University and School District Research Partnerships Forum

Hosted by the Houston Education Research Consortium (HERC)
Kinder Institute for Urban Research

Rice University, Houston, Texas
July 9-11, 2014

Goal
● Promote the development of university and school district research partnerships.

Objectives
● Exchange strategies for creating and maintaining partnerships.
● Share research findings on the most promising interventions.
● Develop ideas for collaboration across partnerships.

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Agenda
(Subject to change)

Chair:
● Ruth López Turley, Houston Education Research Consortium

Facilitators:
● Jim Kohlmoos, HERC/EDGE Consulting
● Vivian Tseng, William T. Grant Foundation
● Alicia Wilson-Ahlstrom, Forum for Youth Investment

Wednesday, July 9
Hilton Houston Plaza/Medical Center
6633 Travis Street, Houston

6:00 – 8:00 PM Informal Partnership Dinner

Thursday, July 10
10th Floor Conference Room
BioScience Research Collaborative (BRC) Building
Rice University, 6500 Main Street, Houston

7:30 – 8:30 AM Breakfast & Registration
8:30 – 9:15  Welcome and Introductions
   ● Ruth Lopez Turley, Houston Education Research Consortium
   ● Jim Kohlmoos, HERC/EDGE Consulting
   ● Vivian Tseng, William T. Grant Foundation
   ● Alicia Wilson-Ahlstrom, Forum for Youth Investment

9:15 – 9:30  Creating and Sustaining Research-Practice Partnerships
   ● Vivian Tseng, William T. Grant Foundation

9:30 – 10:30  What Do We Need and Want?
   Job-alike huddles and full group discussion
   ● Facilitator: Jim Kohlmoos, HERC/EDGE

10:30 – 10:45  Break & Consultations

10:45 – 12:15  Research-Practice Narratives
   ● UChicago Consortium on School Research
   ● Houston Education Research Consortium
   ● Research Alliance for New York City Schools

12:15 – 1:15  Lunch: Meet-Up Consultations

1:15 – 2:30  Key Issues to Resolve - BRC Rooms 282, 284, 285
   ● Data Sharing - Jim (Room 282)
     -What are the big problems encountered regarding data sharing?
     -What techniques work in managing data sharing efforts?
   ● Management Infrastructure - Alicia (Room 284)
     -What are the biggest problems in managing partnerships?
     -What are effective techniques for formalizing the partnership?
     -What kinds of governance structures work best?
     -How are decisions made?
   ● Knowledge Management/Utilization - Vivian (Room 285)
     -What problems have you encountered in actually using and applying research-based knowledge?
     -What are effective ways to disseminate and promote use of research reports within schools?

2:30 – 2:45  Break

2:45 – 4:00  Big Challenges to Anticipate - BRC Rooms 282, 285
   ● Reform/Research Topics on the Horizon, Alignment of Research Agendas - Jim (Room 282)
     -What reform topics will be most prevalent in the next 2-3 years? At the university? At the district?
     -How best to align the research agendas?
Leadership Churn/Sustaining and Expanding Participation - Vivian (Room 285)
- How has (or might) a change in leadership affected your partnership?
- How best to anticipate leadership change?
- How to ensure sustainability during times of personnel changes?

4:00 – 4:45 Funders Forum – BRC 10th Floor Conference Room
- Facilitator: Jim, HERC/EDGE
- Panel: Arnold Foundation, Grant Foundation, & Walton Foundation

4:45 – 5:30 Break & Consultations

6:00 Shuttle pick-up - Hilton to Hugo’s Restaurant

6:30 – 8:30 Dinner - Hugo’s Restaurant, 1600 Westheimer Rd

8:30 Shuttle returns to hotel

Friday, July 11
10th Floor Conference Room
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Rice University, 6500 Main Street, Houston

7:30 – 8:30 AM Breakfast and consultations

8:30 – 8:45 Reflections on Day 1
- Ruth, HERC

8:45 – 10:15 Building Cross-Partnership Research Agendas - BRC Rooms 282, 284, 285

10:15 – 10:30 Break

10:45 – 11:30 Designing a Network for Future Work
- Vivian, Grant Foundation
- Jim, HERC/EDGE

11:30-12:15 PM Collecting nuggets, connecting dots
- Vivian, Grant Foundation
- Jim, HERC/EDGE
- Alicia, Forum for Youth Investment

12:15 PM Adjourn