

Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives

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**Draft Meeting Minutes, Council of Councils Working Group Teleconference
11:00 a.m.–1:15 p.m. EST, Thursday, December 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, Betina Orezza, and James Smith

Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure

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

Draft Report Sections

Emerging Diseases Subgroup

Dr. Barrett explained that the Institute of Medicine (IOM) report provides very little information on the use of chimpanzees in research on new, emerging, and reemerging diseases (referred to as “emerging diseases” in this teleconference summary). For this reason, the Emerging Diseases Subgroup drafted a white paper that addresses this issue in detail. The white paper focuses on Biosafety Level (BSL) 3 or 4 diseases (lethal or highly pathogenic agents) because the IOM report addresses BSL 1 and 2 diseases, such as hepatitis B or C, in sufficient detail.

Colony Management Subgroup

Dr. Turner reported that the Colony Management Subgroup had addressed the latest round of comments from the working group in its revised draft report section. Working group members provided comments on this draft.

Implementation Subgroup

The Working Group provided comments and suggestions on the draft Implementation Subgroup report section.

Completing the Working Group Report

Draft report sections being compiled by the working group will be incorporated into the working group report as either the report text or as an appendix.

Upcoming Meetings

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