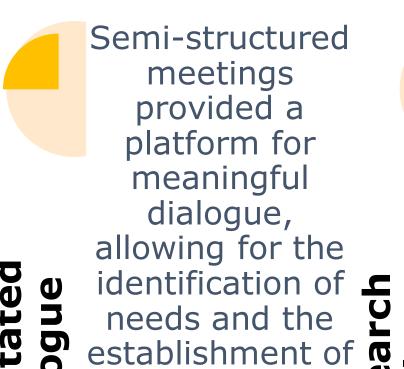
Outreach

persons

Assessment

Needs

Identifying key

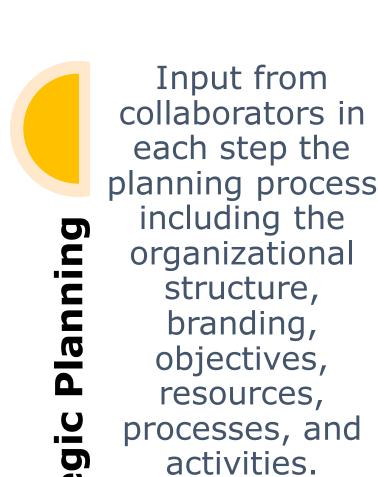


trust among

participants.



Research readiness was conducted to capture participant experiences and ensure comprehensive understanding



RESULTS





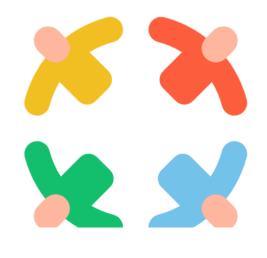
OBJECTIVES

The objective is to share the process of conceptualization and development of the first Practice Based Research Network in Puerto Rico (GROW PR Network, born strategic planning from propelled by a commitment to promote collaborative endeavors to support clinical and translational research in Puerto Rico.

From its inception, this network has served as a platform to foster interdisciplinary partnerships heightening the role of primary care research to obtain change in healthcare.

Through a phased approach that include a participatory approach we have transformed into a vibrant community of over collaborators, spanning FQHCs, hospitals, academia, nonprofits, and governmental organizations.





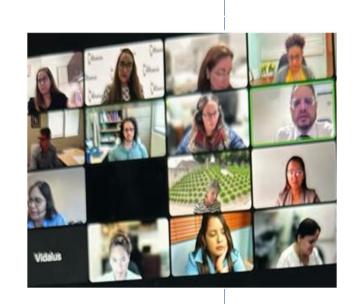
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Organizational Development: Following two years of meticulous planning, the Practice-Based Research Network (PBRN) evolved into the "Generating Research Opportunities Working together (GROW PR Network)" with a robust organizational framework.



Collaborative Growth: The network expanded significantly, boasting over 90 collaborators, including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), hospitals, academic institutions, and nonprofit organizations.



Innovative Club Creation: The establishment of an AIRe Club (Achieving Innovative Research Club) served as a central platform for fostering idea exchange and collaborative project development.



Promotion of Collaboration: The facilitation of membership meetings, site visits, and active dissemination resulted in fifteen MOU's, five research projects in development, and sharing of multiple training and research opportunities among academics, clinicians, and community stakeholder

CONCLUSION

GROW PR Network heralds a singular opportunity to collectively address community-based healthcare queries and translate research discoveries into practice.

stakeholder Active engagement across all phases is imperative for fostering a resilient collaborative network, driving scientific implementation, and nurturing relationships to uplift enduring community health services and outcomes.

As the network evolves, it remains dedicated to advancing research opportunities improving and healthcare outcomes through collaborative endeavors through innovation, effective communication strategies, and empowerment through diversity.

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