WAYNE STATE
CHECK-UP
Center for Health Equity and Community
Knowledge in Urban Populations

Report:
Funding & Sustaining Community-Academic Partnerships

May 18, 2023
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Hybrid

Overview

Grant funding is vital for establishing a foundation for community-engaged research (CEnR). This workshop provided an opportunity for community stakeholders and academic faculty, staff, and clinicians to learn from funders about how to secure grants that have a CEnR component.

The recording of this session can be viewed at https://youtu.be/nJ5dzuCpVqE

Agenda

6:00 PM	Dinner & Networking	All
6:30 PM	Welcome	Hayley S. Thompson, PhD
6:35 PM	Panelist & Organizational Backgrounds	Crystal L. Barksdale, PhD, MPH Katie Brisson, MA Courtney Clyatt, MA, MPH Laurie Solotorow, BS
7:15 PM	Panel Discussion	Moderated by: Danielle Hilliker, MSM & Susan Miller, MA
7:45 PM	Question & Answer	All
7:55 PM	Wrap-Up & Evaluation	Hayley S. Thompson, PhD
8:00 PM	End	

Panelists

Crystal L. Barksdale, PhD, MPH
Program Director, Division of Community Health & Population Science, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

Katie Brisson, MA
Vice President of Program, Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan

Courtney Clyatt, MA, MPH
Senior Program Officer, Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards Program

Laurie Solotorow, BS
Director, Nutrition & Health Lifestyles, Michigan Health Endowment Fund

Moderators:

Danielle Hilliker, MSM
President & CEO, Southeastern Michigan Health Association

Susan Miller, MA
Director of Research Philanthropy, WSU Office of
Development and Alumni Affairs

Registration:

Total Registered: 72
Total Attendees: 36
Participation Rate: 50%

Attendee Background

Demographic information was only available for 32 of 36 attendees.

Job/Work Role	Total Attendees
Wayne State University Faculty	12
Wayne State University Staff	1
Community Member/Resident	2
Community-based Health Care Professional	1
Community Organization Leader or Representative	7
Other University Faculty or Staff	2
Student	4
Other	4

Community organization leaders or representatives who attended work for the following:

- Michigan Frontline Laboratory
- Sky Foundation
- Soul Harvest Ministries
- Sisters Network Greater Metropolitan Detroit Chapter
- Henry Ford Health System

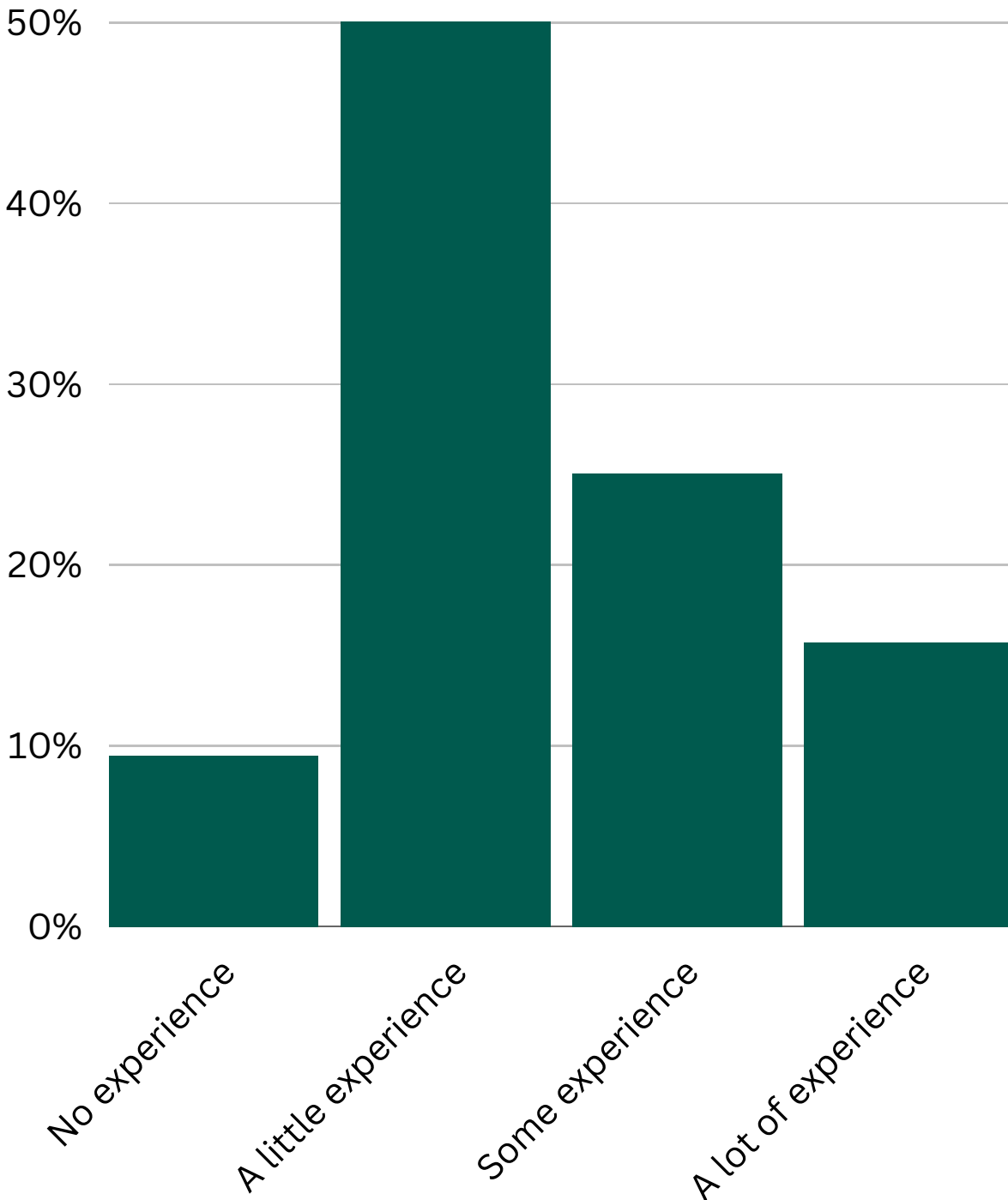And, they hold the following roles/titles at these organizations:

- Community Relations Manager
- Director of Operations
- Associate Pastor
- Research Director

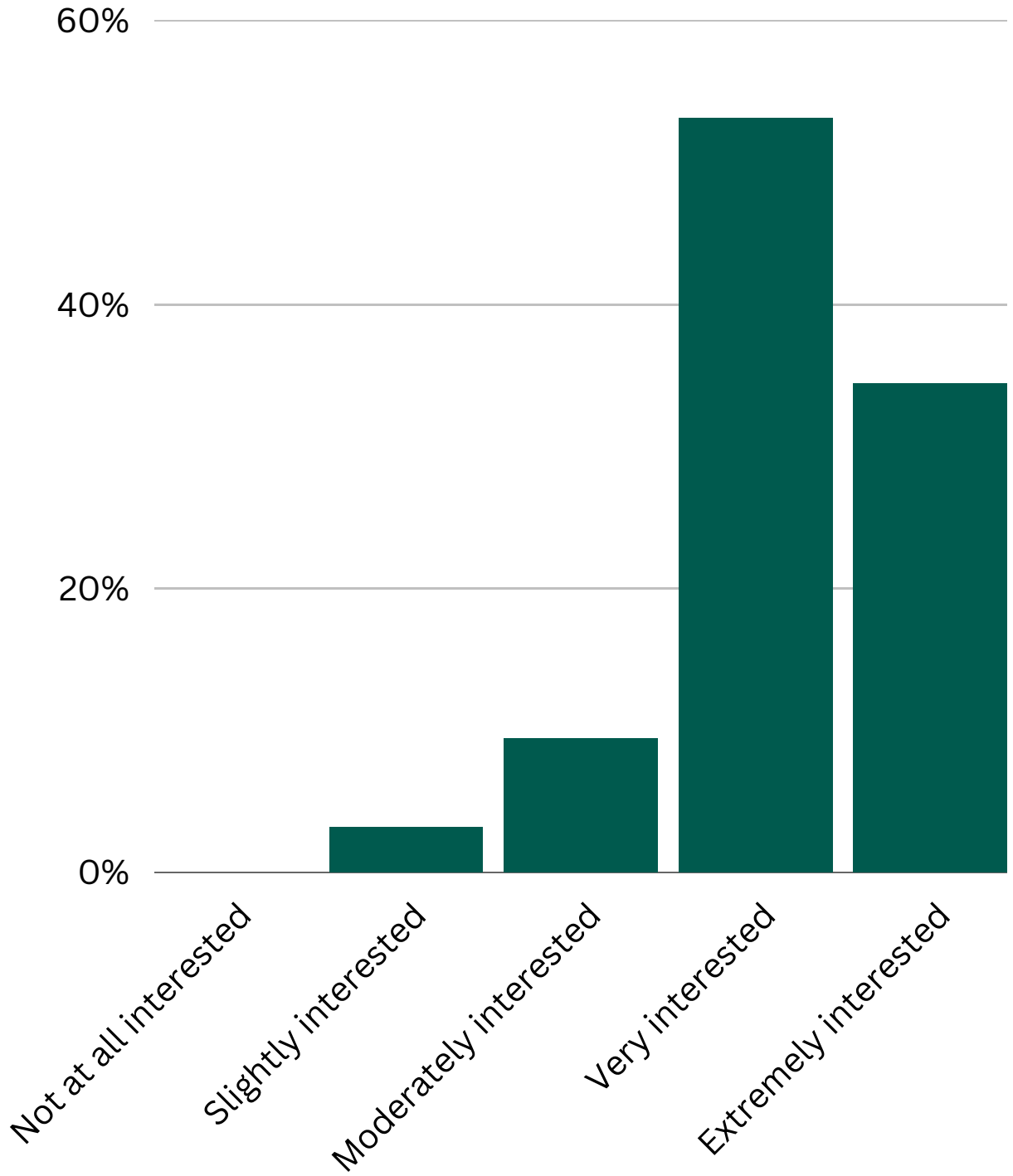WSU faculty and staff represented these departments:

- School of Medicine
- College of Nursing
- School of Social Work
- Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
- Institute of Gerontology
- Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute
- Sociology

Community-engaged research is the process of working collaboratively with groups of people affiliated by geographic proximity, special interests, or similar situations with respect to issues affecting their well-being and meaningfully involving those groups affected by a research finding in the research process (CDC (1997); Staniszewski et al. (2014).

How much experience have you had with community-engaged research?

What is your level of interest in community-engaged research?

Attendee research interests:

Research Interests	Total Attendees
Health Disparities	22
Social Determinants of Health	21
Community Engagement	20
Public Health	18
Behavioral Health	15
Black Health	14
Women's Health	14
Physical Activity & Nutrition	10
Cancer	8
Children's Health	8
Chronic Disease	7
Basic Science	5
LGBTQ Health	5
Middle Eastern/North African (MENA) Health	5
Environmental Health	4
Immigrant Health	4
Refugee Health	4
Rural Health	4
HIV and AIDS	3
Other	2

Other research interests include:

- Reducing hypertension, ED & cardiovascular disease in African American males
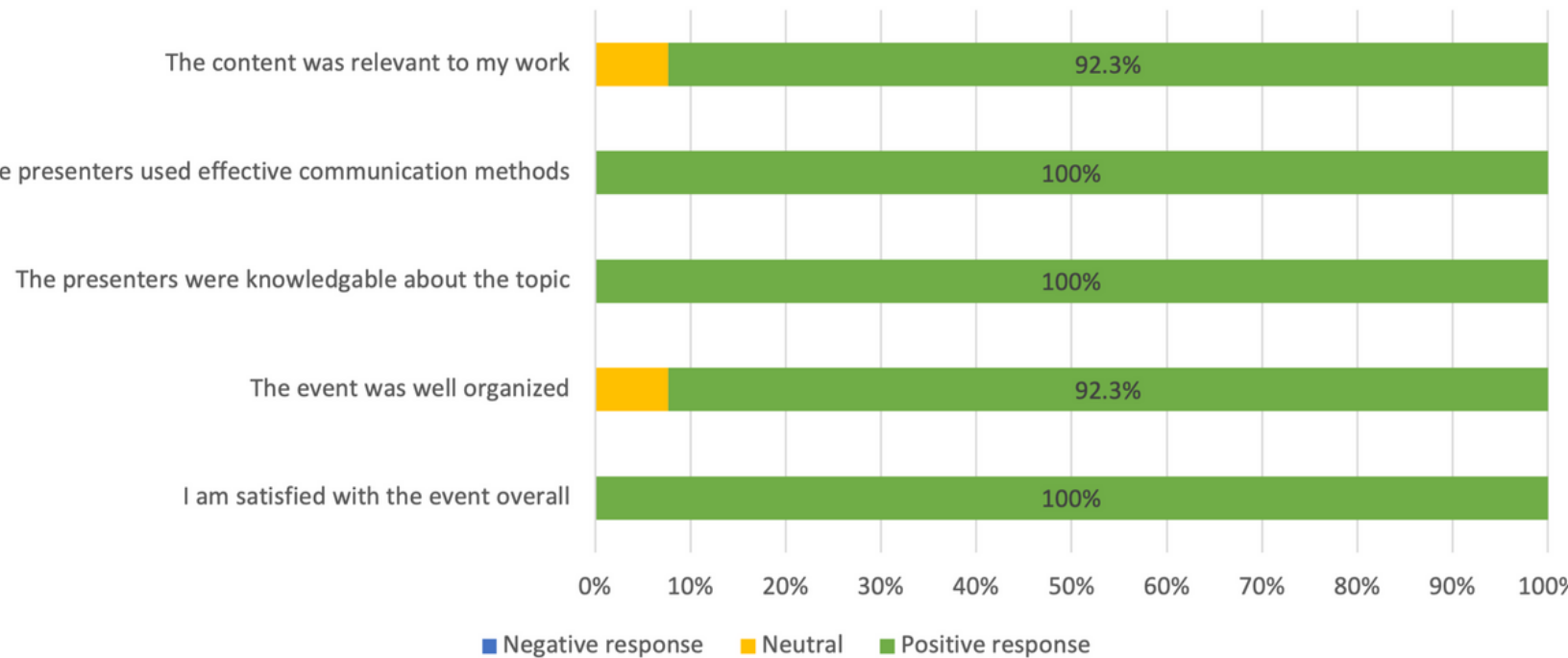- Maternal and infant health

Evaluation:

Thirteen attendees completed the evaluation.

Which best describes you? (mark all that apply)

WSU Faculty	8
WSU Staff	1
Community organization leader or representative	3
Community member/resident	1
Student	0
Other	0

Based on my experience attending today's event...

	Positive response
The content was relevant to my work	92.3%
The presenters used effective communication methods	100%
The presenters were knowledgable about the topic	100%
The event was well organized	92.3%
I am satisfied with the event overall	100%

■ Negative response   ■ Neutral   ■ Positive response

Topics of Interest for Future Events

How will you use the information you learned at today's event?

"To help me write an upcoming grant proposal"

"I will connect with appropriate specialists in community-engaged research to investigate possible collaborations"

"I will be reaching out to two of the four funders as they are very well aligned with work we are doing"

"To inform those who can and will benefit from the resources discussed and mentioned in addition to encourage participation"

"The event reinforced my knowledge and it was great to hear from the program officer prospective."

"Share with individuals who are interested in research and need funding"

"To inform my grant writing. Also very interested in Catch-A-Fire"

How can CHECK-UP support community engagement with research at WSU?

"More presentations like this one"

"Help with capacity building grant writing"

"Enlist more community members to team with academic researchers"

"I feel like there are several different community engagement for research efforts at WSU and it would be nice to see them brought together in a cohesive way."

"The resources and those who provide the services brings knowledge, understanding, which i believe will bring about more participation"

"Work to make university systems more efficient (parking, compensation for community voice without having to go through a ton of steps, flexibility around meals)"

"Engage researcher to understand how valuable community can be to help develop their research and make it better."

"By being a valuable resource, providing ongoing workshops."

What specific challenges need to be addressed to foster and improve community-engagement with research at Wayne State University?

"Publicity and training"

"Connecting with the community, we realize technology is relied on to connect with the community, however there are many who are not connected with technology that need direct contact with possible. Also to connect with those already out in the community to assist"

"For community-engaged scholars (junior in particular) find a way to fit community-engaged work into the tenure process. Community-engaged work takes a lot of time at the front end to build good relationships and sometimes the big grants and big publications that come down the line don't happen right away. Land grant universities do this really well."

"Share their finding and let the community benefit from the results of the research. Intervention."