Ms. Barbara Mays, Executive Director, Office of Sponsored Programs, Memorial University Health Center, presented the program.

Ms. Mays discussed how the grant process has changed over the last few years, especially regarding program specialists at the national level. At one point, a grantee or potential grantee, could call a program specialist who had broad knowledge of all aspects of the grant. Today, one is more likely to talk with a number of different staff at NIH, each of whom are specialists in a particular area. Ms. Mays also commented that obtaining support for CME has become more difficult. Pharmaceutical companies, especially, are targeting their dollars at specific institutions, rather than make finding open.