

RESEARCH ADVISORY BOARD (RAB)
January 5, 2016
8:30-10am
Medical Sciences Building, Chancellors Conference Room S-118

Attendees: Chip Chambers, Jane Czech, Clarice Estrada, John Ellis, MC Gaisbauer, Jennifer Grandis, Xiao Hu, Vanessa Jacoby, Jean Jones, Mounira Kenaani, Jim Kiriakis, Gretchen Kiser, Larisa Kure, Steven Lazarus, Georgina Lopez, Irene McGlynn, Synthia Mellon, Teresa Moeller, Suzanne Murphy, Michael Nordberg, Marge O'Halloran, Anja Paardekooper, Christine Razler, Bill Seaman, Brian Smith, Matt Springer, Paul Volberding

On Phone: Pam DenBesten

Not here: Wallace Marshall, Thomas Neylan, Theresa O'Lonegan, Nirao Shah,

Guests: Deborah Good, Eunice Stephens

PRESENTATION: Clinical & Translational Science Institute (CTSI) and Biobanking Updates, Jennifer Grandis

See PowerPoint presentation attached

- We need to work together on what is mission critical and can use the CTSI award as a funding source
- UCSF is the largest and most expensive member of the National Center for Advancing Translation Science, however size no longer matters. The UCSFCSTI budget will now be the same as other members.
- High touch clinical research used to be fully funded from other sources. CTSI now funds 60%. If we cannot find additional funding, we will have to increase recharge revenue.
- Ex. How other institutions deal with this issue
 - Stanford caps resources, has off campus buildings and have non-union nurses
- CTSI will be putting most of the resources from the next grant into dealing with this (tools, data stores and warehouses), working to animate our research (improving UCSF profiles, offering consultation services and mentorship)
- Bottom line: we need to work with other entrepreneur centers, to reduce redundancies and create platforms to support. We also need a common playground for all biobanking that can be customized for individual needs and the only rule is that everything is transparent. We also need a laboratory management system

Questions/Comments:

- SFGH challenges
 - No research pharmacy
 - No electronic medical records
- Are we going to try to create a bio specimens bank?
 - Maybe, we can't afford to collect something that is not used. We would need stakeholders to justify collections
 - We need to balance between supporting existing users and jumpstarting others
 - The one exception is blood. We do need to have a plan before we start, there is no funding currently
- Link UCSF profiles to collections?
 - Bio specimens are generally owned by the institution. Would like to have what Duke has, systemwise, that would provide this information.
- For data information, what about the divide between clinical and research data?
 - The Academic Research system is hiring a director to work on research informatics.

Next Steps:

- None specifically noted

PRESENTATION: Processing Grant Subcontracts, Marge O'Halloran and Deborah Good

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Questions/Comments:

- Is there going to be another change in managing subawards?
 - No, we will still have a central subaward team
 - Some subaward processing had been managed in departments and we are going to wholly manage in RMS.
- Has the turnaround time improved?

- Not yet, it is still more than 60 days, and we are working on shortening this timeframe. Turnaround time is defined as the number of days from when the completed Subrequest Packet is received by the Sub Desk and the transaction initiated. RMS is also working on identifying areas of improvement from receipt of the prime award to initiation of the request packet to identify areas of improvement.

Next Steps:

- It was suggested that an 'ask' be made for centralized funding to address this backlog in the near term. It was concluded by the board that this need is urgent. There was a unanimous vote of the board to recommend that a funding request be made for one-time funds to hire temporary support. As well, RAB membership support a second initiative that will likely require additional funding to address system / technology needs as well as more permanent staffing needs on the Subaward team.