

# Community & Urban Health Project Development Team

## Why

The mission of the Community and Urban Health Project Development Team (CUH PDT) is to increase academic participation and successful partnerships in translational research relating to how to improve health outcomes and promote sustainability in community and urban environments.

## What

The CUH PDT is a committee of interdisciplinary researchers who assist investigators in developing ideas/hypotheses into well-designed translational research projects. The team serves as “one-stop-shop” by providing investigators access to protocol development, pilot funding, biostatistics, IRB/regulatory support, and facilitation of collaboration with other investigators all in one meeting. The CUH PDT is one of eight PDTs within the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI). CUH PDT protocols should be pertinent to the aims of the Center for Urban Health ([www.urbanhealth.iupui.edu](http://www.urbanhealth.iupui.edu)) and be collaborative and translational in nature. An investigator may present at any point he/she thinks input from the CUH PDT would be helpful. This may be during the development of a concept/research idea or after drafting a formal protocol.

## Who

PDT members include a broad representation of researchers in IU/IUPUI interested in urban health issues. Each new protocol will be assigned a primary reviewer on the PDT, and every PDT member will critically review the protocol prior to the meeting. The investigator(s) will have the opportunity to do a brief presentation regarding their proposal with ample time for questions and feedback from PDT members. This input will be unique given the interdisciplinary nature and specific expertise of the PDT. After each meeting, the investigator(s) will be given written feedback from the meeting and, if applicable, will be provided with an action plan for when the protocol will be next reviewed and/or funded.

## Members:

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Earth Sciences, School of Science, IUPUI

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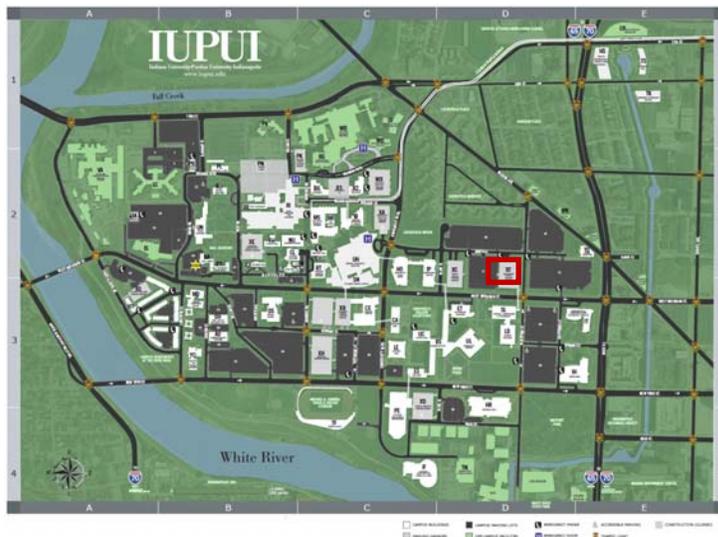
## When and Where

The CUH PDT meets the fourth Wednesday of each month from 2:00 – 3:30pm in the SL building room 118. SL118 is the conference room in the Department of Geology in the Science, Engineering & Technology building on the SW corner of W Michigan and Blackford – see red box on map.

## How

Investigators should submit a protocol or research idea, budget/ justification (up to \$20,000), and biosketch/CV on the CTSI PDT application form

(<https://www.indianactsi.org/research/pdt> --> click on ‘application forms’ on the upper pull-down menu and select ‘PDT application’). *Please refer to the protocol*



*instructions in this document rather than the instructions on the CTSI application form (under 'Section II: Project Description' where it outlines the 3-page concept proposal).* If you would like to be reviewed by the CUH PDT, please indicate this in 'Section I: Personnel Information' under 'Referred to CTSI by'.

The proposal should include the following sections: specific aims, background, preliminary studies (if applicable), methods, and next steps. The specific aims should include the rationale, significance and aims of the ultimate study (to be submitted after pilot proposal complete), what are gaps in the ultimate study proposal which could be aided by a PDT-funded pilot study, pilot aims, and how these pilot aims will address the gaps noted. The methods should focus on the pilot aims. The next steps should detail the intended extramural granting agency, RFA/PA if applicable, and timeline. Please limit the protocol to 5 pages (not including budget/justification and CV).

Please upload any additional information that might be helpful in reviewing your application, including but not limited to a full grant proposal, intended RFA/PA, and feedback from previous submission to NIH or other extramural granting agency.

### **Questions**

Please contact your assigned PDT member if your protocol has already been reviewed. Otherwise, please contact Julie Driscoll ([judrisco@iupui.edu](mailto:judrisco@iupui.edu)) for administrative, scheduling, application or other monitoring (such as progress reports) questions or Sarah Wiehe ([swiehe@iupui.edu](mailto:swiehe@iupui.edu)) for science-related questions.