VAIRRS — VA Innovation and Research Review System

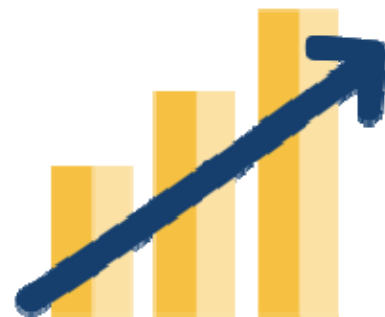# Program Update

FEBRUARY 2022

HOT TOPICS

- Project Validation Spreadsheets

- Project Cover Sheet Completion

- VAIRRS Library Updates

VAIRRS Wizard Completion Campaign

Your site's completed Project Cover Sheets play a MAJOR role in creating a fully comprehensive, all-inclusive system built to serve you and plays a pivotal role in the program's overall success.

ORD appreciates your efforts in ensuring your investigators complete the Project Cover Sheet for all active studies. Please continue to validate the project status for the projects included in your site's Project Status Validation spreadsheet.

Help us reach our goal of 100% completion to generate accurate and complete data for your benefit!

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VAIRRS Standard Library Updates

- **The 2.1A – Waiver of HIPAA has undergone a significant update.** With the IRB of Record/Privacy Board Name being a required component of the form, a field was added to the IRB/Privacy Board Reviewer section to capture this information. The updated form is available in the standard ORPP&E library and in the [VAIRRS toolkit](#).

- **The Project Cover Sheet Wizard is currently undergoing modification to add additional guidance.** We are also updating the following sections:

    o   Project Personnel (to include fCOI response options)

    o   Addition of Research Topic Areas

VAIRRS Site Discussions

We are excited to announce that we have completed all 31 **Tier 2** site discussions!

This milestone marks 72 completed site discussions, including Tier 1 and Tier 2.

Tier 3 site discussions are underway! We have 18 site discussions scheduled and 6 complete!

The goal of the site discussion is to improve the workflow for IRBNet at your VAMC. We aim to ensure that the IRBNet integration runs as smoothly as possible and look to address any concerns you may have during the call.

TMS Integration Updates

We appreciate your patience as we complete the final steps of TMS integration. All individuals on the VAIRRS Administrators listserv will be notified when the integration is complete.

Dashboard Focus Groups

We are currently undergoing additional updates to the Field-Level Dashboard. The 2nd iteration of the dashboard was demonstrated to the field focus group on February 1, 2022, hosting over 78 participants. We are moving forward to the 3rd iteration of development, aiming to complete all updates and changes by March 22, 2022. **Please continue to send us your feedback!**

VAIRRS Monthly Webinar

Topic: Central IRB Continuing Review - Best Practices

Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EDT)

Lead Presenter:
Mary Eckart, *VA Central IRB Manager*

Target Audience: Investigator and study team members and research office staff

Webinar registration: Click here to register

The training notification was sent to the VAIRRS Administrators listserv. Please let us know if you did not receive the training notification or if you would like to be added to the listserv.

VAIRRS Data Dictionary

The working copy of the VAIRRS Data Dictionary has been posted in the VAIRRS Toolkit for your review. Currently, the dictionary includes definitions for Board Action and Project Status options. We encourage you to add your contributions to the working document.

Reminder: All Committee Administrators should be included in the VAIRRS Administrators distribution group. Email VAIRRS@va.gov to let us know if anyone at your site should be added to the distribution group.

UPCOMING VAIRRS NEWSLETTER

MARCH TOPICS

- VAIRRS March Webinar

- COI and RCO Workspaces Update

- VAIRRS SharePoint Reorganization

- March VAIRRS Ambassador

Thank you,

VAIRRS Program Team

VAIRRS WEBSITE: *https://www.research.va.gov/programs/orppe/vairrs/default.cfm*

VAIRRS SharePoint: *https://dvagov.sharepoint.com/sites/VHAORPPE/VAIRRS*

ORD Policy and Guidance FAQs: *https://www.research.va.gov/resources/policies/faq-search.cfm*

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