



RESEARCH INFORMATICS GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 7, 2013

KCBD 10th Floor North Conference Room

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: R. Grossman (chair); C. Daugherty, C. Gilliam, M. Hanzal, J. Solway, W. Stadler, E. Yablonka *Ex Officio*: S. Birz, M. Leonard, C. Pike, D. Saner

Minutes Approval

The January 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes were distributed for approval in two forms: a confidential version for the Committee's records and a version with sensitive information redacted for those outside the Committee.

Executive Session

Topics were discussed in an executive session and the committee agreed upon next steps.

Prudential-Kenwood Move

The CRI continues to work on transferring data from outdated equipment in Prudential Data Center to new equipment in Kenwood. The process is labor- and time-intensive, requiring both re-architecting and physically moving data on drives. In response to a question from Mr. Yablonka, Mr. Saner reported that the migration will take approximately nine months. While it is important to move quickly to reduce any risk of data loss at Prudential, it is necessary for the CRI to prioritize this project within the constraints of its finite resources. Further input from this Committee is welcomed as this project continues.

The Committee briefly discussed the storage provided by the CRI. Mr. Yablonka noted CBIS also receives requests for storage and it is likely that many researchers are not aware that the CRI offers this service. Mr. Yablonka agreed to direct any requests for storage for research to the CRI, and the Committee suggested further outreach, including working with the CTSA, ITM, Cancer Center, and key faculty members, to help publicize this service among researchers. In addition, Mr. Yablonka suggested pooling storage purchases in the future as a way to save money, and Dr. Grossman agreed to explore this.

Basic Science and Clinical/Translational Research

The Biological Sciences Division is not homogeneous. To date, the CRI has focused a large part of its resources on serving clinical and translational researchers, who require a higher level of security and compliance than basic science researchers who do not work with human subjects data. Feedback suggests some basic scientists are not satisfied with the ease of use of the CRI's resources, and would prefer alternative options that may not meet the same standards of security and compliance but are easier to access and use. The CRI requests this Committee's advice in developing a balanced portfolio of services that can support researchers across the BSD in a way that is fair to everyone.

Basic science researchers who do not use the CRI may use alternatives outside the University, such as Amazon. The Committee felt that this option is suboptimal even with data not subject to HIPAA, given the University's responsibility to retain and protect its own researchers' data. However, it is appealing to

researchers since it is offered a low cost. In the future, it may be possible for CRI to lower its cost model through leveraging equipment purchased for other projects. At present, the CRI must continue to partition its limited resources in an effort to support the varied needs of researchers across the BSD, and will continue to seek this Committee's advice in doing so.

CRI Updates

Activity Reports, available on the CRI's website, illustrate the progress of the CRDW, Bioinformatics Core, Training, and other areas of service. The Bionimbus Protected Data Cloud has been approved by NIH/NCI to operate in beta as an independent FISMA Low system.

Dr. Grossman noted that the CRI is improving its communication strategy with the BSD faculty.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.