**MULTIPLE PI LEADERSHIP PLAN**

DIRECTIONS: Address and delete all highlighted grey areas before submission. For more information: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/multi_pi/index.htm>

1. **Rationale**:

The goals of this application will be most effectively and efficiently met with a multiple PI plan. ***Drs. XX and XX*** are recognized leaders in their fields and are excellent choices to ensure that the goals of the project are carried out in the most effective manner possible. [Highlight the synergistic research and leadership expertise that each PI brings to the proposal as well as individual areas of expertise and strength of collaboration given prior work.]

1. **Governance, organizational structure, roles & responsibilities of the PIs:**

***Drs. XX and XX*** will share leadership equally for the Program Project and each will also assume responsibility for specific organizational functions. Specifically, ***Dr. XX*** will serve as the Contact / Corresponding PI during the project.

***Dr. XX1 will do and/or oversee the following tasks.***

***Dr. XX2 will do and/or oversee the following tasks.***

Together, ***Drs. XX and XX*** will oversee the preparation of the annual progress reports and other communications with the funding organization.

PIs will work together to manage policy issues, in consultation with the Steering Committee, and to communicate with deans and other administrators to promote the success of the program.

Elaborate on the leadership structure, i.e., descriptions of PI titles for the project, internal and external advisory committees, etc. Describe the roles specific to each PI in order to accomplish the aims of the proposal, i.e. Overseeing sites, or data analysis etc. The roles and administrative, technical, and scientific responsibilities for the project or program should be delineated for the PD/PIs and other collaborators.

1. **Communication plans:**

The PIs will communicate primarily via examples: weekly in person meetings, phone calls, Steering Committee Meetings and through web-based communication platforms.

1. **Intellectual Property:**

Example: Publication and authorship will be based on the relative scientific contributions of the investigators and will be decided, if possible, at the onset of the project. The Medical College of Wisconsin’s technology transfer office, the Office of Technology Development, will be responsible for preparing and negotiating an agreement for the conduct of the research, including any intellectual property.

1. **Conflict resolution:**

Describe the working history of the PIs.

Example for handling disagreement: If a potential conflict develops, the PIs will meet and attempt to resolve the dispute. If they fail to resolve the dispute, the disagreement will be referred to an arbitration committee consisting of one impartial senior executive from each PI’s department and another impartial senior executive mutually agreed up by all PIs. No members of the arbitration committee will be directly involved in the research grant or disagreement.

1. **Process for Making Decisions on Scientific Direction**:

Scientific decisions by ***Drs. XX and XX*** will be centered around the Steering Committee. ***Drs. XX and XX*** will review recommendations from the Steering Committee as well as all relevant data available to reach informed decisions.

1. **Distribution/Allocation of Resources:**

Example: Budget allocations will be determined by the agreed upon budget submitted to meet the aims of the proposal. The award will be administered by the Department of Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin and subaward funds will be sent to the appropriate Institution.

1. **Publications**:

Publication decisions will be made jointly by the PIs, consistent with their respective institutional and NIH policies.

1. **Fiscal Responsibility**:

Each PI will be responsible for management of funds for his or her portion of the project, consistent with institutional and NIH policy. Any significant changes in distribution of funds between the institutions will be decided jointly by the PIs and their respective institutions.

1. **Change in PD/PI Location:**

Example: If any PI moves to another institution, all possible attempts will be made to transfer the relevant portion of the grant to the new institution. In the event that a PI cannot carry out his/her duties or if the PI moves to an institution that is not eligible to receive NIH funding, the participating institutions will work with the remaining PI in an attempt to identify an individual to assume those duties.