Yale Center for Clinical Investigation

CARE: Community Alliance for Research and Engagement

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Principles and Guidelines for Community-University Research Partnerships*

Executive Summary

These principles and guidelines are intended to facilitate collaborative, respectful, and sustainable research relationships between Community and University research partners. As research becomes a shared endeavor, we believe it is more likely to benefit all involved. Integrating ethical principles into Community-University partnerships requires a mutual commitment to the following approaches.

(1) <u>Create an Ethical Framework</u>: A set of operating principles must be agreed upon that define the ways in which all research partners will conduct research ethically, and with respect for each other, the community, and the research participants.

(2) <u>Promote Diversity</u>: Communities are diverse, and so research partners should ensure that Community involvement is as broadly representative as possible. The University is also recognized as representing a diverse community.

(3) <u>Share Decision-Making</u>: Members of both the Community and University should participate in the planning of research in its earliest stages as well as review and approval of community-based research.

(4) <u>Share Benefits</u>: The resources, rewards, products and/or publications from Community-University Research partnerships should be shared among the partners.

(5) <u>Train Research Partners</u>: It is essential to train Community and University partners in the design and conduct of research studies within various community settings, so that each develops an understanding of the research endeavor. This training should optimally be a joint and ongoing process.

*For complete version of document, see ://ycci.yale.edu/community/research_briefs.html