

**Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 10, 2010**

Meeting Summary

Members: Barb Schweitzer (ND), Leslie Himstedt (AR), Majed Dasouki (KS), Amy Brower (SD), Lucy Fossen (SD), Jamey Kendall (KS), Jackie Whitfield (AR), Mary Riske (ND), Sharmini Rogers (MO), Holly Johnson (AR), and Sharon Vaz (OK), **Guests:** JoAnn Bolick (AR), Barb Hemmelman (SD), and Barb Jackson (NE)
HRCC: Brad Schaefer, Klaas Wierenga, Lori Williamson, and Shona Whitehead

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome		
Revised Pilot Project Application	<p>During the meeting in Des Moines, a request to the HRCC was made to revise the language in the pilot project application for non-academic entities. Lori Williamson and Shona Whitehead made revisions, which are also reviewed by the Advocate Work Group and additional changes were made. Whitehead reviewed the areas where modifications were made.</p> <p>Klaas Wierenga commented there is conflict in the meaning of collaboration in the eligibility requirements and the review criteria. Majed Dasouki asked if an applicable definition of “new collaboration” had been determined. Brad Schaefer said it was key to provide direction to the reviewers when defining collaboration: New vs. Existing Collaboration. He suggested that a priority of collaboration should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-region • Inter-state • Within in one state <p>Dasouki agreed that broad concepts of collaboration should be given to the reviewers. Wierenga commented that there is still no clear definition of “new”. Does it mean two people who have never worked together in any capacity or two people who know each other and are collaborating for a new project? Jamey Kendall commented that it should be a new idea, not necessarily new people. She also asked for clarification of “total budget” vs. “maximum budget”.</p> <p>Julie Luedtke commented that inter-region has broader reach and is good rationale, but would an innovative local project within a state that is very worthy lose out in the scoring because of the weight scoring Schaefer had suggested?</p> <p>Dasouki asked if any changes had been made to the scoring sheet and that instructions or</p>	<p>Please send any additional comments to Lori Williamson at LWDean@uams.edu. Follow-up will be done after the NCC/RC/PD/PM meeting (11/18-19/10)</p>

	<p>assistance should be provided to the reviewers. Williamson said no changes have been made yet to the scoring sheet.</p> <p>Amy Brower suggested that a final decision on what types of collaboration should be the priority until after the NCC/RC/PD/PM meeting, as new priorities from HRSA may be influential on the next steps. HRSA may put higher priority on projects meeting local needs instead of inter-regional projects. Luedtke commented that she agreed that guidance from HRSA is needed.</p> <p>Wierenga asked that a statement be added to the application that makes it friendlier and encourages community applicants.</p>	
<p>HRSA Sickle Cell Centers announcement</p>	<p>Williamson commented that HRSA announced additional centers in the Sickle Cell Treatment Program. One center is located at Washington University in St Louis, MO. Heartland has not yet successfully included its hemoglobinopathy partners in the collaborative activities. . Could this be an opportunity to reach out to the Sickle Cell programs?</p> <p>Sharon Vaz spoke to the Sickle Cell Association in OK and they said that HRSA will be releasing a RFP for \$6 million for community efforts, including funding for Title V programs.</p> <p>Dasouki said this would be an opportunity to reach out. Schaefer suggested that we invite a representative from the Washington University program to present at the annual meeting in 2011.</p> <p>Sharmini Rogers said that the PI of the Washington University center (Dr. Debaun) has moved to Vanderbilt. She recommended that we check to see if the center still exists in MO.</p>	<p>Williamson will learn whether or not the center still exists in MO.</p>
<p>Medical Home activities</p>	<p>Dr Schaefer is interested in exploring the role of the medical geneticist in the medical home. He proposed creating an ad hoc work group to explore this area.</p> <p>Dasouki was less concerned about this topic than the basic provision of genetics services. Given the shortage of MD/DOs into the field, and that GCs cannot bill nor conduct physical examinations, write prescriptions, etc... he proposed developing a training and</p>	<p>This topic will be added to the December agenda.</p>

	<p>certification program for nurse practitioners.</p> <p>Mary Riske commented that the International Society of Nurses in Genetics has such a certification program.</p>	
NCC Survey	<p>Opportunity to provide feedback on the collaborative and the NCC. All responses will be compiled and submitted to the NCC anonymously. There is no requirement to complete all the questions, partial responses are acceptable.</p>	<p>Please send any survey responses to shona-whitehead@ouhsc.edu by 5:00 pm (11/10/10)</p>
Other	<p>Barb Jackson made two announcements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The National Performance measures will be sent, in a new format, to the State Genetic Coordinators next week. The deadline to submit is the end of December. 2. The committee drafting bylaws for the Advisory Board has completed their work and the draft will be discussed during the December Advisory Board meeting. 	
Next Meetings		<p>December 8, 2010 2:00 pm January 12, 2011 2:00 pm</p>