EXPLORING AN ARC ON THE TOPIC: Brain Tissue Substance Use Disorders: From Repository to Biology
Exploratory Meeting, Sept 23, 2022; 1:30p, X715
Meeting led by Drs. Katya Ravid, Director, Evans Center IBR and Dr. Lindsay Farrer

Overview: There is plenty of research going on at BU on Substance abuse disorders – The group is trying to determine what can be developed as innovative, exploratory project(s) that can fit within an ARC. As a pre-ARC:

- Assemble a group of investigators interested in brainstorming
- funding to support invited speakers & some lunches during group discussions

Faculty
Lindsay Farrer, DOM and section chief; presented an overview on need and course and cost of a future brain bank as well as experience in leading ARCs. email: farrer@bu.edu
Alex Walley, GIM, HIV primary care overdose prevention; Medical Director for state overdose prevention Counseling; Overdose research/Neurobiology; Community Engagement focus; Brain bank. email: Alexander.Walley@bmc.org
Thor Stein, Neuropathologist at VA with current access to about 100 brain tissues of patients with substance abuse. email: tdstein@bu.edu
Theresa Kim, GIM, Addiction specialist & primary care; Study HIV & substance & bone health; Proposal for Brain bank. email: Theresa.Kim@bmc.org
Michael Fischer, Section Chief, GIM. email: Michael.Fischer@bmc.org

An ARC could provide a platform for brainstorming, projects development, and funding for interdisciplinary Pilot studies

The group selects faculty interested in leading such a preARC, and bring awareness of this initiative to the larger research community.

Please contact Dr. Lindsay Farrer or Dr. Katya Ravid if interested in participating.