

Office of Public Health Research – July 2009

- Ethics and Human Research Protections Program
- James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program
- Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program
- Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease or FL CURED
- Florida Center Council

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ethics and Human Research Protections Program

- Achieved agreement in principle from the University of South Florida to rely on DOH's IRB review when USF faculty and students conduct research at Florida Department of Health facilities, like county health department clinics (EHRPP)

James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program

- Completion of program evaluation and preparation for sunset review of grant programs (King and Bankhead-Coley) (FBRP)

Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease or FL CURED

- Contract with FSU College of Medicine for the operation and management of FL CURED (FBRP)

GOALS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

Ethics and Human Research Protections Program

- Achieve re-accreditation of the human research protection program
DOH is the first public health agency to receive full accreditation of its human research protection program and IRB; maintaining accreditation makes DOH more competitive in getting industry-funded research and federal grant-funded research, and demonstrates DOH's leadership role in protecting research participants (EHRPP)
- Reduce barriers to conducting research at DOH
Minimize duplication of IRB review by completing IRB cooperation agreements with USF and UF so that when faculty or students conduct research at DOH (mostly at local health departments), the university relies on DOH's IRB review and does not require a review by their own IRB (EHRPP)
- Develop and implement a translational agenda for research programs to emphasis tangible results (prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure) from program efforts (FBRP)
- Develop capacity to identify, analyze, and resolve ethical issues in public health practice (EHRPP)
- Conduct a workshop on research ethics for DOH researchers, study staff, and IRB members (EHRPP)

Florida Center for Universal Research to Eradicate Disease or FL CURED

- Develop an Open Innovation Infrastructure strategic plan (FL CURED)

James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program

- Successfully complete sunset review of King and Bankhead-Coley Programs (FBRP)
- Execute cooperative agreement with USF and begin dialogue with UF (EHRPP)
- Conduct special Call for Grant Applications as a result of increased funding from cigarette user fee increase (FBRP)
- Create a system to support public comment on proposed program changes for the purposes of continuous improvement and customer alignment (FBRP)
- Convene a Grantee Summit to create the opportunity for collaboration and synergy and to energize our funded researchers regarding program missions (FBRP)