National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research: Update

Alison Cernich, Ph.D., ABPP-Cn
Director
January 21, 2016
National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research (NCMRR)

Established in 1990 within NICHD to promote rehabilitation research within the NIH, coordinate efforts of the ICs, and promote collaboration with other federal agencies.

Lead for:

- National Advisory Board for Medical Rehabilitation Research
- Trans NIH Medical Rehabilitation Coordinating Committee
- Rehabilitation Research Plan
- Federal Interagency Coordination
- Scientific Meeting
National Advisory Board for Medical Rehabilitation Research

- NIH Advisory Board for Rehabilitation as established by Public Law; FACA committee
- Twice yearly meetings (December & May)
- Concept approval authority
- Nominations open in Spring for three year term
- Provide liaison to the National Advisory Council for Child Health & Human Development
Trans NIH Medical Rehabilitation Coordinating Committee

- Charter adopted
- Co-chair named: Dr. Lyn Jakeman (NINDS)
- Ongoing meetings to address
  - Research Plan & Conference
  - Trans NIH collaboration
  - Interagency collaboration
  - Administrative matters
Rehabilitation Research Plan

- Priorities & action items that cross the interests and mission of the NIH Institutes and Centers
  - Rehabilitation across the lifespan
  - Family & community
  - Technology use & development
  - Research design and methodology

- Public input to the priorities through NIH Notice: NOT-15-032-RFI
  - Received 130 comments
  - Review ongoing by MRCC and NABMRR
Research Plan Timeline

- **Notice for Public Comment**
  - Oct 2015

- **Review of Public Comment & Overview by NABMRR**
  - Dec 2015

- **Final Priorities & Action Items**
  - Jan 2016

- **Draft Full Research Plan with MRCC**
  - Feb-May 2016

- **Present Draft Plan to NABMRR**
  - May 2016

- **Present Draft Plan & Town Hall at NIH Rehab Conference**
  - May 2016

- **Notice for Public Comment**
  - May-June 2016

- **Final Plan to Congress**
  - September 2016
Rehabilitation Scientific Meeting

• Planning Committee Met October 7, 2015
• Agenda produced by Trans NIH Medical Rehabilitation Committee & approved by planning committee
• Speaker invitations complete and coordination calls underway
• Products include workshop related papers and proceedings paper