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Pod Meeting Summary - Virginia Commonwealth

Pod Meeting Date:

Attendees:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerry Moeller (Pod Lead) Virginia Commonwealth University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yale University <input type="text" value="Krystal, Smith"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NYU School of Medicine <input type="text" value="Bredella, Holahan"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hub/Institution name <input type="text"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UMass Med School Worcester <input type="text" value="Luzuriaga, Hafer"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hub/Institution name <input type="text"/>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guest/Speaker <input type="text" value="Dr Michael Kurilla, NCATS"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest/Speaker <input type="text"/>
Other Attendees:	<input type="text" value="Elizabeth Fortune, VCU (hub administrator)"/>

Agenda (Optional)

Agenda Topic	Facilitator/Presenter
Topic 1: <input type="text" value="Guest Speaker: Dr Michael Kurilla, NCATS"/>	<input type="text"/>
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<p>The meeting focused on the current funding situation at NCATS, with guest Dr. Mike Kurilla providing updates on delays and challenges in the grant review process. Due to OMB apportionment issues and backlogs from study section rescheduling, final funding decisions for FY26 were expected in May, with most reviews scheduled to be completed by the end of that month. Dr. Kurilla explained that the screening process for problematic language in grants remains strict, requiring program officer and grants management specialist review, followed by approval from the IC director. Several participants, including NYU and U Mass, discussed their pending applications that had been delayed despite previous reviews, with Dr. Kurilla confirming these would be processed once all scientific reviews are completed. The meeting also addressed concerns about pilot programs and administrative supplements, with Dr. Kurilla acknowledging the need for creative solutions to address funding gaps for caused by delayed grant start dates.</p> <p>Next steps: Dr. Kurilla: Take suggestions and concerns about delayed grant start dates and shortened funding periods (e.g., 4-6 month grant years) back to NCATS/NIH staff to explore possible administrative solutions or options, and report back at the May program webinar if possible.</p>

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