March Update

March 7, 2018: Sixth Meeting of Cabinet

In attendance: Members of the Cardiac Sciences Research Cabinet: Alex Clark, Jason Dyck, Justin Ezekowitz, Mona Pattison (Coordinator) & Bill McBlain (Chair); Darren Freed, Mike Hanninen, Evan Lockwood, Mishaela Houle, Finlay McAlister, Steve Meyer, Michelle Noga and Dylan Taylor were unable to attend.

Guests: Mark Taylor, Colleen Sunderland and Jill Byrne from the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry (FoMD) Office of Research

Idea/Focus: To Establish a Plan to Achieve Enhanced Integration and Collaboration in Cardiac Sciences Research in Edmonton – the Asset Map – Planning Session

Asset Map

Discussions with Mark, Colleen and Jill of the FoMD Office of Research and the members of Cabinet resulted in a current list of “core” cardiac sciences researchers (n = 123). The Office of Research will begin the work to identify research funding held by the core researchers (last 5 years – 2012-2017). The University’s proposed purchase of SciVal would facilitate the linking of publications to the core researchers. SciVal also enables selected data analyses such as citation analyses, international collaborations, and key phrase analyses.

Developing the Plan for Enhanced Integration & Collaboration

1. A Facilitated Session has been scheduled to address the following tasks assigned to Cabinet:

   SWOT Assessment, Objectives & Goals, Research in Clinical Environments, and a Strategic Plan (“Actionable”), as listed in the September Update

   The April Planning Session is expected to be creative. Members suggested that a review of the earlier distributed planning documents from previous planning initiatives might be informative and stimulate some inspired thinking.

   Dr. Richard Fedorak and Ms. Deb Gordon (and/or Dr. David Zygun) will bring greetings to the Session.

Topics & Discussions:

1. “What do you do with an idea?”

   Strategic Planning documents from other UofA institutes/entities might provide some ideas to guide Cabinet in its deliberations. Consultations with Dr. Lawrence Richer, Associate Dean (Research – Clinical Research), Dr. Neesh Pannu, Assistant Dean (Clinical Research – Platforms) and Dr. Randy Goebel, Associate Vice-President (Research/Academic) could also prove instructive.

   What types of terms could be used to designate the integrated cardiac sciences research entity (while observing a recognition of brands)?