

## Breakout Sessions

### Wednesday September 25 | Lunch

**12:00 – 1:15 PM**

*Main meeting room*

#### Grants Administration

The peer-review process is often viewed as a flawed and antiquated system yet is left unchallenged for change. The need for transparency and open-reviews are garnering attention, encouraging the biomedical research community to consider new approaches to peer-review. During this breakout session, The Grants Administration Working Group will be discussing an innovative model of peer-review presented by Dr. Jinfeng Zhang from Pevals. Pevals provides internet-based submission, peer evaluation by participants, and automated ranking. We hope the session will encourage HRA members to share their thoughts and experiences. More information on Pevals can be found at [www.pevals.com](http://www.pevals.com).

#### Working Group Co-Chairs

**Katrina Bandong, MS**

Program Associate for Medical Research | Doris Duke Charitable Foundation

**Joan New**

Grants Manager | Autism Speaks

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#### Open Science Task Force

The Open Science Task Force (OSTF) will provide an update on the open science “landscape” for those interested in gaining a high-level understanding of the current environment, including funders’ policies, publishers’ policies and requirements, academic institutions’ policies and open science resources, and more. The session will highlight active efforts to address the current set of incentives and disincentives in order to support open science. We will hear briefly from HRA members about groups that are active in this space, including the Open Research Funders Group (ORFG), the NAS Roundtable on Aligning Incentives for Open Science, the Multi-Regional Clinical Trials Center (MRCT Center), and the Center for Open Science (COS). Several of these organizations have great resources available for funders, which we will highlight in a one-page handout. The goal is to introduce participants to the current open science environment, then engage with each other to discuss challenges we encounter as funding organizations and brainstorm how HRA might help move the conversation forward.

#### Working Group Co-Chairs

**Belinda Orland**

Senior Manager, Research Operations | American Heart Association

**Jason Gerson, PhD**

Senior Program Officer, CEDS | PCORI

**3:35 – 4:30 PM**

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## **FIRST**

The Funder-Institution Relations Task (FIRST) Group is focused on enhancing relationships with research institutions to work together on common provisions in grant agreements such as intellectual property, reporting requirements, and indirect costs. Beginning in 2018, HRA members have participated in and lead discussions at meetings of the Nonprofit Funder-Research Institution (NFRI) partnership in the following working groups:

- Streamlining Reporting Requirements
- IP/Tech Transfer
- Research Project Support Costs

The agenda for this breakout session will include a report on both the May and September 2019 NFRI meetings.

Who should attend this session?

HRA attendees with an interest in or questions about how to facilitate more effective and efficient interactions with research institutions.

HRA attendees who can share success stories or major pain points of these interactions.

HRA attendees who are willing to learn more about NFRI and consider joining one of the working groups.

### **Working Group Co-Chairs**

#### **Marion Greenup**

Vice President, Administration | Simons Foundation

#### **Amy Laster, PhD**

Senior Director, Grants and Awards Programs | Foundation Fighting Blindness

#### **Jackie Hausman**

Program Officer, Health | Kenneth Rainin Foundation

### **HRA members leading NFRI efforts:**

- Andrew Smith
- Whitney Steen
- Mevish Kahn
- Jackie Hausman
- Amy Laster
- Heather Moore
- Diane Bovenkamp

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## Expanding Your Impact Beyond the U.S. Borders: Acting Locally, Thinking Globally

Philanthropy is growing and gaining visibility around the world. Increasingly, donors are expanding their portfolios to include local and global giving as strategies to address issues that are important to them. However, making grants to institutions outside the United States is complex. There are various requirements that funders need to comply with when giving grants to non-U.S. organizations. During this session, HRA members will share how global grantmaking is helping them advance their missions and make a positive impact in the world, and the lessons learned along with way. The session will facilitate a robust discussion about the challenges in giving grants to international organizations. All HRA members are encouraged to attend, whether your organization engages in global grantmaking or you're interested in the possibilities for giving grants globally.

### Breakout Session Leaders

**Diane Bovenkamp, PhD**

Vice President, Scientific Affairs | BrightFocus Foundation

**Krissa Smith, PhD**

Director, Research Programs | Susan G. Komen

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## Drug and Other Therapy Development (DOTD)

How can we effectively learn from HRA Members (and others) and share what we learn?

The Drug and Other Therapy Discovery Working Group will discuss how HRA Members can learn from experiences of our colleagues. We will discuss launching a “venture advisory council” for members to get advice from other experienced HRA members when considering a form of venture philanthropy investment. Also, we will brainstorm about creating or modifying infrastructure to help members share non-confidential “competitive” intelligence. For instance, how can Member ABC, who is interested in drugs against target XYZ, learn that Member DEF is working with lab Q or company R on a suitable compound? What is needed to enable members to systematically find out about such opportunities?

### Working Group Co-Chairs

**Steve Roberds, PhD**

Chief Scientific Officer | Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance

**Mary O'Reilly, PhD**

Vice President, Bioscience Research Programs | Flinn Foundation

**Steve Rose, PhD**

Senior Scientific Advisor | Foundation Fighting Blindness

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### Research Workforce and Early Career Scientists

This breakout will be a follow-up from the main session titled “The role of the funder in providing mentoring experiences for grantees”. In the main session, Dr. Christine Pfund of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, will provide a tailored overview on mentoring resources for grantees. We will discuss ways to provide mentoring experiences for grantees in our programs and also how to train the next generation of strong mentors in STEM. In this subsequent breakout, Dr. Pfund will lead an implementation workshop where HRA members will assess the current level of mentoring in their programs, review mentoring resources available, and tailor a plan specific for their HRA member organization. Dr. Pfund will lead each HRA member through picking resources that fit with their program goals, time constraints, budgetary limits, and unique grantee needs.

#### Working Group Co-Chairs

**Kara Coleman, PhD**

Project Director, Pew Scholars Program in the Biomedical Sciences | The Pew Charitable Trusts

**Alycia Halladay, PhD**

Chief Science Officer | Autism Science Foundation

**Kristin A. Smith-Doody**

Associate Vice President, External Programs | The New York Stem Cell Foundation Research Institute

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### Patient Registries: The Good, the Bad and the Opportunities

A Natural History of HRA & Patient Registries

Informed by member and non-member experiences, challenges, questions, and accomplishments, this session will present and discuss organizations’ patient registries efforts. Challenges abound in available technology platforms, recruitment, data types, standardization, access and sharing, and of course, cost. Yet survey respondents across the board indicate the value and benefits registries bring to the patient community. As a launching point for a potential HRA Patient Registry Working Group, feedback gathered during this session will help guide the effort’s goals, content curation, and future discussions

Join us for a discussion of current practices and how we can learn from each other to best position your organization to have an impactful and sustainable patient registry.

#### Breakout Session Leaders

**Angela Dobes, MPH**

Senior Director, IBD Plexus | Chron’s & Colitis Foundation

**Erik Lontok, PhD**

HRA Alumnus