Post Award Advisory Committee (PAAC)
Wednesday, Sept 20, 2017
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
3114 Med Sci I

HAPPY (ALMOST) RESEARCH ADMINISTRATORS DAY!!

Members:
Anesthesiology: Amy Harms
Biological Chemistry: Mary Grapp
Biomedical Engineering: Nancy Paskievitch
Cancer Center: Susan Agnew
Cell & Developmental Biology: Jennifer McPeake
DCMB: Venece Williams
Dermatology: Kim Norris
DLHS: Jennifer Hoy
Emergency Medicine: Shelley Haack-Withem
Family Medicine: Judy Connelly
Human Genetics: Karen Sturtz
Internal Medicine: Donna Boyer
Internal Medicine: Judy Carrillo
Internal Medicine: Carrie Lapham
Internal Medicine: Sheree Temple
MBNI: Steve Stinnett
Microbiology & Immunology: Kathy Olbrich
Molecular & Integrative Physiology: Anne Many
MSA: Anna Taylor

Neurology: Matt Rollins
Neurosurgery: Donna Gauss
Ob / Gyn: Marni Arnett
Ophthalmology: Lisa Dwyer
Orthopaedics: Sharon Vaassen
Otolaryngology: Sue Kelch
Pathology: John Harris
Pediatrics: Megan Diffin
Pharmacology: Nancy Katon
PM&R: Dawn Krause
Psychiatry: Loree O’Jack
Radiation Oncology: Rhonda Hubbard
Radiology: Linda Bailey
Surgery / Cardiac Surgery: Emily Hamilton
Phillip Boetsch (ULAM)
Urology: Tasha Garwood

Sponsored Programs: Lisa Wintergerst
CTSUs: Tracy Naylor

PAAC Chair: Beth Brant

Agenda Topic

1 Welcome and Introductions

2 General Announcements

- The 3rd Annual National Research Administrators Day is Monday, September 25th! In recognition of the pool of talent required to support research at Michigan Medicine, take a gander at the copy of the fabulous poster highlighting UM Research Administrators the Grants Office débuted at Researchpalooza. It really does take a village!

- New Member(s) – Kim Norris / Dermatology

- Post-Award Advisory Committee – PAAC Member information has been updated on the web. Please double check your department information for accuracy. The PAAC email group is updated to reflect current membership as well. Remember to share and disseminate information as needed!

- New Financial Operations Website – Financial Operations recently updated their website which resulted in some broken links in resource documents (e.g. Post-Award Manual, Close-out checklist). These resource documents are in the process of being updated with the new links.
• Final Request FSR’s Language -
Recently several departments voiced concerns regarding Final Notice FSR’s which contained language stating “We contacted you on xxxx, but we have not received a response to date” on projects where active communication with reporting was in process. To clarify, if you receive a Final Notice FSR for a project you are working with reporting the notice should state ‘Although you have been diligently working with me to complete this FSR and I am aware of some extenuating circumstances, please know that we are nearing the sponsor’s deadline’. As faculty are included on Final FSR Notifications, and the ‘no response’ language can be anxiety provoking, please make us aware of any inaccurate reports so we can follow-up with reporting.

• Merit, it’s that time of year! –
Remember to keep an eye on faculty salaries for compliance with sponsor salary cap requirements! Looking for more information or resources? Visit the Handling Salary Over the Cap page.

3 Interim and Final RPPR’s

The RPPR PDF highlights additional information and resources available for submitting Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR) under the new reporting requirements for Interim and Final reports.

4 Reporting Group

A cross-departmental reporting group of post-award folks knowledgeable with the current reporting environment will be focusing on identifying and documenting PI / PI portfolio level reporting needs over the next several months. Stay tuned!

5 Award Management Update

The Award Management advisory groups are on a brief ‘pause’ while the Award Management team brainstorms progress to-date with the vendor. An update is anticipated in late Fall.

6 NIH Next Generation Researchers Initiative

a. Announcement of the policy NOT-OD-17-101
b. Definitions of Early Stage Investigator (ESI) and Early Established Investigator (EEI) – see the announcement. Also, visit NIH website dedicated to the program: https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/index.htm
c. Highlights: NIH will identify candidates (no need to disclose) and a flag will (soon) show in the Commons account.
d. Each IC will develop individual strategies to implement the policy. Please read each IC website for implementation plan.
e. An ESI is someone within 10 years of terminal degree OR end of post-graduate clinical training (whichever is later) without being PD/PI of an NIH independent research award.
f. An EEI is someone who is within 10 years of receiving their first independent R01, or equivalent, as an ESI.
eRPM: updates to Agreement Acceptance Request and Access

a. Award Acceptance Request (AAR) is being retooled so that it is easier to use and interpret/more user friendly. Approval status is shown in a table; Subway map visible to help, language cleaned up to be more understandable.

b. PAF Accessibility – All the PAFs across the campus will be visible to those in a Reviewer or Reviewer Who Can Sign role.
   - Please review your Manage Department Tab for current folks to be sure it is up to date.
   - School requirement: This functionality should NOT replace contacting a team for permission to use their project as a template. Many faculty are nervous about the access. You should access for a business purpose only. Do not pull down models without permission and do not look up other teams’ projects (even at the request of faculty) to see what they are up to. If you have an issue, please contact Heather.

c. As part of PAF Accessibility, there will be a new tab – called My PAFs which will be those specifically in your Unit. All PAFs will be the tab where all projects on campus are listed.

d. As part of PAF Accessibility, RAs will also be able to search PAFs by having access to a new Query tab with other search fields.

e. On the PAF, there will now be a CTSU question where you can identify if you are working with a CTSU, similar to the questions on the CTRF.

f. New fields on the PAF related to Cost sharing – Other UM Commitments will now be split into 2 distinct areas:
   - **UM Other Commitments** for sponsor-facing commitments that are not quantified (Providing an item not covered by the grant, without specifying the value)
   - **Internal UM Commitments** for “deals” between units that are not part of the sponsor review (Rackham provision of tuition shortfall on training grants)
   - Both will require Department ID and approval.