

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 INFECTIOUS DISEASES-A**

The teleconference began at 11:00 a.m. and concluded at 1:00 p.m. on December 1, 2006. The meeting was held in Room 915 at VA Central Office, 1722 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC. The Chairperson, Suresh K. Arya, Ph.D., presided throughout the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Suresh K. Arya, Ph.D. | Alexandra L. Howell, Ph.D. |
| Tomasz Laskus, M.D., Ph.D. | Luis J. Montaner, DVM, M.Sc., D. Phil. |
| Robert L. Murphy, M.D. | |

MEMBER(S) ABSENT

Laura Beretta, Ph.D.
David H. Schwartz, M.D., Ph.D.

AD HOC CONSULTANT(S)

Jean Boyer, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA
Jay Rappaport, Ph.D., Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

VACO STAFF PRESENT

LeRoy Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review, Research and Development
Susan Stern, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager, Merit Review Subcommittee for Infectious
Diseases-A, Research and Development
Harlande Lanspery, Program Assistant, Research and Development

OBSERVER(S)

None

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

Dr. Stern welcomed the Subcommittee members and thanked them for their hard work and dedication. She apprised the Subcommittee members of the conflict of interest policy and the confidentiality of the proceedings and recommendations pertaining to the merit review of component research programs. Dr. Stern asked them to focus on the scientific merit of the

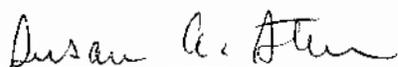
proposals and to use the full range of priority scores. She emphasized the importance of explicit and detailed Summary Statements, especially for those proposals that receive scores outside the funding range.

The date of May 10, 2007, was established for the Spring 2007 meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of 9 Merit Review Programs.

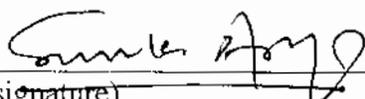
Full details of all Subcommittee actions are contained in the Summary Statements prepared by the Subcommittee.

SUBMITTED:


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SUSAN STERN, PH.D.
Portfolio Manager
Mar. 1 2007
(Date)

APPROVED:


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SURESH K. ARYA, PH.D.
Chairperson
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