



Dear ACT for Veterans Stakeholders:

We are pleased to report that steady progress continues to be made, not only on the five priorities assigned to workgroups, but on several other activities related to our goals.

1. Due to the diligent efforts of our workgroups, a solid base of information has been established regarding:
 - a. The role and responsibilities for the Single Point of Contact.
 - b. VA assets and capabilities both at a national and local level that can benefit how trials are done.
 - c. The materials and information that VA needs from industry to evaluate the appropriateness and interest in committing resources to a given proposal for VA.
 - d. Current workflows for how trials can be initiated and the processes and people involved.

With this foundational information now in place, efforts have shifted to defining the future state- focusing upon more complex matters such as financial resources needed, key players and their roles, communications, tools and materials, and key principles for prioritizing activities that will need to be created to ensure efficiency.

2. There has also been significant progress with regard to streamlining agreements- which was among the other priorities that came out of the April Summit. Office of Research and Development staff are working with the Office of General Counsel to outline processes to allow more efficient Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) sign off. Efforts are focused on identifying a central authority and policy requirements involved. Key personnel critical to this process have been identified and steps are currently being undertaken to seek leadership support and prepare materials for these efforts.
3. The Act for Veterans website (www.actforveterans.org) is now live. The current purpose of the website is to raise awareness of the initiative, while serving the long-term goal of becoming a key resource and source of information, tools, and other materials for both VA and non-VA stakeholders seeking information on industry-VA multisite trial partnerships.
4. The Office of Research and Development has brought on a new Director for the Office of Research, Protections, Policy and Education, Dr. Molly Klote. Dr. Klote was formerly with the U.S. Army Human Research Protections Office and brings an extensive background in clinical research.
5. Planning activities for the next Summit are underway. The purpose of this meeting is to bring together the work products of the workgroups, obtain feedback from others, and make adjustments. It will also provide the opportunity to assess overall efforts and refine as necessary. Updates on the Summit will also be communicated through this monthly newsletter.

Thank you again for your support and participation. Please contact Krissa Caroff, ACT for Veterans Program Coordinator, by email at clinicaltrials@navref.org should you have any questions.