VAIRRS VA Innovation and Research Review System

Program Update

APRIL 2022

HOT TOPICS

- RCO and COI Workspaces Deployment

- Updated Project Cover Sheet

- VAIRRS Strategic Advisory Council (VSAC)

VAIRRS Wizard Completion Campaign

Following targeted efforts to complete all Project Cover Sheets within VAIRRS, we have now reached 61% completion!

60.9%

As of April 13, 2022, there are 18,238 active projects in the system, with 10,448 completed Project Cover Sheets. **We rely on all investigators working in the field to support this effort. Be sure to continue to complete Project Cover Sheets for all active projects at your site.** The database of information is built to serve you!

IN FOCUS

VAIRRS Strategic Advisory Council (VSAC)

The new council will advise the VAIRRS program on strategic initiatives for 2022 and beyond. The goal of the VSAC is to ensure 1) we are meeting the needs of our end-users and 2) the impact of strategic initiatives on the field are understood and considered prior to implementation. The VSAC kickoff meeting will be scheduled once members are selected.

We are accepting nominations for the VSAC through April 29th. Submit your nominations for membership here.

Project Cover Sheet (PCS) Updates

The updated PCS is now available in the training environment. The outline is posted to the VAIRRS Toolkit. Please review the changes and respond with any feedback by **Wednesday, April 27th**.

Updates include:

- New questions for Cerner access

- COI response options

- Research topic areas

- Additional instructions and navigation tools

VAIRRS Monthly Webinar

Topic: VAIRRS Dashboards and How to Utilize Facility Data

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022

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

Lead Presenter: VAIRRS Support Team

Purpose: Provide expert advice, training, demonstration and/or direction to the VA research community regarding the various topics around the VAIRRS transition.

Target Audience: VA research community

Webinar registration: [Click here to register](#)

RCO and COI Workspaces

The **Research Compliance Officer (RCO) workspace** is currently in development, with an official launch planned for early June 2022. The workspace features include a dedicated space to conduct and record RCO audits, wizards to support the auditing process and an annual report to support the facility director's certification.

The **Conflict of Interest (COI) workspace** is scheduled to launch in mid-summer 2022. This workspace features a wizard to collect COI data as well as a dedicated workspace to submit to the COI Administrator and OGC.

We will be hosting stakeholder trainings for each workspace. Stay tuned for more information!

VAIRRS Standard Library Updates

The most recent CCB-approved changes to the VAIRRS Standard Library will be published on April 22nd. Updates include:

- **New IBC Closure Letter Template**

- **2.0A Determinations Request** – Removal of PI Signature

- **3.0A RDC Amendment Application and 3.14 RDC Amendment Reviewer Checklist** – Updates to instructions regarding animal data

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

MAY TOPICS

- VAIRRS May Webinar

- May VAIRRS Ambassador

- RCO and COI Deployment Update

- VSAC Kickoff Meeting

Thank you,
VAIRRS Program Team

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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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