

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

**MINUTES OF FALL 2006 MEETING OF THE
MERIT REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE FOR ONCOLOGY-A**

The meeting began at 8:00 a.m. and adjourned at 6:00 p.m. on December 4, 2006 in the Kalorama West Meeting Room. It reconvened on December 5, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. and concluded at 12:00 noon. The meeting was held at the Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The Chairperson, Dr. Richard Bold, presided over the meeting except for discussion of proposals for which he was in conflict.

PARTICIPANTS

Shrikant Anant, Ph.D., University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, OK
Richard Bold, M.D., UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA
Lilly Bourguignon, Ph.D., VA Medical Center, San Francisco, CA
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Christopher R. Shea, M.D., University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
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Rhonda Souza, M.D., VA Medical Center, Dallas, TX
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Anil Wali, Ph.D., VA Medical Center, Detroit, MI
Kenneth L. Wright, Ph.D., Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa, FL

PARTICIPANT(S) ABSENT

Michael C. Heinrich, M.D., VA Medical Center, Portland
Fadlo R. Khuri, M.D., Emory University School of Medical, Atlanta, GA

VACO STAFF PRESENT

LeRoy Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review, Acting Portfolio Manager, Merit Review
Subcommittee for Oncology-A
Ralph Paxton, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager, Research and Development
Brenda Bean, Program Assistant, Research and Development
Kristin Williams, Program Assistant, Research and Development

*Conference Call

OBSERVER(S)

None.

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

Dr. Frey welcomed the Subcommittee members and thanked them for their cooperation. He read a prepared text describing the procedures for the conduct of the meeting. Dr. Frey asked the Subcommittee to focus on the scientific merit of the proposals and use the full range of priority scores. He also stressed the need for explicit and detailed Summary Statements addressing significance, approach, and feasibility, as they are the only basis for an appeal. Dr. Frey reminded the Subcommittee of VA policies of confidentiality and conflict of interest.

The dates of May 31-June 1, 2007, were established for the Spring 2007 meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of 32 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 for each program. 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:

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(Signature)

LEROY G. FREY, PH.D.
Acting Portfolio Manager
March 2, 2007
(Date)

APPROVED:

RBold
(Signature)

RICHARD BOLD, M.D.
Chairperson
March 9, 2007
(Date)