Mission & History

The Heartland Genetics Services Collaborative is focused on ensuring the best possible outcome for individuals with heritable disorders and optimizing the health of the population throughout the life cycle by improving understanding and awareness of genetics, expanding access to health care, and translating new findings to improve the quality of care within an eight-state region.

History

In 2004, the federal government awarded grants to establish seven Genetic Service and Newborn Screening Regional Collaborative Groups and a National Coordinating Center (NCC) to develop regional approaches to address the maldistribution of genetic resources. Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and South Dakota are included in the Heartland Region. See the NCC website for more information and links to the other regional collaboratives. The Heartland Genetics Services Collaborative was formed at that time, under the leadership of Dr. John Muivhill, Lori Williamson, and the Heartland Steering Committee. The initial phase of funding lasted three years and is currently continuing under a five-year competitive renewal. See Funding for more information.

Purpose
Thank you

- Conference Planning Committee
- Lori, Ana, Dustin
- Heartlands Advisory Board
- Partners
  - ACMG – David Flannery
  - NCC – Alisha Keehn
  - HRSA – Joan Scott / Jill Shuger
- Sponsors
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What are we doing?

- Thursday
  - EHDI
  - NewSTEPS
  - Consumer education and network
  - Pilot Projects
  - Hispanic Access
  - Genetics System Assessment
  - Patient Centered Medical Home
  - Telegenetics
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What are we doing?

- Friday
  - Newborn Screening
  - NBS LTFU
  - Workgroups
  - Clinical services
  - Planning for the next “go ‘round”