YEAR IN REVIEW – January, 2018

IMPACT

WE ENABLE EACH ORGANIZATION INDIVIDUALLY AND THE RESEARCH COMMUNITY COLLECTIVELY TO ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH.

HRA-ORCID Consortium

HRA recently formed an HRA-ORCID Consortium. Members of the consortium receive technical support to embed ORCID iDs into the entire grants management workflow - from application through progress report, and well beyond. This allows the funder to get data from applicant's ORCID record, and to push funding data to awardees' records. It decreases burden on applicants, awardees, and staff, while increasing accuracy. It will also help funders to keep track of alumni – wherever they go! To get more information or to join the consortium email Maryrose.

HRA Reporter

In 2016 we launched the HRA Reporter with our partner ÜberResearch and in 2017 we made significant enhancements to the functionality. We added 5 new fields that enable HRA members to run queries by career stage, or award purpose, for example. The capacity of the database to provide data for NIH grants and PubMed publications alongside HRA member grants makes it a great resource for landscape and portfolio analysis. ÜberResearch holds monthly support calls and provides individual support to facilitate uploading data and running reports. To learn more about HRA Reporter please email Annette.

HRA Internship Program:

In 2017 HRA increased our capacity to achieve our mission by launching an internship program. We have had Members' Meeting Coordinator Interns, and now have a Data Sharing Intern, who is collecting data sharing policies currently, but will move to other related projects soon.

Data Sharing
Under the leadership of the Open Science Task Force, HRA members took a very deep dive into the ins and outs of data sharing – though we know we have only scratched the surface. We started with **Webinar #1: Intro to Data Sharing**, then progressed to **Webinar #2: Intro to sharing BIG Data**. We then hosted an open meeting sponsored by the Circle of Service Foundation to learn more about the current state of sharing Big Data and what are the most impactful next steps funders can take. This process is still ongoing. Email Maryrose if you would like to be involved.

HRA Open
Do you want to require your awardees to deposit their publications into PubMedCentral just like NIH-funded researcher can? Do you want to implement an open or public access policy? Do you want to be able to see when your awardees post videos or upload data sets? The **HRA Open** Portal is the answer! Email Annette if you want to join this program.

Members' Meetings
Spring Members Meeting: Co-sponsored by Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, Kavli Foundation, W.M. Keck Foundation, Kenneth Rainin Foundation, and the Arthritis National Research Foundation
The Spring meeting in Manhattan Beach was influential in launching some of HRA's current projects and programs. My summary and links to the presentations can be found here. We had presentations on Data Sharing, Practical Approaches to Evaluation, Demystifying Indirect Cost in Funder Agreements, and a presentation that spurred HRA to begin an internship program. Respondents to the post-meeting survey overwhelmingly noted how valuable hearing from their fellow HRA members always is in improving their own effectiveness. *Talk about huge ROI!*

Fall Members Meeting: Hosted by the Alzheimer's Association
The Fall meeting in Chicago got rave reviews from the attendees. You can find my summary and links to the presentations here. The post-meeting survey showed that the meeting was a very valuable mix of presentations by both HRA members and guests, on topics to improve our grants programs *(Strategic Planning, Using Visual Communications, Program Evaluation)* and innovations to increase our capacity to impact biomedical research *(Accelerating Treatments to Patients, Pre-Registration: Approaches to Ensuring Reproducibility and Transparency, and Advocating for Funding to Advance Research)*.

Foundation-University Partnership
The FIRST group formed a partnership with university members of the Council on Governmental Relations (COGR) to tackle issues that cause friction between funders and universities *(e.g., IP, Indirect Costs, reporting requirements)*. We'll be co-hosting a meeting under the auspices of the NAS (at the Keck Center) on May 16th. If you want to attend, make your hotel reservations soon.

SLACK
Slack is now the way HRA members share information. Go to https://hraadmin.slack.com/ to sign up. It's important (but easy) to set up notifications so you can see what the members are talking about!
https://get.slack.help/hc/en-us/articles/201649273-Email-notifications

Working Groups:
As I say repeatedly, this is how the work of HRA gets done and how HRA members become more effective at their jobs. These **SEVEN** groups are tackling some of the most pressing issues that face nonprofit funders today. Email Annette to be added to any of the groups' rosters and join Slack to see what's going on.

Drug and Other Therapy Development
Grants Program Analysis   (New in 2017)
Funder-Institution RelationS Task (FIRST) Group
Grants Administration
Health Services Research (New in 2017)
Open Science Task Force
Research Workforce and Early Career Development