

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
JOINT BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY/CLINICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

**MINUTES OF THE FALL 2006 MEETING OF THE MERIT REVIEW  
SUBCOMMITTEE FOR CARDIOVASCULAR STUDIES-B**

A teleconference was held on November 30, 2006, at the VA Central Office, 1722 I Street, N.W. (Room 915), Washington, DC. The Chairperson, Mark E. Dunlap, M.D., presided throughout. The teleconference began at 11:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Clive M. Baumgarten, Ph.D.  
Mark E. Dunlap, M.D.  
Steven Goldman, M.D.  
Joseph A. Hill, M.D., Ph.D.

Carlin S. Long, M.D.  
Russell B. Melchert, Ph.D.  
Francis G. Spinale, M.D., Ph.D.

**AD HOC CONSULTANT(S)**

Sampath Parthasarathy, M.B.A., Ph.D.

**VACO STAFF PRESENT**

LeRoy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review, Research and Development  
Zaheer Parvez, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager, Merit Review Subcommittee for  
Cardiovascular Studies-B, Research and Development  
Denise Jones, Program Assistant, Research and Development

**OBSERVER(S)**

None

The minutes of the last meeting of the Subcommittee were read and approved.

Dr. Parvez welcomed the Subcommittee and had members introduce themselves. He thanked the Subcommittee members for their work and proceeded to read the subcommittee instructions to the members. Dr. Frey also thanked by the Subcommittee.

The date of May 21, 2007, was established for the Spring 2007 meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of 8 Merit Review Proposals.

Full details of all Subcommittee actions are contained in the Summary Statements prepared by the Subcommittee. Subcommittee members were informed that the proceedings and

recommendations pertaining to the merit review of component research programs are considered to be privileged information. Members were asked to read and sign the Post-Review Certification form regarding conflict of interest.

**SUBMITTED:**

Zaheer Parvez  
(Signature)

ZAHEER PARVEZ, PH.D.  
Portfolio Manager

1/30/07  
(Date)

**APPROVED:**

Mark E. Dunlap  
(Signature)

MARK E. DUNLAP, M.D.  
Chairperson

3/19/07  
(Date)