

FDP Foundations and Public Charities Task Force

(A Joint Task Force between FDP and NCURA)

September 22, 2003 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Rebecca Balentine, John Carfora, Suzanne Jackowski, Bob Killoren, Graydon Kirk, Kathleen Larmett, Julie T. Norris, Jim Reisert, Melinda Sewell, Ivor Strand, Jay Walton.

Discussion and Summary of Activity Since the May 2003 Meeting:

Discussions with:

The Foundation Center

IT consultants to foundations – Information Age Assoc. (IAA)

{NOT a grants management software vendor}

foundation grants managers and IT staff

Results:

Commitment to publicize the work of the Task Force (Foundation Center)

Effective methods to leverage change in eRA systems through foundations to their vendors

“Buy in” on “Institutional Approval” – the need to require grantee institutional approval and signoff on all applications to a sponsor, was acknowledged for quality assurance of compliance issues and data provided.

Major foundation staff persons agreed to serve as panelists for the NCURA Annual Meeting

Task Force chairs invited to present to: Grants Managers Network – New York region in November 2003.

Other session discussion points

Using our Development Offices as a resource and also for clearance of discussions.

Common data sets and elements: Feds and foundations – encourage use of common data sets and modeling of foundation applications after grants.gov

Leveraging NY Grants Managers Network presentation

Need for polling – who’s installing/changing/upgrading systems?

Reversing correlation between: the fewer the \$, the more paper required – examples reigning in the hurdles in some organizations’ reporting requirements.

“Credibility as a Constituency” continuing to build alliances with other grantee organizations, academic or otherwise, that further strengthens our already high level of credibility.

Discussion of Next Steps: