

Sherry has held numerous positions in her tenure at UNC with over 27 years of experience in Sponsored programs. Most recently she served as the Electronic Research Specialist/IRB Administrator, and also served as a Grant and Contract Administrator for a short time. Sherry was instrumental in launching IRBNet, the electronic protocol submission and review system that UNC adopted in August of 2012, which required updating procedures and expanding training and outreach on topics related to the review of human subjects research.

In her new role as Regulatory Compliance Administrator, Sherry serves as the primary point of contact on compliance questions and issues, including responding to or directing compliance questions to the appropriate campus office; coordinating investigations into compliance questions, concerns and complaints; ensuring necessary preventive actions are taken in instances of noncompliance; and staying current with recurring or developing compliance issues related to higher education. There is a significant emphasis on customer service, managing processes related to human subject protections and protocol facilitation, compliance and monitoring activities and operational reporting. Sherry serves as an important resource providing guidance to the research community on regulations which govern compliance in the areas of financial conflict of interest, human subject research, and responsible conduct of research. Sherry continues to serve as an Ex-Officio member on the Institutional Review Board (IRB), and has been appointed as an Alternate voting member of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

Sherry also serves as an advisory Board member and provides administrative support and recommendations to the Faculty Research and Publications Board (FRPB), a representative body of elected faculty members that is charged with oversight of the FRPB New Project Program (NPP) and the Provost Fund for Faculty Scholarship and Professional Development. She collaborates with the FRPB to set up competition procedures, proposal ranking and review; communicates with grantees regarding their fiscal and programmatic responsibilities; and streamlines the administration of awards.

Sherry is a member of Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R), a national organization that promotes ethical standards in research, including the use of human subjects. She has also been a member of the National Council of University Research Administrators and the Society of Research Administrators.