RAIN Updates

Steering Committee:
- **Benita Bazemore-Cook** - Biomedical Informatics and Personalized Medicine
- **Natalie Buys** - Department of Family Medicine (RAIN Founder)
- **Teresa Cochran** - ACCORDS
- **Alexander Costakis** - School of Medicine, Dean’s Office
- **Michelle Haynes** - College of Architecture and Planning
- **Kaitlynn O'Leary** - Department of Pharmacology
- **Brittany Vits** - Office of Grants and Contracts (PostAward)

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- Started in May 2014
- Objectives

  - Share best practices and procedures.
  - Facilitate communication among research administrators.
  - Share job-related educational opportunities and resources to enhance University-wide knowledge base.
  - Support the campus research mission.
  - Foster collaboration with centralized campus research resources, and provide feedback for improvement.
  - Assist new hires to access resources.
  - Provide network opportunities on available positions available on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus and the CU Denver Campus.
RAIN Updates

- Listserv: RAIN@lists.ucdenver.edu
- Participation
- PreAward Repository
  - Teams Channel
- Awards
  - Coming Soon!!
  - Announced September 2021
Professional Development Opportunities

- National Council of University Research Administrators - NCURA
  - FRA (March 15-17)/PRA (March 23-25) 2021 - Virtual
  - National Meeting August 2021 - Hybrid
  - Regional Meeting October 2021 - Virtual
  - Regional Meeting October 29-November 2, 2022 - Tucson, AZ

- Society of Research Administrators International - SRAI
  - Annual Meeting: October 23-27, 2021 - New Orleans, LA

- Society of Clinical Research Associates - SOCRA
  - Annual Meeting: September 24-26, 2021 - Denver, CO

- Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) - 2021 Meetings
  - May 26 - 28 - Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC
  - September 8 - 10, Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC

- Council on Government Relations (COGR) - 2021 Meetings
  - February 24-26 - Virtual
  - June 10-11 - Washington, DC
  - October 21-22 - Washington, DC

- NIH - Occurred in February 2021 (Opportunities throughout the year)

- RESADM-L@LISTS.HEALTHRESEARCH.ORG
CRA Certification
Why do it?

- Earning the designation of Certified Research Administrator® (CRA®), Certified Pre-Award Research Administrator (CPRA®), or Certified Financial Research Administrator (CFRA) means that an individual has met the requirements of the Research Administrators Certification Council’s (RACC) eligibility requirements and has demonstrated a level of knowledge necessary for a person to be a professional research or sponsored programs administrator.

- WHY SHOULD I BECOME CERTIFIED? Benefits Include:
  - Professional recognition
  - Personal Satisfaction
  - An indicator of expertise
  - Increased opportunities for employment
  - Advancement opportunities
  - Increased credibility with clients
  - Serve as a role model to others
Research Administrators Certification Council (RACC)

2021 Schedule

- **Certified Research Administrator®**
  November 6-20, 2021, Application Deadline: 10/6/2021 by 11:59 EST

- **Certified Pre-Award Research Administrator**
  February 13-27, 2021, Application Deadline: 1/13/2021 by 11:59pm EST
  August 14-28, 2021, Application Deadline: 7/14/2021 by 11:59pm EST

- **Certified Financial Research Administrator**
  March 6-20, 2021, Application Deadline: 2/3/2021 by 11:59pm EST

- At the end of each five-year period, recertification will be required in order to continue to use the CRA®, CPRA®, and CFRA designation.
Review Resources

- RACC has access to a practice test.
- CRA® REVIEW SESSIONS ~~~~
  February 19th, 2021  8am- 5pm MST
  February 25th and 26th, 2021  8am-12:30 CST Each Day
  Registration link: https://cra-cert.org/application-for-review/
- Partner with CSU or CU Boulder
- NCURA CRA study session
- Body of Knowledge Review Session
- CITI Training courses - covers compliance in the Body of Knowledge. at our institution and found that very helpful!
- See if you can bring in the Research Administrators Certification Council (RACC) to do the Body of Knowledge: http://www.racc-cert.org/cra-body-of-knowledge/
- Here is the U of M’s aIM Higher website: https://orsp.umich.edu/tools-resources/navigate-professional-development-and-training/aim-higher-cra-study-group
Hear from your colleagues!

- Amy Nickerson - CRA
- Teresa Cochran - CFRA
- Jessica Weaver - CPRA

- Best Practices for Studying
- Benefits of having the certification