

IAB Relations, Low Attendance & Evaluator Role: Trouble in River City?

A stimulated discussion session

Goal

- Promote discussion about how to solve and/or compensate for the problems caused by diminished attendance by IAB members for Centers and their evaluators

Current Situation

- Problem
 - Attendance has been down at IAB meetings
 - Some centers seeing 20% turnout
- Solution
 - Video conference or webinar the presentations

Question

Is video conferencing and webinars the only or best solution to poor attendance by IAB members?

What can evaluators do to adjust their practices given low member attendance?

IAB Participation in IUCRCs

GOLDEN ERA

- *Attendance by 100% of members at two meetings a year*
- 100% Members complete LIFE on all projects
- 100% of members contribute to debriefing LIFE feedback
- 100% of Members contribute to deciding which projects get funded
- Members interact with faculty and members informally
- Process/Outcome completed on-site by attending members

RECESSION ERA

- *Attendance by 20-40% of members; different members at different meetings*
- LIFE forms completed only by firms attending meeting
- Only members attending contribute to LIFE debriefing
- Only members attending able vote on proposed projects
- Only a subset of of members present to interact with faculty and other members at any meeting
- P/O collected from attending members

Issues

- What are the true consequences of low attendance?
- What can centers do to solve the attendance shortfall?
 - Is video conferencing and webinars the solution?
- What can evaluators do to help get more complete feedback from IAB?