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Sent on behalf of Nathan McKinney, Chair of the MRC

The Multistate Review Committee recently reviewed the project proposal for S_Temp1082 and the proposal was to **approve with MAJOR revision**.

While the Peer Reviews were generally favorable, the MRC had some serious concerns. Below are their comments and requirements before they will approve the proposal:

- There is concern that two of the three objectives from prior years were not met. If this proposal is approved, it will go through a mid-term review (as all our proposals do now) and if progress is still not being made on objectives the recommendation will be to terminate the project early.

The members of S-Temp 1082 understand that documented progress on all listed objectives must be made or the project will be terminated. The team will have regular planning and work sessions that will ensure progress towards meeting objectives. The S-Temp 1082 currently meets every month in some capacity through a Zoom meeting setting.

- The timely submission of annual reports was an issue during the previous period. While this was resolved with a single comprehensive report at the end of the project, future expectations will be to receive annual reports that demonstrate progress each year. At least two reports should be completed prior to the mid-term review.

The members of S-Temp 1082 will adhere to the reporting and review schedule, including quarterly, annual, and midterm intervals. We will work closely with the OSU Experiment Station Director to ensure compliance with deadlines. To ensure quality, reports will provide additional detail, as requested.

- This proposal needs editing to add more detail. Specific requested edits were: Additional detail is needed regarding the background and prior work in this area, as well as the linkage to accomplishments from the prior project.

Each of the researchers involved on the project is either a graduate student or tenure-track academic with extensive background in aging, aging in place, housing, policy, and similar content areas. Each has either published independently and with co-authors on the content, presented at professional meetings, and/or created translational research, thus advancing the scholarship.

- Milestones need to be presented as important accomplishments that enable future tasks to move forward.

As stated, the membership will provide reports (quarterly, annual, etc). Each report will highlight progress towards goals. Each goal will be listed with documented progress.

- There doesn't appear to be any real outreach plan.

Outreach plan will consist of taking the peer-reviewed scholarship to the public. Some members of the S1082 team have Extension appointments. Outreach will consist of public presentations, factsheet, and podcasts. Importantly, each opportunity will provide practical information and takeaways for participants. We will also reach out to at least one other multi state project for examples of successful outreach activities. Outreach activities will be documented in reports.

- Output and Impact descriptions are very thin, suggesting limited/narrow project breadth.

We will continue to create and report outputs, which will include activities and participation. For example, translational research outputs may consist of the following. First, outputs will be determined based on the expertise and interest of S1082 membership. Activities may include conducting workshops to gather primary data. These data may be used to develop aging in place products and curriculum. Curriculum may consist of an overall presentation, a 15-minute truncated lesson, a peer-reviewed fact sheet, and an evaluation. This curriculum may be used to train Extension educators in different states; to endure validity, consistency in education and delivery will be maintained. The primary recipient of this effort is the public.

Blind peer-reviewed scholarship will include at least one referred journal article and one conference presentation per year. It is expected that the articles would have national, if not international interest, adding to the body of literature about the aging population. The primary recipient of this is academics, that is, increasing the body of knowledge for scholars, policy makers, and legislators.

- Looking for qualitative measures. Consideration to what you are trying to accomplish and why a multistate approach is needed to accomplish this should be included.

Multi-state is a means of "grouping like things together." The complementary expertise and experience of the members allows the group to work collaboratively. This is noted in the previously published articles and will continue to be noted as the research efforts continue. This approach allows for high quality scholarship and translational research. This approach is needed to ensure high quality scholarship and translational research. Each report will document progress towards goals (with both quantitative and qualitative measures).

As a reminder, this group did not get their Issues and Justification sections entered by the deadline for the MRC to review last year and while they approved it to move forward, they did so with concerns. Specific comments from the 11/18/22 email are:

- This group does not have Issues and Justification in place yet. Only one prior annual report was submitted in the past, so this is a red flag. Suggests submitting at least a summary report. Without some type of reporting, it will be difficult to approve this moving forward. Has there been reports created that weren't submitted? **We encourage this group to submit prior reports while developing the full proposal.**

The members of S-Temp 1082 will work diligently to ensure that all deadlines are met and quality reports are submitted, per multistate requirements. We are confused about the comment regarding the Issue and Justification section, as language has been entered (sections a-e).

- Intent of multistate projects is to encourage collaboration and we encourage you to develop and report on additional collaborations.

The members of S-Temp 1082 have added new members on an ongoing basis, and will continue to pursue collaborators, adding value to the project. A plan will be developed to ensure consistency in recruiting/expectations across members/partners.

- As you develop your objectives, we encourage you to use them as the mechanism to report against.

We will report against objectives as suggested.

The writing committee must submit their revisions by September 15, 2023 as this project is scheduled to begin on October 1, 2023. If they have difficulty in making the final revisions, please ask them to contact Cindy Morley for assistance. Cindy is copied on this email. **If the recommended edits can not be completed by the deadline, this proposal will not be approved this cycle.**

We will complete all edits as requested.