

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-A**

The meeting began on December 4, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. and adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Cabinet Room at the DoubleTree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The Chairperson, Sara Jo Nixon, Ph.D., presided throughout the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Gregory Elmer, Ph.D.
Mark Greenwald, Ph.D.
Donald M. Kuhn, Ph.D.

Sara Jo Nixon, Ph.D.
Subhash C. Pandey, Ph.D.
Roxanne A. Vaughan, Ph.D.

MEMBER(S) ABSENT

None

AD HOC CONSULTANT(S)

Ronnie Fass, M.D., VA Medical Center, Tucson, AZ
Steven J. Lash, Ph.D., VA Medical Center, Salem, VA
Bruce J. Rounsaville, M.D., VA Medical Center, West Haven, CT
Jon-Kar Zubietta, M.D., Ph.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
(Teleconference)

VACO STAFF PRESENT

Joseph C. Webster, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager, Merit Review Subcommittee for
Neurobiology-A, Research and Development
Sharnetta Bennett, Program Assistant, Research and Development
Verna Cozier-Louis, Program Assistant, Research and Development

OBSERVER(S)

None

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

The need for explicit and detailed Summary Statements was emphasized, particularly for those proposals which would probably not receive funding and thereby receive "early warning." Dr. Webster discussed procedural matters including the need for confidentiality and the

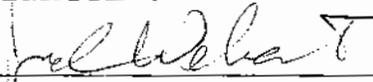
inclusion of women and minorities in clinical research.

The date of June 11, 2007 was established for the Spring 2007 meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of 18 Merit Review Programs and 1 Merit Review Entry Program. Five proposals were deemed not competitive and were 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)

JOSEPH C. WEBSTER, PH.D.
Portfolio Manager

2 March 2007
(Date)

APPROVED:

(Signature)

SARA JO NIXON, PH.D.
Chairperson

(Date)