Talking Points Example: Department Administrator or Large Project Manager

This document is designed to serve as an example to show what a talking points document might look like when preparing to meet with a research department administrator or a large project research manager

Goals

- Major grant deadlines are coming up, and the library wants to provide DMP support
- Researchers are not using the campus data repository to preserve their data

Background Info

- You have a data repository available, but it mostly contains legacy data.
- Institution graduate students and postdocs are using the data repository to further their own research.
- You want to expand the library's role in data services, and supporting a major project would make your case
- As part of a multi-year funding cycle, this will be the first time that this project has had to include a data management plan
- While you can't personally take them through the entire process, you have hours set aside every week to work on data issues

Argument for need

- Engaging in good data practices will increase the impact of their research
- Funders are requiring that data be shared within a certain time period of publication
- Intermittently checking with data services staff will make archiving the data easier

Questions that need answering

- How are they saving data currently? How much data are they working with?
- Are there other, smaller projects that also need data support?
- Are there ways to access your data currently? Are there ways for people to cite that data?