

## **Potential Solutions for problems in research in HCSD**

### **Problems related to the IRB**

Lag-time, IRB, Problems with reciprocity for other institutions, Re-doing Consents/HIPAA for adding data points, IRB recognition, Duplication of paperwork for multiple sites single project, Lack of expeditious review.

#### **Potential Solutions**

- 1) Increase IRB support staff
- 2) Increase frequency of IRB meetings to improve turn-around time (twice monthly)
- 3) Consider communication via internet for SAE's, amendments, etc.
- 4) Have representatives from all institutions subject to the IRB, on the board.
- 5) Consider IRB reciprocity with other institutions like Tulane, Ochsner, etc.
- 6) Explore the possibility of using a central IRB for certain projects.

### **Problems related to Finances**

Problems with getting to funds to pay employments/contractors, Lost research money, Inconsistencies with policies contract/IRB, No one stop shopping, Money from indirects back to school, Investigator knowledge of finances, Hiring restrictions and dedicated positions

#### **Potential Solutions**

- 1) Supplement Investigators salary above normal wage for doing research
- 2) Money from research generated at an institution stays at that institution
- 3) Allow investigators to offer competitive salaries for coordinators
- 4) Tie coordinator salaries to NIH standards
- 5) Allow better cost-of-living increases for employees
- 6) Investigators need immediate access to finances (on-line, not through business managers, etc.)
- 7) Consider internal CRO/Facilitator/Office, at each hospital, that coordinates all facets of conducting research (IRB, Contracts, Hospital research committees) so starting a project can be done all at one time. This should be instituted through and maintained by a central agency (LSU, HCSD, LSUHSC, etc).
- 8) Cost-flow analysis (Satellite hospitals to LSU and LSU to satellite hospitals)

### **Problems related to Personnel/Infrastructure**

Potential collaborators not interested, Lack of recognition for smaller institutions, Lack of infrastructure at smaller institutions, No infrastructure from HCSD to satellite hospitals, Missed opportunities by lack of coordination, help with research learning curve, wasted time of coordinators,

#### **Potential Solutions**

- 1) Hire personnel (physicians, nurses, etc) with experience and education in conducting research and/or provide education to those interested, especially at satellite hospitals.
- 2) Electronic medical record used at all hospitals
- 3) Number one from finance solutions
- 4) Number seven from finance solutions