ADC Administrators Meeting – NIA Update

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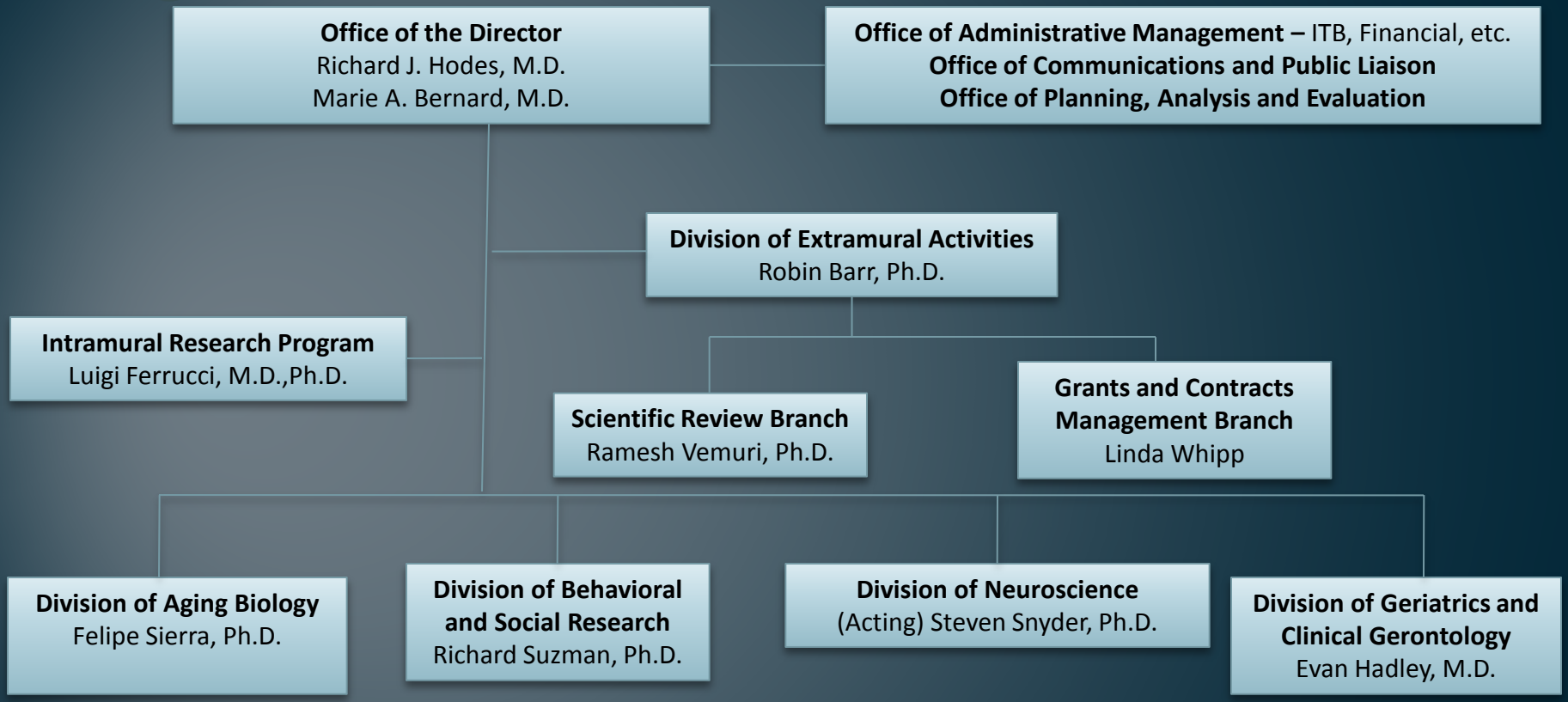
Organizational Chart - NIA



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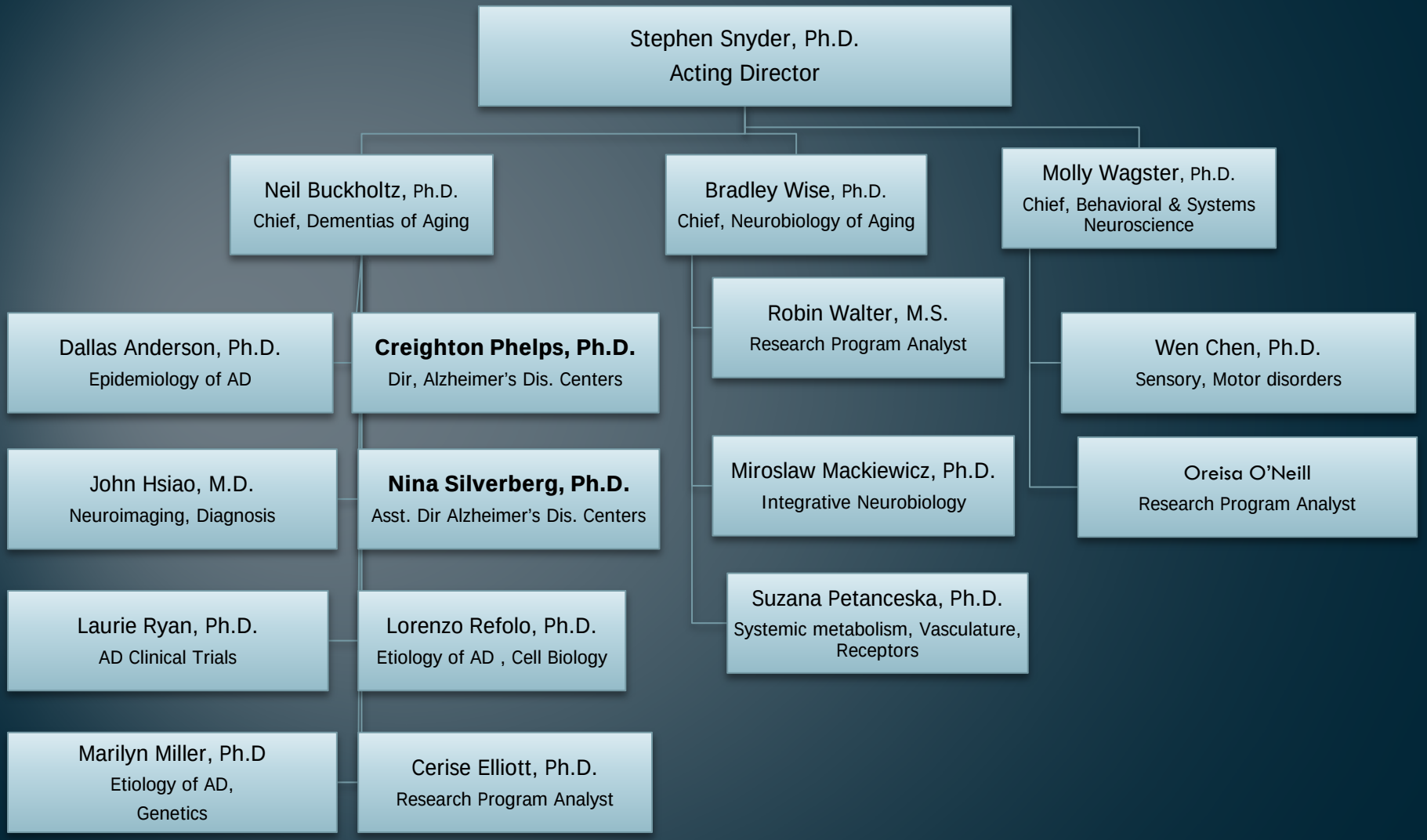

Questions for Program Staff:

- Please talk about the NAPA Advisory Council and the decisions made regarding funding for research and how they might be implemented.
  - Please see Dr. Hodes' slides from the Directors meeting and http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/
- Does it create confusion to include pilot grant progress reports from previous years (other than the most recently funded pilot grant)?
  - It used to, but now that we have the numbering consistent and we have them separated into final report, interim report and new submissions, no!
- What is the best way to facilitate swift pilot approval and authorization to use funds?
  - Send to both Grants Management (Joe or Debbie) and Program (Nina or Tony).
  - P30s (ADCCs): Joe and Nina; P50s (ADRCs): Debbie and Tony
  - If you don't get an answer within a couple weeks, send a query about the status

Questions for Program Staff (cont):

- What is your process in ensuring that all articles include PMCIDs, once the progress report is submitted?
  - The PMCIDs are automatically pulled into our system based on the grant number included in the publication.
  - Please be assured that although the list you provide in your progress report is not used for this purpose, it IS USED for multiple other purposes.
- How can one sort out the publications that are considered 'directly supported by ADRC' and 'indirectly supported by ADRC'?
  - See table on following slide. There are no hard and fast rules, but the table provides useful guidelines to follow. (Thanks to Virginia Buckles from Wash U)

Virginia's Handy Guide

	Center personnel are authors	Center Resources are used (data, tissue, participants)	Center aims could apply	List
1	X	X	X	Direct
2		X	X	Direct
3	X		X	Direct
4	X	X		Indirect
5	X			Indirect
6		X		Indirect
7			x	Not sure how this might happen

Questions for Grants Management:

- Impact of the lowering the salary cap on current budgets? When effective? What happens to remaining funds that are freed up by use of the new cap?
  - ALL awards issued after 12/22/2011 must reflect the new salary cap. Non-competing awards will not be reduced to meet the new salary cap. Grantees must charge at the new salary cap level and rebudgeting of the excess is allowed. http://grants.nih.gov/grants/policy/fy2012_salary_cap_faqs.htm
- Can we anticipate further annual budget cuts on out years on center grants?
  - We do not know in advance. The budget depends on many factors, including funding decisions made by Congress.

Questions for Grants Management (cont)

- Is it possible to provide notice of additional cuts to a budget prior to submission of a progress report? Often times many hours are spent preparing budgets and when the award arrives there are additional cuts that were not foreseen. This makes it very difficult to plan for experiments and personnel needs.
  - We don't know what the cuts will be until the final funding policy is announced. The NIH funding policy for each fiscal year is published as a guide notice (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-036.html). However, even knowing what the cuts will be, non-competing budgets should be submitted based on the funding levels in the last notice of award.
- What Human Subject Certificates need to be included in Annual Reports? And for IRB approvals?
  - Human subject training certificates should be included for any key personnel that will be involved in human subject research for whom a certificate has not been submitted in the past. IRB approval for the overall center is required to be submitted each year.