COMMUNITY COALITION FOR EQUITY IN RESEARCH

Far too often, community members and organizations are approached for feedback or involvement in research long after planning begins. This limits the impact that community-based insight and expertise can have, and prevents the development of trust-based, respectful relationships between researchers and community organizations and members. This issue has become more apparent than ever amidst the rapid pace of research surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Harvard Catalyst Community Engagement Program has developed the Community Equity Research Review Coalition to address this problem – serving as both a source for high quality community input on research proposals and protocols as well as a trusted communication channel between researchers and community stakeholders. The overarching goals of the coalition are to build a community voice and considerations for health equity into clinical research and strengthen community-academic relationships throughout Massachusetts.

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