Who are we?

CAB Mission Statement
The purpose of the Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS (CPCRA) Richmond AIDS Consortium (RAC) Community Advisory Board (CAB) is to represent persons affected by and infected with HIV disease as related to clinical trials activity. The CAB will advise the CPCRA on the development of its research protocols, promote new and existing protocols, and suggest modifications of existing protocols for HIV disease. An Alliance between the RAC staff and CAB will assure that the concerns of HIV+ persons are considered.

RAC / CAB VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Name:

Birth date (optional):

Mailing Address:

Primary Phone Number:

Alternate Phone Number (optional):

Why do you wish to become a member of the Richmond AIDS Consortium clinical trials community advisory board? (Please include related knowledge, skills and abilities.)

I am committed, without exception, to the Community Advisory Board member's promise of CONFIDENTIALITY and NONJUDGMENT.

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(Date)                  (Signature)

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The **CPCRA** is a federally funded community based AIDS medical research initiative sponsored by the National Institutes of Health through its National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Eighteen of these programs were established in 1989. One of these CPCRA groups is the Richmond AIDS Consortium.

The **RAC** is a coalition of physicians from the greater Richmond Metropolitan area, committed to the care of HIV infected people and the advancement of medical knowledge through community based clinical trials.

**CLINICAL TRIAL** - Study designed to answer specific questions about vaccines or new therapies or new ways of using known treatments. Clinical trials (also called *medical research* or *research studies*) are used to determine whether new drugs or treatments are both safe and effective. Carefully conducted clinical trials are the fastest and safest way to find treatments that work. New therapies are tested on people only after laboratory and animal studies show promising results.

**PLACEBO** - A pill without active ingredients that is sometimes compared to active medications to see which is better.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Community Advisory Board (CAB) Volunteer

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**Must be infected with or affected by HIV (HIV+, caregiver, friend, or family, etc…)**

**Must have a professional attitude with strict adherence to confidentiality.**

**Must be self-motivated.**

**Must be able to effectively work in groups and respect the views of others.**

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

Requires dedicated effort in self education, the ability to work with others, and the willingness to read materials pertaining to the medical aspects of HIV.

Must be able to participate in monthly meetings with RAC physician(s) and/or research nurses to:

--Keep abreast of CPCRA activities.

--Effectively communicate their views regarding HIV disease, medical treatments and social issues pertaining to HIV/AIDS with the RAC medical staff.

--Offer real life input into CPCRA protocol development, design, and implementation.

--Discuss social concerns regarding HIV disease, the CPCRA, and other relevant topics.

CAB member representatives are expected to attend monthly meetings. Missing three consecutive meetings without contact or extenuating circumstances (e.g.: illness, out of town), constitutes removal and termination from the CAB membership mailing list.

Should a community representative engage in some type of ethical breach (i.e.: privacy, confidentiality) he or she will be required to resign.

**PURPOSE**

To strengthen the element of community representation within the RAC & the CPCRA by having people infected with and affected by HIV infected with and affected by HIV disease participate at all levels of HIV research protocol development, design, and implementation.

**TIME**

Regularly scheduled monthly meetings will last about one to one and a half hours per meeting. Reading may be required.

CAB members will make at least a one year commitment or as long as health permits. Should a member be unable to complete his or her term, a new member will be selected to join the board.