

NIMSS Oversight Committee Conference Call

April 15, 2010

ATTENDEES:

NERA: Rubie Mize, Dan Rossi

NCRA: Chris Hamilton, Joe Colletti

SAAESD: Eric Young, Donna Pearce, Bill Brown

WAAESD: Mike Harrington, Harriet Sykes, LeRoy Daugherty

NIMSS Update – Rubie Mize

1. The last NIMSS Oversight Committee teleconference was April 23, 2009.
2. 2009-2010 Progress Report
 - On average, there are 300 active multistate projects and activities recorded in NIMSS. At its peak, NIMSS is getting 28,000 hits per day, and an average of 15,000 hits per day during normal operations. Data transferred varied from 2GB to 4GB per day, during slow and heavy periods.
 - There were 51 projects that started on October 2009. There are 36 slated to commence on October 2010. The multistate projects underwent peer reviews and regional research committee reviews prior to being approved by their associations, and then by NIFA for official approval. There were 64 projects/activities that terminated in 2009, and 66 are scheduled to terminate in 2010. 264 meeting authorizations were sent by Advisors in 2009.
 - There were revisions made to the National Multistate Guidelines, specifically what involved NIMSS was the addition of a new peer review form for the National Research Support Projects (NRSP's). The revisions were approved by ESCOP at their September 2009 meeting, and the new form was created in NIMSS and was used by reviewers for NRSP proposals starting December 2009.
 - Development of the Web Service was completed and now being used by NIFA to pre-populate their Management Dashboard. This application continues to be explored as it significantly minimizes having to enter the same data multiple times in different reporting forms.
3. NRSP1 Proposal

The final proposal was submitted in December 2009 and was reviewed in January 2010. The NRSP1 Technical Committee met on February 11, 2010 [see Meeting Notes attached] to discuss the recommendations of the peer reviewers. At this meeting it was established that NIFA will continue to develop systems that are federally-driven and not partnership-driven, hence NIFA felt that it was time to withdraw financial support for CRIS from NRSP1. A one-year no cost extension of NRSP1 will be requested. NIMSS can submit a separate proposal to continue off-the-top funding under NRSP1, or perhaps a new NRSP.
4. **Active** multistate projects and activities currently recorded in NIMSS by region:
North Central = 106 [NC=42, NCAC=14, NCCC=16, NCDC=7, NCERA=27]
Northeast = 35 [NE=24, NEA=1, NECC=7, NEERA=3]

Southern =	75	[S=32, SAC=11, SCC=7, SDC=5, SERA=20]
Western =	68	[W=35, WCC=2, WDC=1, WERA=30]
NRSPs =	<u>6</u>	
Total =	290	{last report 4/22/2009 was 302}

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2. Discussion on the future of NRSP1 -

Question: What direction should we take NIMSS?

- Could submit a separate proposal to continue off-the-top funding under NRSP1, or perhaps submit a new NRSP proposal
- NIFA had sufficient funds available to carry the program. They used their funds to support CRIS with enough funds leftover to continue until August 2011
- NIMSS received its funding through grants
- NIMSS is on a delayed cycle. Just requested 2010 funds, which will be available May 1
- The funds should carry NIMSS through the fall of 2011
- We are looking at other functions – marketing or impacts
- Could a new NRSP be done in a way to get out from under the grants? Yes!
- In the future we would treat this as off-the-top funding
- Could develop a MOU with identities to have off-the-top funds contributed to support this through Rutgers
- If we take on 100% of NIMSS and give up 25% of CRIS it would be a big savings
- Should we create a one-page summary for each multistate project as part of their renewal? This would require a small investment along with having to bring in a write full time.
- We could possibly do this with some of the funds we have now
- We could develop a boiler plate for each project where you have the issues, objectives and impacts and then turn it over to the AA/committee to complete
- The EDs will discuss these suggestions at the CAC call on Monday and at the NMCC Meeting later this month in Washington, DC
- The NIMSS Oversight Committee will bring forward a recommendation to ESCOP as to the future direction of NIMSS, whether a NIMSS proposal, or a new NRSP on communicating impacts with NIMSS as one of the components, will be submitted.

3 Future Meeting:

- Next NIMSS Oversight Committee conference call is Thursday, July 15 at 12 noon MDT; 1:00 pm CDT; and 2:00 pm EDT.

Teleconference adjourned @2:45 p.m.

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Donna Pearce, April 15, 2010