Working Question
How might we transform drug policy reform efforts in the United States through a visionary research agenda?

Todays’ Focus
To reflect on what we’ve learned from collective input and to use the expertise and synergy of this collaboration as a jumping off point to design some ideas, solutions, and proposals.

Goals / Outcomes
A. Develop a drug policy research agenda unbounded by funding and political concerns
   - Identify the gaps and biases in drug policy research
   - Identify the sources of those limitations and clarify the ways in which those limitations impact drug policy reform
   - Create strategies for resolving barriers and moving towards a new vision
   - Identify an aspirational list of projects
   - Identify areas for immediate action (translation of barriers and needs to various audiences, outreach to research and funding partners, etc.)

B. Establish an interdisciplinary research network/directory of drug policy scholars and collaborators

C. Use the agenda to engender interest from public and private funders, as well as the broader public, in innovative drug policy research.
Schedule

**Breakfast** [8:30-9:00] **Grid Room** (next door to the Hill Room)

**Welcome** [9:00-10:00]
- Introductions
- Working question and goals
- Workshop Design

**What influences drug policy research?** [10:00-10:30]

Given the constraints in the field, how do we re-approach drug policy research?
- Summary of Constraints
- Factors that would transform drug policy research
- Who relies on our research?


2. **What is needed to move past current research barriers? What immediate changes in policy and/or funding would improve/impact research environment? In other words, what would transform your research?**

   Work Groups - Identify specific research areas, questions, and recommendations. Please note your topics, questions, recommendations on the wall and identify a group reporter.

   Potential Questions:
   - Gaps and biases: What don’t we know? What do we need to know?
   - What immediate changes in policy and/or funding would improve research environment?
   - What would transform your research?
   - New approaches?

   **Deliverable:** List of specific changes / factors that would improve research.

**BREAK** [11:15-11:30] Hill Room


4. **Lunch:** Informal discussion, Grid Room [12:15-1:00]
5. **SESSION II – Innovation: Dream Projects in Research Utopia [1:00-2:00]**

*What if there was no one to say “no”? What drug policy research would you pursue if you had the resources and support to do any research you wished?*

**New Work Groups** - Identify specific aspirational projects.

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**A. Research Utopia:** What would your research look like without barriers? What research project would you love to be involved in?

- Key issues - by category/topic
- Influence policy discussion
- Areas for immediate action
- Potential partners

**Deliverable:** New research topics or questions and ways of working across disciplines in describing concrete research possibilities from the dream list.

**B. Research Agenda:** Sketch dream research projects – something that would not be funded or possible in the current climate. Consider those audiences/stakeholders we identified earlier and what they might need to know to support dream projects.

**Deliverable:** Sketch and pitch specific projects that are shaped by those possibilities.

6. **Groups present innovations and dream projects as a research agenda [2:00-3:00]**

7. **Conclusion [3:00-3:30]**

**Take Away and Next Steps**

- One valuable take-away for you, today
- What you would like to see happen next?

**Next steps: advocacy, resources, research proposals, etc.**

- Research Agenda: Wish List of Projects
- Review by other scholars?
- Special journal issue on new drug policy research
- Resources and funding strategies
- Communications to champions and other researchers
- “What You Should Know” sheet (policy makers, funders, service providers, media)
- Media strategy
- Research Network / directory? (collaborators)?
- Other?