



Leader's Update

A message from Donna Berrier, M.P.A., chief administrative officer

The present focus for Massey's team of cancer center leaders and administrators is submission of the competitive application for the renewal of the Cancer Center Support Grant (CCSG), which is the grant that distinguishes Massey as an NCI-designated cancer center. The application is due on May 25, and our goal is to begin electronically uploading sections of it on May 1.

The grant application reports on Massey's accomplishments during the past five years since we were last reviewed, and it outlines our strategic plans for the future. The CCSG has nine sections: leadership/administration, planning and evaluation, developmental funds, clinical protocol and data management, protocol review and monitoring system, and early phase clinical research. The data reported includes membership and grant revenue, publications, collaborations of members; clinical trial patient accrual; shared resource usage by program, members and funding to support effort; pilot projects awarded and impact or ROI.

All sections of the grant have been drafted and are currently being refined and finalized. Concurrently, the team is working diligently to develop a 5-year strategic plan that will guide the cancer center's efforts through 2021. The plan will be based, in part, upon feedback from research members shared during program meetings and retreats, disease-specific interest groups and other correspondence. Thank you for providing your valuable input.

The NCI will notify us by July of the date of their site visit at Massey, which will occur in either late September or early October. We intend to spend the summer preparing for the site visit, including holding a mock site visit to get critical feedback from our Scientific External Advisory Board, which is composed of scientists and senior leaders from other major cancer centers.

Massey will be informed in January 2017 of our grant score and award.

I am pleased to share that this year's application is one of Massey's strongest CCSG submissions because of the considerable progress that we have to report. These achievements would not have been possible without the efforts of each of our

members, so thank you for your contribution. We will continue to update you on Massey's efforts to renew our NCI designation.

Sincerely,

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