

IRST Meeting Notes – 23 April 2024

All IRST members were in attendance as well as Terry Frueh (ODF), Lisa Gaines (INR), Sean Gordon (INR), and Lisa DeBruyckere (Creative Resource Strategies LLC). Two to four non-IRST members were intermittently present during the meeting.

Agenda Topics

Scientific Expertise on the IRST – Nomination Process and Application Form

IRST members reviewed and discussed the draft scientific expertise nomination process and application form. They unanimously approved the nomination process. They provided suggested edits to the application concept and form.

Action item: INR will incorporate suggested edits to the form and provide it to IRST members for review and comments prior to the May IRST meeting.

Research and Monitoring - Researchable Questions

IRST members provided two suggested edits to document 3. In addition, Beck Flitcroft presented a draft AMPC presentation on research and monitoring. She was encouraged to frame the presentation at the beginning and incorporate language re: how the IRST would like the AMPC to provide questions to the IRST. IRST members concurred that the goal of the presentation is to help the IRST-AMPC work more efficiently.

Action item: INR will provide the draft PPT presentation to the IRST members for review and comment prior to the May IRST meeting.

AMPC Updates

Terry Frueh provided 3 updates to the IRST:

- The draft HCP will be submitted to the federal services in June, with comments expected back in the Fall.
- The AMPC voted to make developing an effectiveness monitoring strategy a priority, formed a workgroup, and will be asking the IRST for assistance in June to help develop the strategy.
- The AMPC has responded to half of the clarifying questions from the IRST, and will complete the remaining questions in May.

Action item: Terry will explore the potential for Becky to present the research and monitoring PPT presentation at the June 24 AMPC meeting.

Roads Package – Refinement of Roads Research

IRST members reviewed the process used to develop clarifying questions to the AMPC and discussed how that process might be improved for the future, including ensuring IRST members consider substantive decisions/votes on document that provide their compiled comments to the AMPC. INR and the AMPC Coordinator will work on strategies to provide IRST with the ability to simultaneously edit documents and/or edit them in a shared space so that members can review one another's comments. INR will also coordinate with AMPC to better align meetings with questions packages and other important requests to the IRST to maximize the ability of the IRST to engage in discussion as a team prior to document submission.

Action item: Sean and Terry will obtain an update on the status of road abandonment work at the state level and report back to the IRST.

Literature Review Protocol

This agenda item was moved to the May IRST meeting.

Sharing Information about IRST Work Progress and Deliverables

IRST members discussed how best to share progress and deliverables for their work and determined, at this stage, that doing so through the INR IRST website was sufficient.