

Institutional Review Board Updates

SPRING 2018

IRB News



In Memory

As many of you already know, our IRB chair, Dr. Aaron Buseh, passed away suddenly on December 4 after a brief illness. His death was a tragic shock to all of us.

Dr. Buseh was a professor in the School of Nursing and a native of Liberia. He was immensely dedicated to the IRB, his students, his colleagues, and his home country. I was always amazed how easily he seemed to handle what must have been an enormous workload. He never complained, but always cheerfully agreed to do whatever was needed. It was also evident that he was a great teacher and mentor and respected by all.

At his funeral, I was impressed even more with the way he brought various communities together. Friends, family members, colleagues and students from around the world gathered to celebrate his life and mourn his loss. I learned that I only knew one side of him: his UWM academic side. But he was equally devoted to the Milwaukee African American community through his work with the Black Health Coalition, to local immigrants and refugees through the Pan-African Community Association, and to improving the lives and well-being of people in his native Liberia. There was no end to the lives he touched or the good he accomplished.

It's hard to imagine the IRB without Aaron. We will sorely miss his wisdom, guidance, and expertise on the IRB. IRB meetings won't be the same without his booming laugh bringing levity and balance to serious discussions.

One thing is certain: the world is a better place because he was in it. I just wish he could have stayed here longer.

- Melody Harries



IRB Membership Changes

Dr. Jay Kapellusch has served as the Vice Chair of the IRB since 2014, and has agreed to step into the position of Chair. We are grateful for his willingness to take on this additional responsibility and confident that the IRB will continue to thrive under his leadership.

We are in the process of identifying another IRB member to be the new Vice Chair.

Contact the IRB Office:

Melissa Spadanuda
IRB Manager
spadanud@uwm.edu
414-229-3173

Melody Harries
IRB Administrator
harries@uwm.edu
414-229-3182

Leah Stoiber
IRB Administrator
lstoiber@uwm.edu
414-229-7455

Upcoming IRB Meeting Dates:

◆ **March 2, 2018**
(submission deadline is past)

◆ **April 6, 2018**
Deadline for Full Board submissions: Mar 21

◆ **May 4, 2018**
Deadline for Full Board submissions: Apr 18

PI and SPI Training Requirements

Training

Knowledge
useful abilities
backbone of co
quired for a tr
today

CITI training is now required for all PIs and student PIs.

If you submit a new study to the IRB, or if you are the PI for your student's study, you must have current CITI training on file.

We will not issue IRB approval unless **both** the PI and SPI have completed CITI training within the last 3 years.

IRB Metrics



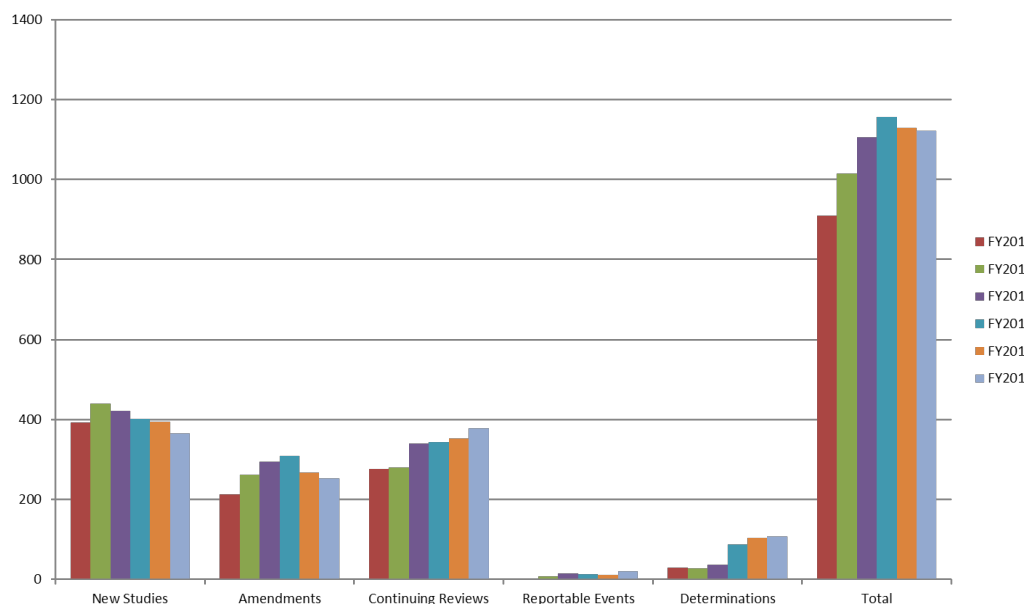
Fiscal Year 2017

- ◆ 1262 active studies
- ◆ 58% of new study submissions are being done as part of a student project, dissertation, or thesis.
- ◆ March was the month with the most new study submissions (49), and August had the fewest (19)
- ◆ IRB staff trained approximately 360 people in 35 in-person sessions
- ◆ 880 individuals completed online training through CITI

Departments with the most submissions

1. Psychology (162)
2. Nursing (122)
3. Kinesiology (103)
4. Social Work (89)
5. Communication (58)

Total Submissions by Year



Submissions by Type

New studies	365
Exempt	200
Expedited	133
Full Board	6
Deferrals	26
Amendments	253
Continuing Reviews	377
Reportable Events	20
Determination Forms	107
Total	1122