SPA Updates
3rd Quarter 2012

August 23, 2012
3:00 – 4:30 pm
School of Dentistry, Room G205
Today’s Agenda

• Pre-review of Proposals
• Sponsor Updates and Reminders (NIH, Komen, CDC)
• New Coversheet for BVA IPAs
• SPA Personnel Updates

• Questions?
Pre-review of Proposals

• SPA will pre-review applications prior to the PI submitting for approvals in Coeus
  – Especially important for system-to-system proposals
  – Helps reduce the need to “reject” proposals after the routing is in progress

• Pre-review is intended to catch major issues that will cause electronic submission issues
Pre-review Limitations

• SPA can only review what is in the record when the pre-review is requested
  – Asking us to pre-review a proposal in the skeleton phase will not be very helpful
  – The proposal is still being modified. Therefore, changes made may create issues that were not there during pre-review.
  – No one is perfect. It is possible for us to catch items in a final review that were missed in the pre-review. We do our best to catch items as early as possible, but sometimes we catch issues upon further review.
Pre-review Limitations

- Timing is critical
  - Too early in the process, you may not have enough info in Coeus for a meaningful review
  - Too close to deadline, we may tell you to go ahead and route to ensure that the routing has time to occur before the deadline.
  - Pre-review doesn’t mean it’s okay to route the proposal at the last minute. There can still be issues to resolve.
Pre-review Conclusions

• SPA wants pre-reviews to be useful for everyone involved.
• Please request as early as possible once your budget is final and drafts of all narratives are uploaded.
• Please continue to follow the routing guidelines distributed to campus in December 2010.
  – Suggested timeframe for pre-review request is 9 days prior to sponsor deadline
  – If SPA receives a completely routed, FINAL proposal at least 5 days prior to sponsor deadline, we guarantee resolution of issues in time for sponsor deadline.
NIH Updates and Reminders

• It’s been a stormy summer...what happens when bad weather coincides with an NIH proposal deadline?
  – NIH will automatically allow a delay in grant application submissions equal to the time of institution closure or evacuation order.
  – As with any late application, include in your application cover letter the reason(s) for the delay.
  – *It is important to remember that the delay should not exceed the time period that the applicant organization is closed.*
  – For additional information please see [http://grants.nih.gov/grants/natural_disasters.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/natural_disasters.htm)
NIH Updates and Reminders

• New Human Embryonic Stem Cell (hESC) Requirements beginning 9/25/12
  – NIH Stem Cell Registry now lists more than 160 approved cell lines
  – Applications involving hESC for 9/25/12 and later deadlines need to include one of the following:
    • Specify which hESC line from the NIH hESC Registry will be used, OR
    • Strong justification in Research Strategy why unapproved hESC line is necessary. Note: If approved, NIH will issue restricted NGA until the specified hESC line(s) is approved and added to the registry.
  – Unlike before, reviewers will now evaluate scientific appropriateness of the chosen hESC line
  – For additional info see NOT-OD-12-111
NIH Updates and Reminders

• Please remind your NIH-funded PIs to keep their contact info, especially email address, up to date in the Commons
  – CSR is using eRA Commons to communicate important info to PIs about applications, instead of sending letters.
  – PIs will receive email alerts to check Commons (Correspondence section of the Application screen) for receipt and referral issues:
    • Additional info needed to assign application to appropriate review group or NIH institute or center
    • PI’s request for review in a specific institute or center cannot be honored
    • Application is not in compliance with NIH policy

Susan G. Komen for the Cure Update

• Komen National upcoming deadlines
  – Pre-proposals due September
  – Full Proposals due December
  – Komen has started using ProposalCENTRAL
    • All proposals/awards starting March 2012 (older ones still managed in Komen Grants Mgmt System)
    • Be sure to give SPA Manager & proposal contact person access to proposal so that SPA can submit

• Implementing a salary cap of $250,000 for all personnel on their grants

• For additional info:
  http://ww5.komen.org/ResearchGrants/FundingOpportunities.html
Expanded Use of the Salary Cap

• We received notification from CDC that they are held to the same salary cap as NIH per the FY12 appropriation act

• FY12 CDC Awards issued on or after December 23, 2011 must use salary cap of Executive Level II (currently $179,700)
IPAs with the Baltimore VA

• BVA recently added requirements for routing IPAs within the VA
• After discussions with the VA, SPA is now using a cover sheet for all IPAs
  – SPA completes during its review of the IPA
  – Department obtains PI signature after SPA review and sends to the VA with the IPAs
SPA Personnel Updates

• Subcontract Team
  – New Manager
  – Administrator Position

• Team E
  – Administrator Position
Questions?
Final Notes

• Both presentations will be available on SPA and SPAC websites

• Final 2012 Quarterly Meeting will be held on October 25th, from 3:00 – 4:30, location TBD

• Thanks for joining us today!