

Agenda Item D: NIMSS Oversight Committee Report [Written Report Only]
Presenter: Eric Young

Background Information:

1. The NIMSS Oversight Committee met on December 11, 2007 and January 24, 2008. The main issues discussed during these meetings are the hiring of the NIMSS Programmer and the change in the Appendix E form to capture the Knowledge Areas (KAs) and FTEs of Extension participants to multistate projects and activities. The Appendix E had been revised accordingly.

Ms. Judy Sun, one of the two original NIMSS programmers, was re-hired as a parttime programmer on April 15, 2008.

The members of the NIMSS Oversight Committee are:

Eric Young, Chair, SAAESD-ED
Arlen Leholm, NCRA-ED
Daniel Rossi, NERA-ED
H. Michael Harrington, WAAESD-ED
Ralph Otto, CSREES
Marshall Martin, NCRA
William Ravlin, NCRA
Michael Vayda, NERA
Lisa Collins, SAAESD
David Morrison, SAAESD
LeRoy Daugherty, WAAESD
C. Colin Kaltenbach, WAAESD
Christina Hamilton, NCRA
Rubie Mize, NERA
Donna Pearce, SAAESD
Harriet Sykes, WAAESD

2. The four regional system administrators met monthly to discuss user issues and system upgrades.

The Regional System Administrators are:

Christina Hamilton, NCRA
Rubie Mize, NERA
Donna Pearce, SAAESD
Harriet Sykes, WAAESD

3. There were 53 proposals submitted and approved in NIMSS to start on October 2007. In addition, of the 62 proposals that were submitted with the start date of October 2008, 37 were approved and the rest are pending approval by the regions or CSREES. There are 25 proposals in NIMSS in review and regional approval stages that are set to start in 2009. The multistate proposals underwent external peer reviews that were also completed in NIMSS.

All the scientists participating, from Land Grant and non-Land Grant institutions were recorded in NIMSS.

4. Administrative Advisors sent 285 meeting authorizations through NIMSS since October 2007. Members of the technical committees continued to use NIMSS to communicate with their members and update their homepages.
5. Successful user requests averaged about 70,000 per week. Data transferred per week averaged to about 1.65 GB.
6. **Active** multistate projects and activities currently recorded in NIMSS by region:

North Central =	116	[NC=51, NCAC=14, NCCC=18, NCDC=6, NCERA=27]
Northeast =	43	[NE=32, NEA=1, NEC=2, NECC=6, NEERA=2]
Southern =	78	[S=35, SAC=11, SCC=8, SDC=4, SERA=20]
Western =	78	[W=38, WCC=2, WDC=7, WERA=31]
NRSPs =	<u>7</u>	
Total =	322	

Action Requested: For information only.