



Department of Psychiatry
Clinical Research Accountability Unit (CRAU)

General Summary

The clinical research activities of the Department of Psychiatry are managed by several highly functional and collaborative research units and centers. The portfolio of clinical research studies is primarily investigator-initiated with a smaller proportion of industry-sponsored studies. The department faculty and staff also frequently collaborate with other departments across the SOM.

CRAU Structure

The Psychiatry CRAU will conduct and manage the essential activities outlined below under the direction of the Faculty Director and Administrative Director.

CRAU Faculty Director:

- John Gilmore, MD, Thad and Alice Eure Distinguished Professor; Vice Chair for Research & Scientific Affairs; Director of the Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health

CRAU Administrative Director:

- Kim Brownley, PhD, Professor; Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Director of Research Compliance

In their roles as Directors of the Department of Psychiatry CRAU, Dr. Gilmore and Dr. Brownley will serve as the primary contacts for the CRAU and as liaisons to each of the individual Psychiatry sub-CRAUs.

The clinical research activities of the Psychiatry CRAU will be accounted for through the establishment of 7 functional sub-CRAUs, each with a Faculty Lead and Administrative Lead. For any research activities that do not fall within a defined sub-CRAU, their activities will be covered under the main department CRAU.

Sub-CRAU	Faculty & Administrative Leads
Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders (CEED)	Faculty Lead: Cynthia Bulik, PhD, FAED
	Administrative Lead: Laura Thornton, PhD
Center for Women’s Mood Disorders (CWMD)	Faculty Lead: Samantha Meltzer-Brody, MD, MPH
	Administrative Lead: Holly Krohn, MPH
Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health (CECMH), NC Psychiatric Research Center (PRC)	Faculty Lead: Fred Jarskog, MD
	Administrative Lead: Tonya Elliott, MS
WakeBrook Behavioral Health Facility (GW)	Faculty Lead: Kim Brownley, PhD
UNC Bowles Center for Alcohol Studies (BC)	Faculty Lead: Christian Hendershot, PhD
	Administrative Lead: Jennie Vaughn
Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities (CIDD)	Faculty Lead: Gabriel Dichter, PhD

TEACCH Autism Program (TEACCH)	Faculty Lead: Laura Klinger, PhD
	Administrative Lead: Elena Lamarche

CRAU Essential Activities

The Psychiatry CRAU will maintain accountability for all studies led by Psychiatry faculty investigators. Studies conducted within the department that are led by non-Psychiatry faculty investigators will be accounted for by the study PI's home department CRAU.

Administration	
Primary point of contact for CRSO and CRAU:	Kim Brownley
Primary point of contact for industry sponsors:	Kim Brownley
Monitor personnel and staffing:	CEED: Laura Thornton CWMD: Holly Krohn CECMH, PRC: Tonya Elliott GW: Kim Brownley BC: Jennie Vaughn CIDD: Gabriel Dichter TEACCH: Elena Lamarche
Review study feasibility assessment outcomes:	Kim Brownley
Review and verify administrative data about the CRAU:	Kim Brownley John Gilmore
Operations	
Point of contact for OnCore utilization:	Kim Brownley Amanda Teer
Pre-review of initial IRB submissions for quality and completeness:	PIs and/or their designees Point of Contact: Kim Brownley
Departmental IRB certification:	John Gilmore Amanda Teer
Review aggregate audit and monitoring findings:	Kim Brownley John Gilmore
Financial Management	
Point of contact for financial management best practices:	Amanda Teer

Additional Support Activities Provided by the Psychiatry CRAU

For more information or to request additional support activities, contact Kim Brownley.

Description of Activity	
Quality Assurance Program	Kim Brownley