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Center for Neurorestoration and Neurotechnology

The Center for Neurorestoration and Neurotechnology (CfNN) began with a June 2012 funding award of \$900,000 per year for 5 years from the Department of Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation Research and Development Service. The Center is a collaboration between the Providence VA Medical Center, Brown University, Butler Hospital, Lifespan, and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Presentation of Research Results

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tor, Associate Chief of Staff for Research, and the Research and Development Committee.

All publications, manuscripts, abstracts, and other presentations should be presented to the Research & Development (R&D) Committee for approval. In addition, all ORD field investigators are required to upload notifications about upcoming publications, presentations, media interviews, and other professional activities to Pub Tracker. Contact Candace Shuman for guidance.

A list of publications from each PI for the current FY needs to be sent to Nancy Gilbride. These are needed for the Annual Report and will also be highlighted in the CfNN Newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- August 8, 2012
PVAMC All Employees Picnic
- August 12, 2014
10:00AM, Rm 164
Drop-in Session "SMART Documents"
- August 12, 2014
11:00AM, Rm 164
UTRA Science Day
- September 15, 2014
Last day for purchases (under \$3,000)
- September 30, 2014
End of Fiscal Year
- October 1, 2014
Beginning of Fiscal Year 2015

MEETING DATES:

- August 12, 2014 4:00PM
Executive Council Meeting
- August 26, 2014 4:00PM
Leadership Meeting
- September 9, 2014
4:00PM
Executive Council Mtg.
- September 23, 2014
4:00PM
Leadership Meeting

CfNN Highlights

CfNN hosted the first PVAMC Research Social on July 22nd. Held in the lobby of Building 32, the Social was attended by over 50 staff and investigators associated with research at the Providence VA Medical Center. Hopefully, this will be a quarterly event hosted by various research groups.

Fast Fact. Did you know that CfNN funded 8 new Pilot Projects/ Equipment Requests for Fiscal Year 2014 and continued support for 7 Pilot Projects approved in Fiscal Year 2013? Support for these projects total \$284,542.

Best of Luck to **Jason Kirschner**, IPA with FA4, as he pursues his career in medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Welcome:

Sharon Longo, New full-time Research Assistant for FA4.

New WOC Appointments:

Yen Tran, Research Assistant with Dr. Albert Lo, FA3

Prasanna Tadi, Research Assistant with Dr. Albert Lo, FA3