



Preparing for a Planning Grant Meeting for a Center for Health Organization Transformation

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Presentation Outline

1. Catalyst for Center
2. The University Context
3. I/UCRC – Planning to Implementation
4. Multi-University Partners & Planning
5. The Planning Meeting
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Catalyst for Center

- Support innovation to overcome non-productive patterns in health system and university research.
- Demands for new technologies, new management approaches, and new products and reports to meet consumer, industry, and governmental demands.
- Advance university research for addressing linkage among different technologies in organizations.
- Producing research products to better guide change
- Train students to reach across disciplinary boundaries for cross-cutting problems in health organizations.

The University Context

- I/UCRC champion(s)
- Research specialists
- Administrative buy-in

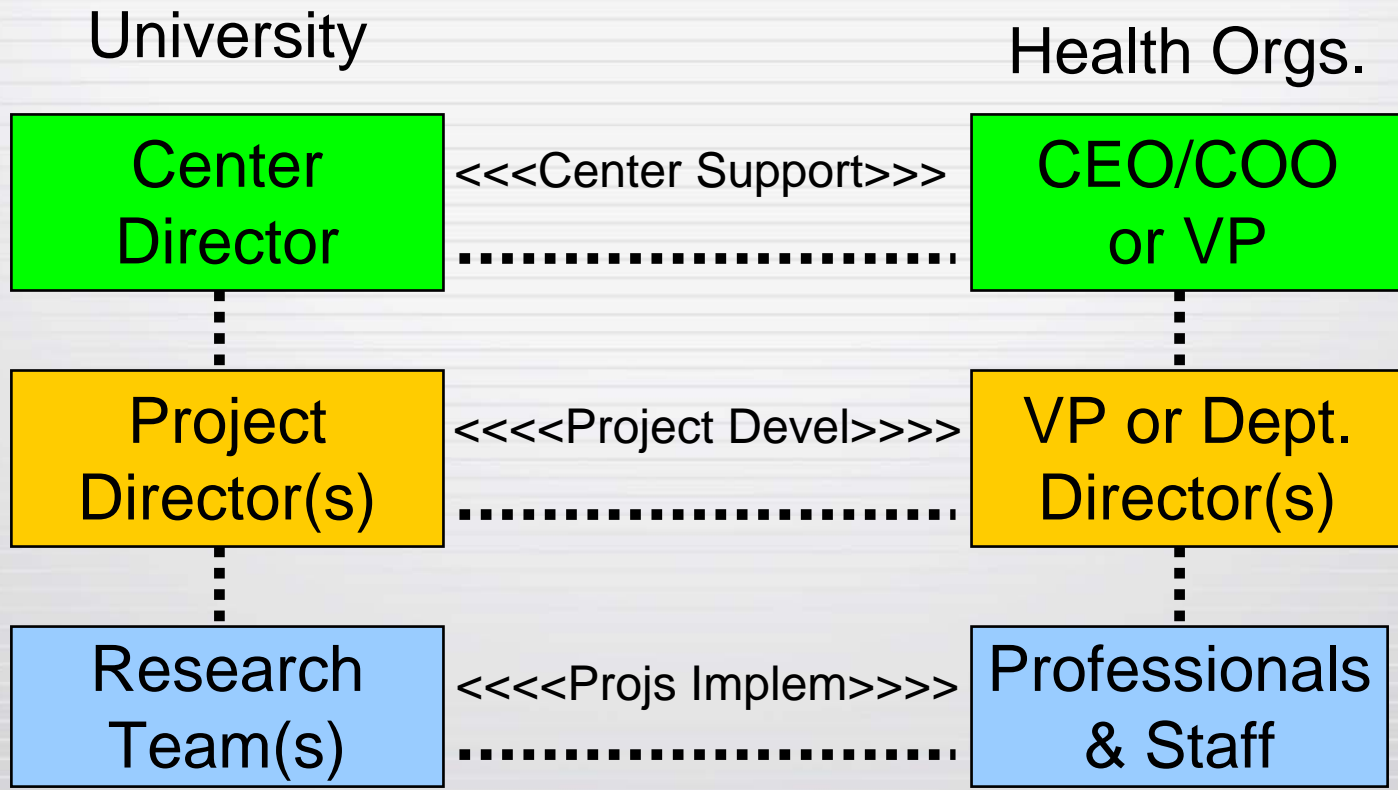
Center Ties to Industry

- Relationships with these members
- Professional connections via boards/associations
- Graduate placements
- Geographic Proximity
- Identification with university/programs

Meet with potential members

- Explain the objectives, mission, mutual benefits
- Identify member's needs
- Assess “fit” between Center mission and member needs

I/UCRC – Planning to Implementation



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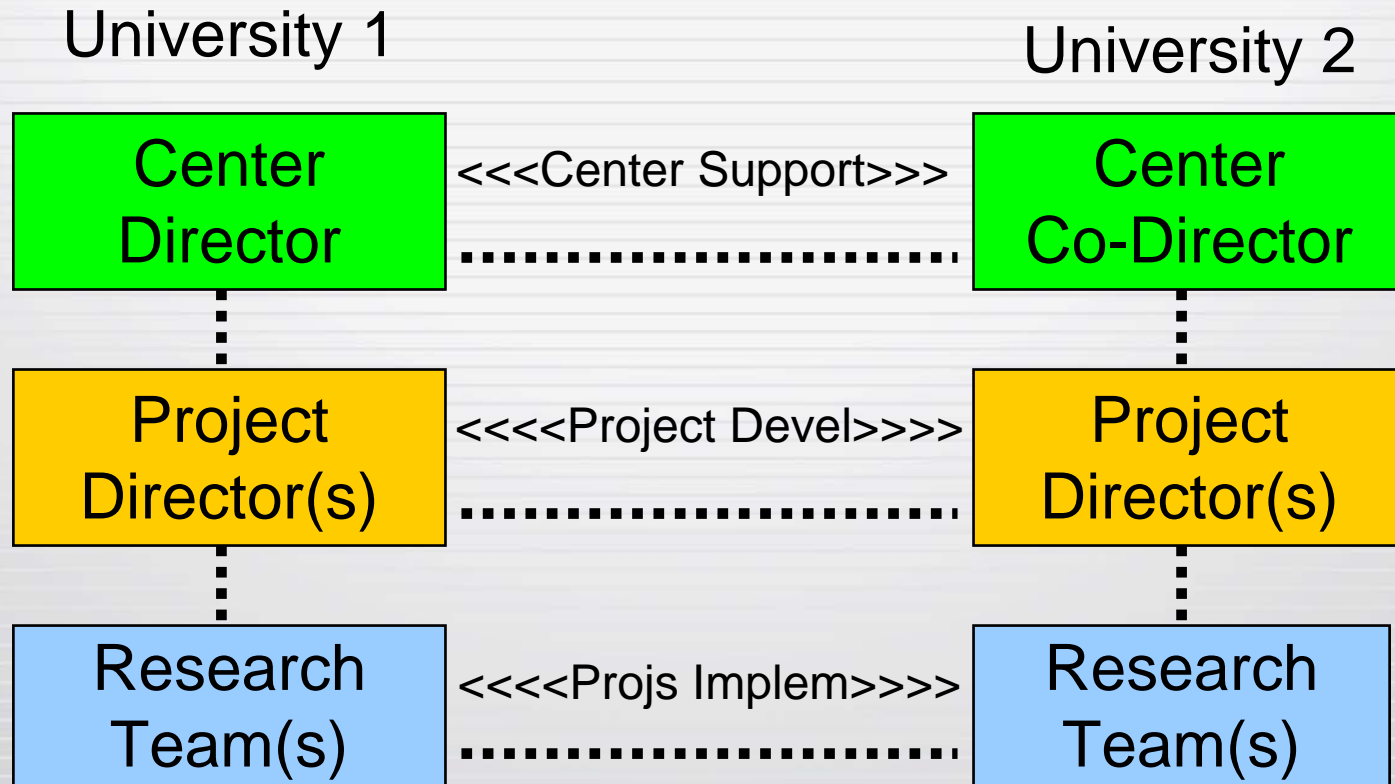
Multi-University Partners

- Who to invite?
- How many?
- Domain (mission) consensus?
 - Agreement on focus/product
 - Compatible technologies
 - Compatible units and levels of analysis

The multi-university process

- Weekly conference call
- Share info (developed by each party)
- Gain input from similar levels within the “hierarchies”

Multi-University Planning



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Planning the Planning Meeting

- Attract all committed members
- Invite potential members
- Keep all member informed of meeting logistics
 - Dates
 - Location

The Planning Meeting

Like “clock work” . . . Isn't it always?



The Planning Meeting Details

- Great setting
- Some absenteeism
- Some enthusiasm
- Work-arounds
- Some Consensus (LIFE-Forms)
- Next steps

Post-Meeting Activities

- Thanks to all participants
- Debrief with university partners
- Debrief with selected members
- Notify all regarding next steps

Getting on with It!

Move toward submission of
I/UCRC Center Grant

Questions?