

Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives
Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health
Meeting Minutes, Council of Councils Working Group Teleconference
1:30–2:30 p.m. MST, Wednesday, November 27, 2012

Working Group Participants: Alan Barrett, Daniel Geschwind, Beatrice Hahn, K.C. Kent Lloyd, Stephen Ross, and Patricia Turner
NIH Staff: James M. Anderson

Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure

Dr. Anderson reminded participants of the rules governing confidentiality and non-disclosure that are in effect for all participants in the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from the November 13, 2012, Teleconference

The working group tabled the approval of the minutes of its November 13, 2012, teleconference until its next teleconference on December 11, 2012.

Subgroup Reports

Implementation Subgroup

Dr. Geschwind summarized the draft Implementation Subgroup document describing the proposed standing oversight committee. During the discussion, the working group wondered whether committee members would need expertise in chimpanzee behavior to determine whether a proposed primate center has an EAE. Many of the small number of primatologists and veterinarians with chimpanzee expertise might have conflicts of interest with the applications that the committee will review.

Once the working group issues its report and NIH establishes its criteria for the use of chimpanzees in research, primate facilities will need approximately 3-5 years (or longer) to renovate their facilities to meet the new EAE criteria. The working group might recommend that NIH maintain a population of research chimpanzees of a specified size for specified research purposes after this interim period. The group could also recommend that NIH re-evaluate this recommendation on a regular basis after implementing its new policies for chimpanzee use in research. This would allow NIH to determine the effects of its new policies and processes on the research community and adapt its plans accordingly.

Colony Management Subgroup

Dr. Hahn reported that the Colony Management Subgroup draft document describes the elements of wild chimpanzee environments that must be replicated or functionally simulated in EAEs

Upcoming Meetings

- December 4, 2012: Field trip to Save the Chimps Sanctuary in Fort Pierce, Florida
- December 11, 2012, 3:00–4:00 p.m. EST: Teleconference
- December 20, 2012, 12:00–2:00 p.m. EST: Teleconference

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- January 8, 2013, 3:00–4:00 p.m. EST: Teleconference