

Advisory Board Meeting Monday, March 8, 2010 Summary

Attendees (4 members absent): Barb Schweitzer (ND), Lucy Fossen (SD), Jackie Whitfield (AR), Jamey Kendall (KS), Julie Miller (NE), Kim Piper (IA), Mary Riske (ND), Sharmini Rogers (MO), Larry Weatherford (OK), Brad Schaefer (AR), Leslie Himstedt (AR) and Holly Johnson (AR) **Guests:** Annette Arnold (AR) JoAnn Bolick (AR), Jill Shuger (HRSA) and Barb Hemmelman (SD) **RCC Staff:** John Mulvihill and Shona Whitehead

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Attendance		
Announcements	<p>Dr Mulvihill announced that Barton Childs the “grandfather” of modern pediatric genetics passed away two weeks ago. He was 94. Also Charles Epstein has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.</p> <p>Jill Shuger announced that Holly Johnson (AR) has been nominated to serve on the Follow-up and Transition sub-committee of the Secretary's Advisory Committee. Congratulations to Holly.</p>	
Acceptance of HRSA's designated Program Director: Brad Schaefer at UAMS	<p>Dr Mulvihill made a motion that Brad Schaefer, at UAMS, become the new Program Director for the Heartland Collaborative for the next project year, as requested by HRSA. There was no opposition made.</p> <p>Sharmini Rogers asked what the difference was between Program Director and Principal Investigator (PI). Mulvihill responded that HRSA has elected to change the title to Program Director because PI implies research is being conducted, which is not the case with the regional collaboratives. Jill Shuger indicated that was correct.</p> <p>Jill Shuger commented that Brad's nomination was the Advisory Board's suggestion, but Mulvihill opined (and no one said otherwise) that it was Michele Puryear's recommendation that the project be transferred to Brad Schaefer. Mulvihill did discuss the idea with Schaefer and Schaefer was accepting of the proposal.</p>	
Acceptance of proposed projects	<p>A chart of projects and estimated costs was distributed in advance of the call. Jill Shuger indicated that OUHSC is responsible for submitting the renewal application and that it would later be transferred to UAMS once approved by HRSA. Jamey Kendall asked why OUHSC should submit the renewal. Shuger responded that it was a HRSA requirement since this renewal is non-competitive and OUHSC is the current grantee. The transfer will take place after the award is made and HRSA approval is secured.</p>	
Next meeting		<p>Tentative: Monday, April 12, 2010 at 9:45 am Will be confirmed by email</p>