

## April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - Monthly CQI Meeting Notes

**Agenda** - to identify project goals, needed resources (people, money, etc.), likely timeframe for involvement, and metrics for these committees: *Impact of Biostatistics on Grants and US News & World Report Graduate School Rankings*

### **Impact of Biostatistics on Grants**

**Members:** Donna Bock, John Bock, Seth Martin, Peggy Schuyler, Fei Ye

**Goals:** The goal is to illustrate the impact that biostat support has on grants. We would also like to show our department's successes compared with other institution's biostat departments.

**NeededResources:** None at this time

**TimeframeforInvolvement:** Not Identified

#### **ActionItems:**

- 1) Develop goal and objectives (Estimated date of completion (EDC)): 3mos.

**Metrics:** Compare grant scores/success rates/funding with and without biostat support

#### **OtherNotes:**

- Are numbers different based on how the statistician is listed (Co-Investigator compared to Biostatistician as key personnel)? Donna explained that the NIH has elevated the status of Biostatistician and wants it listed in key personnel as opposed to Co-Investigator. If listed as Co-Investigator, then there must be noted justification.

### **US News & World Report Graduate School Rankings**

**Members:** Jeffrey Blume, Svetlana Eden, Charles Federspiel, Robert Johnson, Dandan Liu, Sandeep Parvathapuram, Linda Wilson

**Goals:** Currently, this committee is set up for exploratory purposes to determine how to get on the lists of top statistics graduate programs.

#### **NeededResources:**

**TimeframeforInvolvement:** Probably 3 three years as we may not be eligible until some PhDs have graduated

#### **ActionItems:**

- 1) Develop goal and objectives (Estimated date of completion (EDC)): 3mos.
- 2) Contact other Vanderbilt graduates programs that have made the rankings and ask them for advice
- 3) Google best stat program and try to target each of the lists

**Metrics:** Rank

#### **OtherNotes:**

- This will have a direct impact on our prestige, which translates into dollars.
- One factor is the number of PhDs graduated.