

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 NEUROBIOLOGY-E**

The teleconference began on December 11, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. and adjourned at 2 p.m. The meeting was held at VA Central Office, 1722 I Street, N.W. (Room 915), Washington, DC. The Chairperson, Jeffrey N. Joyce, Ph.D., presided throughout the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey N. Joyce, Ph.D.	Matthew Farrer, Ph.D.
Kenneth Hensley, Ph.D.	Caryl Sortwell, Ph.D.
David Yurek, Ph.D.	

MEMBER(S) ABSENT

David Sulzer, Ph.D.

AD HOC CONSULTANT(S)

Mark Cookson, Ph.D.
Shlomo Melmed, M.D.
Charles K. Meshul, Ph.D.
Eric Richfield, M.D., Ph.D.

VACO STAFF PRESENT

William Goldberg, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager, Research and Development
Kristin Williams, Program Assistant, Research and Development

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

Dr. Goldberg welcomed the Subcommittee members and emphasized the importance of reviewing the proposals based on their scientific merit. The need for explicit and detailed Summary Statements was also emphasized, particularly for those proposals that would probably not receive funding. Dr. Goldberg discussed procedural matters including the need for confidentiality and the inclusion of women and minorities in clinical research.

No date was established for the Fall 2006 meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of 10 Merit Review Programs.

One proposal was deemed not competitive and was not discussed or scored.

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.

SUBMITTED:

(Signature)

WILLIAM GOLDBERG, PH.D.

Portfolio Manager

3/5/07

(Date)

APPROVED:

(Signature)

JEFFREY N. JOYCE, PH.D.

Chairperson

4/5/07

(Date)