

# The CFIDS Association of America

*Working to make CFS widely understood, diagnosable, curable and preventable*

## **Our Mission:**

**For CFS to be widely understood, diagnosable, curable and preventable.**

- **Founded in 1987 by Marc Iverson; first dollar supported research.**
- **For 25 years the Association has raised and invested more than \$30 million in programs to end the life-altering disability, stigma and isolation CFS causes.**
- **In 2008 with the addition of full-time scientific director to staff, we narrowed focus to “stimulate research aimed at the early detection, objective diagnosis and effective treatment of CFS through expanded public, private and commercial investment.”**
- **In 2012, with the launch of the Research Institute Without Walls, we are now focused on identifying disease-modifying treatment for CFS.**

# Transformative Research



Turning Science Into Treatment for CFS

- 2009-2010 grantees turned \$637,000 in seed funding into follow-on grants totaling than \$5 million
- Established SolveCFS BioBank; 482 consented participants – individuals with well-characterized CFS, contacts controls and healthy controls
- Formed diverse Scientific Advisory Board
- Launched Research Institute Without Walls on Feb. 23, 2012

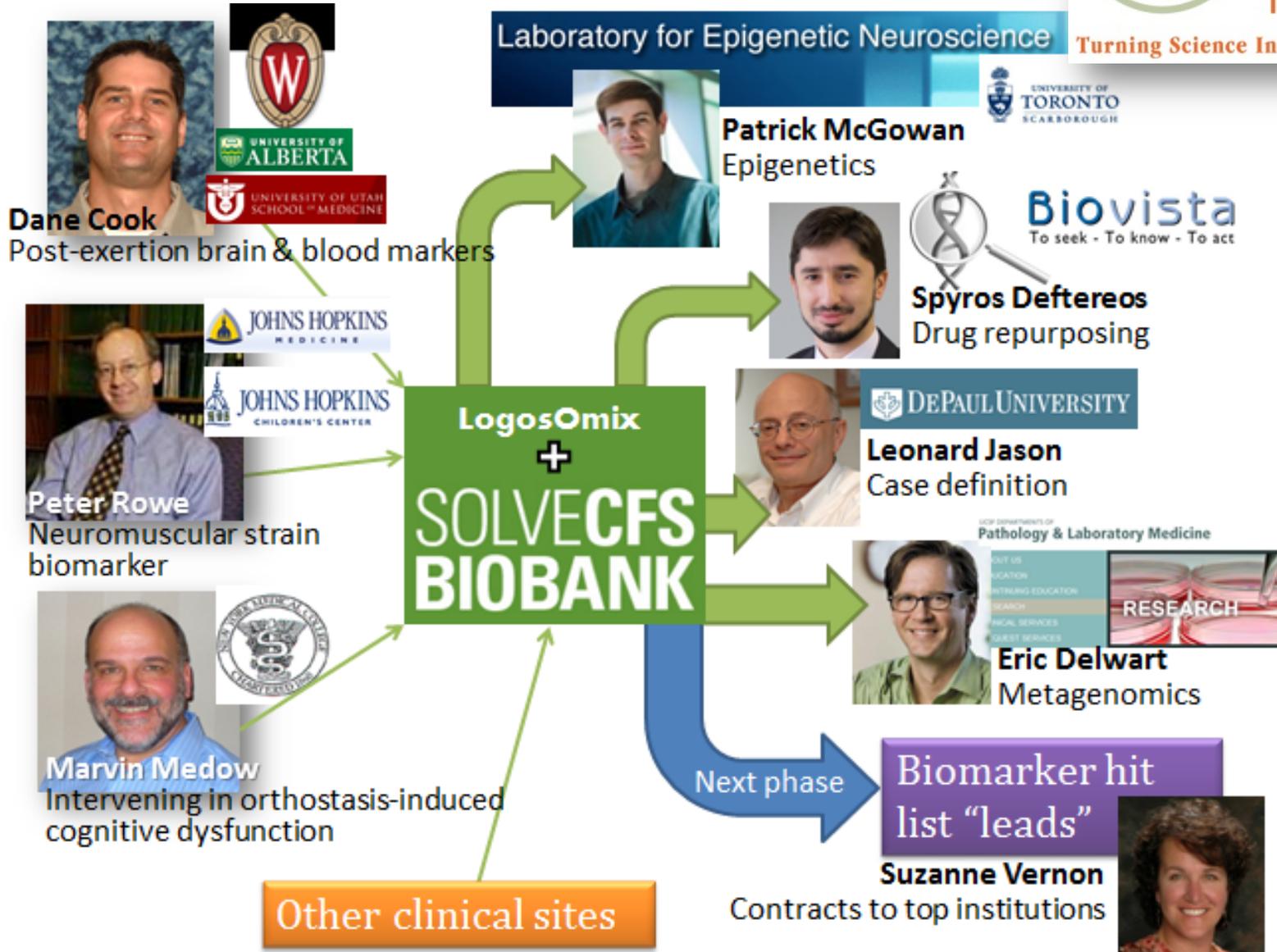


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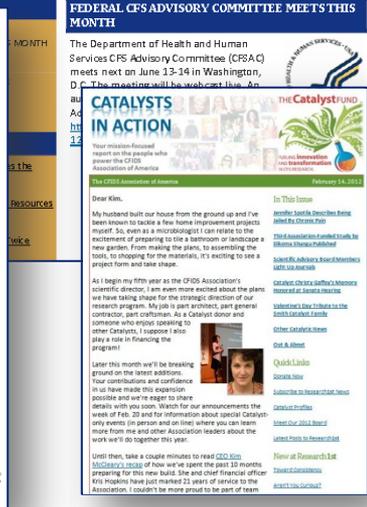
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# Vibrant Communications

- Long tradition of print publications including the *CFIDS Chronicle*. Now semi-annual publication of *SolveCFS*.
- Research1st website/blog; 206 posts
- “Research1st News” and “Catalysts In Action” e-newsletters
- 25 webinar programs
- Active social media presence



# Magnetic Growth

- Reach and engage more people to support the effort to identify disease-modifying treatment for CFS
- Launched Catalyst Fund in 2011 to fuel research and personalize support
- Hosting regional Catalyst Café events throughout the country to report progress and broaden support



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