Appendix A: Decision Matrix for Handling of Extramural Awards

A common mechanism for administering extramural grant funding is through the "preponderance rule" – the understanding that a grant is administered at the institution where most work occurs. NPCs and AAs may use this rule when determining which entity should administer extramural grant funding. However, final decisions may differ locally depending on real-time constraints and considerations. It is strongly recommended that the VAMC, NPC and AA have in place a written agreement that details how extramural grants will be administered with respect to prime award administration, subaward mechanisms and criteria for implementation, etc.

