eRA Project Team Meeting Minutes

Date:	Tuesday, September 14, 2004
Time:	9:00–10:25 a.m.
Location:	Rockledge 1, 5th floor conference room
Chair:	Izja Lederhendler

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 28, 9:00 a.m., Rockledge 1, 5th floor conference room

Presentations

❑ eNAP and NCCR (Peter Highnam): http://era.nih.gov/Docs/NCRR_GCRC_09-22-04.pdf

Opening Remarks

Izja Lederhendler

❑ Izja reported that the eRA planning team is still finalizing the FY2005 plan. As usual there is an excess of priorities for FY2005 and not enough money to go around. He hopes to be able to share the plan with the Project Team in October.

❑ Izja informed the team of a new initiative that Dr. Zerhouni is actively pushing: Public Access. The main goals of Public Access are to make available to the public free of charge NIH-supported published research six months after publication and to improve on NIH's ability to report on its portfolios. Izja reported that PubMed Central is the logical repository for these publications but there are implications for Commons. Discussions are underway regarding potential links between eRA and PubMed. Additional information on this topic can be found in the NIH Guide notice that went out on September 3 (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-04-064.html).

eNAP and NCRR

Peter Highnam

Izja introduced Peter Highnam from the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR). Izja noted that eRA's recent involvement with NCRR is a good example of partnering with ICs and is representative of the kind of activity he hopes to undertake with other ICs. eRA was able to get in on early discussions of electronic receipt of non-competing applications that are not streamlined (eNAP). NCRR has agreed to use the eRA architecture in their development effort. This will allow NCRR to develop the functionality to meet their needs in their own timeframe and will allow eRA to easily expand the effort into an enterprise system at a later date—Win/Win.

Peter shared a presentation developed for this month's Common Working Group meeting.

Discussion Points:

❑ Currently it takes several FTE-months to produce reports.

❑ SERCH uses the Documentum engine to provide flexible content management. NCRR will leverage the Documentum space already managed by CIT.

- ❑ NCRR is trying to *buy* rather than *build* whenever possible.

- ❑ General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) grants are the most complex non-competing grants. Once the infrastructure for GCRC M01s is in place, the work can be leveraged to address other types since most others are a subset of the GCRCs.

  - − Structure of M01 is similar to 2590 with many appendices

  - − David Wright noted that a survey of complex grants is needed

- ❑ Need to make sure we capture and index the documents once; duplicate records will cause problems for reporting, knowledge management and other tools down the line.

- ❑ Pete Morton asked Peter what he considered the greatest challenge in designing a system that is conducive to enterprise level expansion. Peter replied that ID authentication is the largest challenge and one that is not unique to working with eRA.

- ❑ Janna Wehrle noted that GCRCs have a common data structure in place so only one translator is needed. She asked Peter how difficult he thought it would be to extend the model to universities. Peter explained that the approach of using industry standard technology (e.g., PDF, XML, web services) will make it easier for universities to take advantage of the system since many schools already have expertise in these areas.

December Symposium

Scarlett Gibb

eRA will hold its annual symposium on December 2. The theme of the symposium will be the electronic receipt of applications and will include individual speakers, panel discussions, and a break-out room for a service provider show & tell.

If you are interested in volunteering to assist with the planning and execution of this event, please contact Gina Sanderson or Scarlett Gibb.

Open Discussion

Scarlett Gibb announced that Sherry Zucker, eRA Analysis Design & Development Branch Chief, will be retiring after 33 years of federal service. A reception in her honor will be held at the Far East Restaurant in Rockville on September 23 from 2:00-5:00.

Izja stated that there will not be a fall eRA retreat this year. However, planning has begun for several local retreats each with a focus on a specific thematic issue. Different representative groups will attend each retreat and will be selected based on the thematic issue to be addressed. The retreats will occur in the January/February timeframe.

Attendees

Bradley, Eileen (CSR)	Cox, Michael (OER)	Fadeley, Vickie (OER)
Bukowski, Maria (OD)	Crapo, Harry (PSGS)	Flach, Jennifer (OD)
Burns, Amy (LTS)	Cummins, Sheri (LTS)	Fox, Daniel (IBM/Z-Tech)
Butler, Robert (SAIC)	Dixon, Diana (OD)	Frahm, Donna (OER)
Caban, Carlos (OER)	Dunning, Nicole (SAMHSA)	Gaines, Patti (OER)
Chicchirichi, David (OER)	Dutcher, Sylvia (Mitretek)	Gibb, Scarlett (OD)

Goldschmidts, Walter (OD)

Goodman, Mike (OD)

Hausman, Steve (OD)

Ikeda, Richard (NIGMS)

Jacobsohn, Marge (SAMHSA)

Jordan, Craig (NIH/NIDCD)

Katzper, Linda (OD/DEIS)

Koshy, Maria (OER)

Lagas, Robert (Lagas Assoc.)

Lederhendler, Israel (NIMH)

Loewe, Mike (NINDS)

Lynch, Peggy (IBM)

Mayer, Pam (NINDS)

Milner, Tina (OD)

Morton, Larry (OER)

Morton, Pete (CIT)

Moyer, Skip (AHRQ)

Patel, Kalpesh (Ekagra)

Pendleton, Kimberly (SAMHSA)

Sanderson, Gina (LTS)

Seppala, Sandy (LTS)

Shingler, Felicia (OER)

Siegert, Mark (OER)

Simms, Sophonia (OD)

Subramanya, Manju (LTS)

Tatham, Thomas (CSR)

Taylor, Richard (PSGS)

Tucker, Jim (OER)

Walker, Cathy (OER)

Wright, David (OER)

Zhen, Changqing (IBM)

Zucker, Sherry (DEIS)