

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 RESPIRATION**

The meeting was held on December 6, 2006, at the Beacon Hotel and Corporate Quarters (Presidential Room), 1615 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. The Chairperson, Judith A. Neubauer, Ph.D., presided throughout the meeting. It began at 8:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Devendra K. Agrawal, Ph.D.
C. Michael Hart, M.D.
Thomas R. Martin, M.D.
Dennis W. McGraw, M.D.
York E. Miller, M.D.

Judith A. Neubauer, Ph.D.
Michael A. O'Reilly, Ph.D.
Mark Schuyler, M.D.
Julie Wilder, Ph.D.

AD HOC CONSULTANT(S)

Vcena B. Antony, M.D., VA Medical Center, Gainesville, FL*
C. Michael Hart, M.D., Atlanta VA Medical Center, Decatur, GA
York E. Miller, M.D., VA Medical Center, Denver, CO
Catherine S. Sassoon, M.D., VA Long Beach Healthcare System, Long Beach, CA*
Julie Wilder, Ph.D., Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute, Albuquerque, NM
Reen Wu, Ph.D., University of California at Davis, Davis, CA

STAFF PRESENT

Leroy G. Frey, Ph.D., Chief, Program Review, Research and Development
Zaheer Parvez, Ph.D., Portfolio Manager, Merit Review Subcommittee for Respiration,
Research and Development
Denise Jones, Program Assistant, Research and Development
Sharnetta Bennett, Program Assistant, Research and Development

OBSERVER(S)

None

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

*Conference Call

Dr. Parvez welcomed the Subcommittee members and thanked them for their help and cooperation. He emphasized the importance of detailed Summary Statements with emphasis on significance, approach, and feasibility. Dr. Parvez also reminded the Subcommittee of the scoring guidelines and stressed that these categories should be used. Additionally, Dr. Frey thanked the members and encouraged them to write substantive Summary Statements.

The date of June 1, 2007, was established for the Spring 2007 meeting.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the review of 22 Merit Review Proposals.

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. They were asked to read and sign a Post-Review Conflict of Interest form.

SUBMITTED:

Zaher Parvez
(signature)

ZAHEER PARVEZ, PH.D.
Portfolio Manager

1/30/07
(Date)

APPROVED:

Judith A. Neubaer
(signature)

JUDITH A. NEUBAUER, M.D.
Chairperson

03/30/07
(Date)