

Friday, October 18, 2024

Dear CRL Global Collections Stakeholders,

Thank you!

I am very pleased to share that all AMP/GRNs submitted a response to the Task Force report. I realize that coordinating this review was challenging! In addition to all the emails, zoom meetings, and surveys, I had one AMP request a meeting, submit questions in advance, and then cancel because I answered them all on the FAQ (and thank you to them for seeding the FAQ!). Another AMP asked that I meet with their Chair, then their Executive Committee, and then the full membership. This is the commitment and engagement that ensures the ongoing success of CRL!

Most groups then had a simple vote amongst their members and none of the groups indicated that that they could work within the committee structures. However, most were able to detail their lingering concerns in specific, answerable questions. As I work through the feedback, I have yet to see anything that reads as a deal-breaker, only procedural details to sort through. For example, the concern that projects would be limited to a single year may at first seem like a deal-breaker, but I'm convinced we will find an accounting solution. And at least one group thoughtfully included a list of benefits of the proposed committee structure.

A significant gap is that we still don't have adequate information about non-CRL partnership models. We have gotten the message that some partners cannot pay for fiscal/legal/logistical reasons and that others are simply not interested in CRL member benefits outside of AMP work. We still need an understanding of how each party benefits from working together and insight on how to formalize an agreement between organizations.

GCATF office hours have ended but I am still offering office hours, and I am still meeting with groups by request (this week I met with SEEMP and CIFNAL). I recently met with Title VI participants to confirm our compliance requirements and have a short list of details to follow up on. A significant concern raised in that meeting was a recent CRL decision not to lend outside of the membership, but that decision has been rolled back. (see: [Non-Member Lending | CRL](#))

Again, thank you again to everyone who is embracing the hard work of change and engaging in honest, forthright communication.

- Kevin