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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

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
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-111.html>

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

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-108.html>

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 signature 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!