UNITE Evaluation Work Group will focus on carrying out an Evaluability Assessment

What is an Evaluability Assessment?

A systematic assessment to determine whether conducting an evaluation is appropriate, to design a process evaluation or an outcome evaluation for a proposed or existing program, and/or to determine whether the evaluation can be conducted at a reasonable cost

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Why Evaluate UNITE?

- NIH is committed to transparency and accountability for the UNITE Initiative.

- An evaluation will:

  - Clarify the connection between UNITE goals and activities;

  - Identify data that can measure progress and inform program implementation;

  - Assess UNITE results; and

  - Highlight opportunities for improvement.

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The First Step: Evaluation Work Group will carry out an **Evaluability Assessment**

Develop evaluation research questions to **focus** the evaluation

Assess how the program's activities (interventions) logically tie to UNITE's outcomes

- Outcomes are derived from **goals**
- Must be **measurable**

Identify the appropriate options for approaches and resources

Offer recommendations on how the program can be structured to ensure evaluability, the types of resources required, methods, and the evaluation activities that should be included

For example. . .

What are the key evaluation questions (i.e., how can we focus this effort)?

What is the time horizon for this evaluation?

What are the resources required to answer the key evaluation questions?

- Contractor support

- Budget

- Data

What types of methods can be used? What are the limitations?

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Are there logical links between the program goals, activities, and outcomes?

Are the interventions strong enough to bring about change?

- Sample Size and power considerations

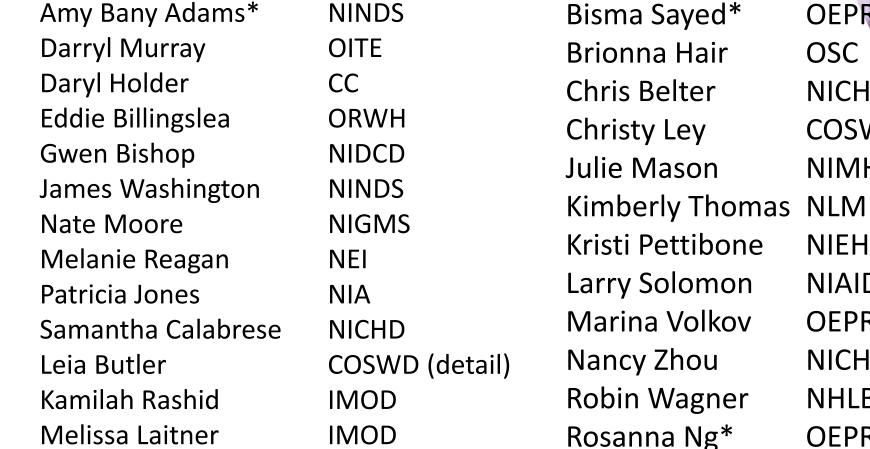Do we plan for a process and outcome evaluation?

What are the data available and what data would we need to collect? How will this data be shared?

Who is the audience for this evaluation? How will evaluation findings be shared?

What are the barriers to a successful evaluation and how do we address them?

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Questions?

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