

## GPAC – July 10, 2013

### IPA

- Med School is now signing IPAs with the VA
- Still working on the process of award going to ORSP
- Currently – if the project team gets an IPA from the VA, use the Request ORSP Action activity
- Any suggestions/questions about the process, call Jane (3-4272)

**F&A** – *should be noted, this was open discussion of the issues. Notes below are NOT intended to be directional.*

- Corporate sponsors
  - There has been an increased incidence of corporate sponsors with different IDC rates or exclusions in recent months (e.g. Pfizer capping rate at 28%)
  - Need a policy of how non-standard situations will be handled
    - If accepting non-standard terms, will it be a slippery slope to become the new standard?
    - What is the risk to the federally negotiated rate when the government should get the “best deal”?
  - Potential ways to handle non-standard situations:
    - Institutional push-back on corporate sponsors – note NOT faculty conversation
    - Build in other costs (e.g. administrative costs, space)
    - Full-cost budgeting
- Pass-through costs
  - Example - multi-site clinical trials with contracted services (not subcontracts)
  - Exploring the idea of waiving these costs to a lower indirect cost rate
    - Currently contracted services recover the full IDC rate
    - Regardless of rate, these costs are subject to the Provost Tax model
    - Would this model make UM more competitive?
  - This could be a benefit for projects where the sponsor only has a certain amount of money to give

### Grant Review Pilot

- Medical School currently reviews ~3,000 proposals per year
- Looking at potential ways to deal with an increasing workload, without adding FTEs to the office
- Pilot will be opt-in/opt-out
- Proposals from participating departments will undergo minimal review – only compliance issues
- Select proposals from pilot will be audited to ensure quality of Med School proposals after submission
- Concept will be taken to CDAs with a target to start pilot in September.
- Units will not be required to participate – and in the meeting the few who showed interest were noted.