

**Meeting of FA-5 Task Force
Tuesday, July 17th, 2012**

Attendees:

Richard Niles – Chair

Darshana Shah – member

Todd Gress – member

Jennifer Plymale – member

Discussion Items:

Action plan:

- Task one: Research Directors in each clinical department have been identified *action item: send letter to research director, with copy to chair, confirming their appointment and arranging for a date to meet (task 2)*
- Task three: has already been met; there is an increase beyond the 5% set point in clinical trials and there are two new investigator-initiated clinical trials and an additional one pending IRB review
- The research infrastructure is being improved with the announcement of a new pilot grant program for funding translational research studies and additional pilot funds will be made available to support medical student and resident involvement in rural health research
- Todd Gress and Darshana Shah have met with the Chairs of Family Medicine, Psychiatry and Surgery and obtained agreement to designate a faculty member to coordinate the research efforts in those departments