

# The Importance of the Community Advisory Board (CAB)

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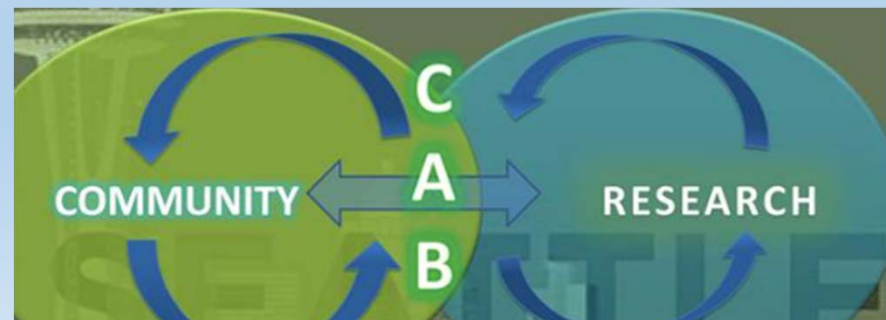
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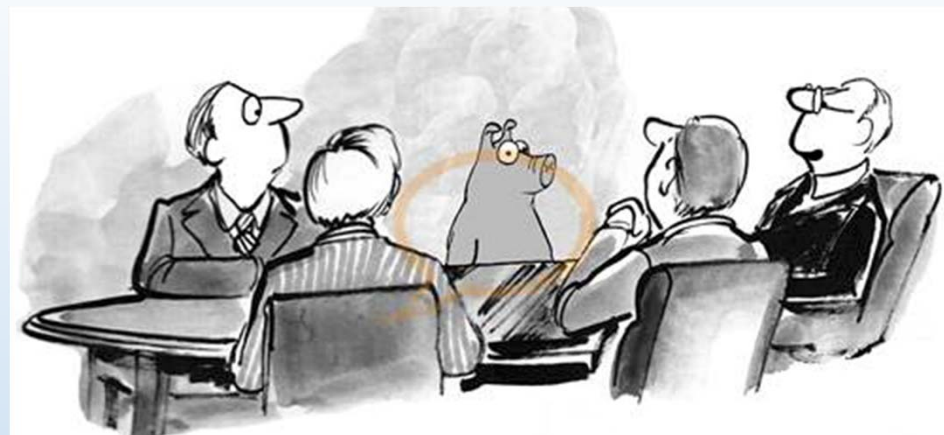
# What is a Community Advisory Board (CAB)?

- Voices of community and local study participants
- Provide input into study design and local study procedures
- Ensure research strategies acknowledge and respect the values and cultural/ethnic differences among participants
- An aspect of community-based participatory research

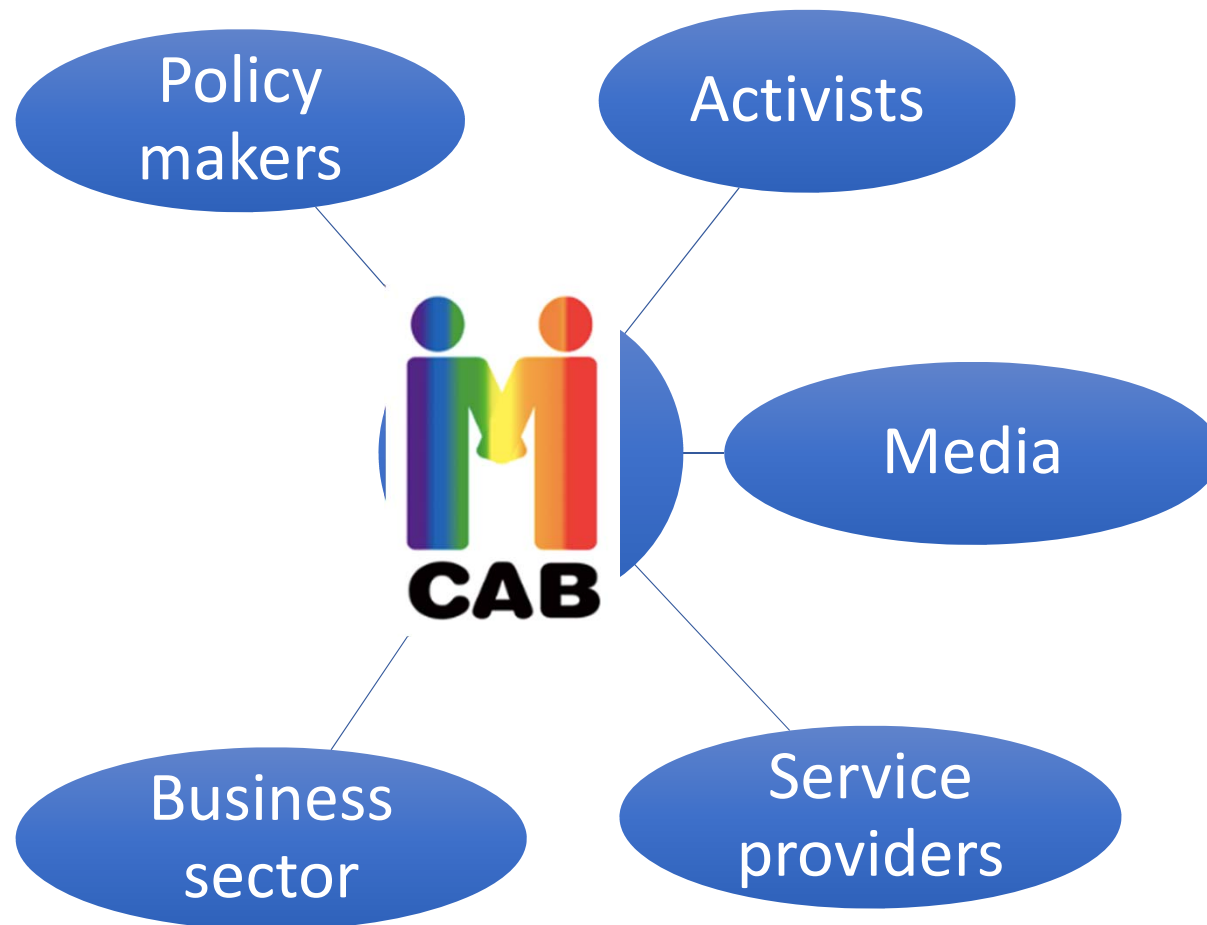


# Who sits in a CAB?

- Community members who share characteristics of study participants (sometimes the study participants themselves)
- Representatives working with HIV-related services/programs
- Religious or community leaders
- Professional with relevant research and/or scientific expertise



**Composition of  
the Multiple  
Community  
Advisory Board  
(M-CAB)**



# Why CAB?

- Benefit research institutions
  - Providing advice about the efficacy of the informed consent process
  - Providing advice about the efficacy of the research protocol implementation
  - Acquire relevant information/feedback when not possible or available in the research site
  - More effective recruitment –guidance from CAB)
  - Correspond to the respect of rights of research participants
  - Avoid potential group harm, resistance from the community

# Why CAB?

- Benefit the community
  - An effective channel to provide feedback on the research
  - Opportunities to raise concerns and protect the community from potential harms
  - Opportunities for research exposures and capacity building

# Multiple Sexuality Community Advisory Board (M-CAB)

- Formerly as MSM Community Advisory Board
- Also serve as a platform for communication exchange and other social movement
- Great deal of capacity building
- Composition of community members, business owners, activists, policy makers, media and service providers



## M-CAB's Objectives

- To **promote the quality of life** of the persons with multiple sexuality.
- To **develop and strengthen the network** of persons with multiple sexuality.
- To **coordinate** with the community of persons with multiple sexuality **to work together**.
- To **advocate for policy and monitor the progress** of the prevention, healthcare, and researches for persons with multiple sexuality.



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# Current discussions and nauseam

- Interaction between CABs and the Institutional Board (IRB)?
  - CAB – before or after IRB
- Education/capacity needed for CAB members
- Level of engagement
  - Developing the informed consent
  - Decision how much consent should be obtained from the study participants
- What should be done in case of emergency?
- Receiving complaints from the study participants when there is a problem or ethical violation?
- No clear guidance what exactly and to what extent a CAB should be/do
- Expectations of CAB after the research completion





**THANK YOU!**



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