

Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives
Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health
Draft Meeting Minutes, Council of Councils Working Group Teleconference
2:00–2:50 p.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2012

Working Group Participants: R. Alta Charo, Daniel Geschwind, Beatrice Hahn, K.C. Kent Lloyd, and Stephen Ross

NIH Staff: James M. Anderson, Lora Kutkat, Betina Orezza, James Smith

Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure

Ms. Kutkat reminded participants of the rules governing confidentiality and non-disclosure that are in effect for all participants on the Working Group meetings, calls and activities.

Approval of Minutes from the October 18, 2012, Teleconference

The working group approved the minutes of its October 18, 2012, teleconference.

Subgroup Updates

Colony Management Subgroup

Dr. Ross reported that the Colony Management Subgroup is completing a document that addresses ethologically appropriate environments as well as colony size and placement. The group plans to post its draft document on the SharePoint site by Friday, November 16. The subgroup has made numerous changes to its earlier draft, and the latest version includes background information and recommendations.

Dr. Hahn has interviewed two experts about colony management and one about ethologically appropriate environments. The summaries of the first two interviews are available on the SharePoint site. The Colony Management Subgroup's document will refer to expert input when appropriate. The working group suggested that the working group report include a consolidated summary of all expert interviews, if possible.

The Hill Group staff members are scheduling interviews with several other experts. If possible, all interviews should be completed prior to the working group's field trip on November 26–27, 2012.

Implementation Subgroup

Professor Charo explained that she and Dr. Geschwind are completing the Implementation Subgroup's report.

Emerging Diseases Subgroup

Dr. Anderson reported that Dr. Barrett, subgroup chair, and several experts will convene for a one-day meeting in Houston, Texas on December 7, 2012. Dr. Anderson will attend the meeting and the Working Group co-chairs, Drs. Geschwind and Lloyd, will participate in the subgroup meeting by teleconference. The roster of subgroup members is available on the SharePoint site.

The subgroup is determining how to implement the IOM's recommendation to maintain chimpanzees that might be needed for research on new, emerging, or re-emerging diseases. Issues that the group is considering include how many chimpanzees might be required and what these purposes might be.

The focus of the Emerging Diseases Subgroup partially overlaps with that of the Colony Management Subgroup. Before the Emerging Diseases Subgroup writes its report, it should review the Colony Management Subgroup's report. In addition, the Colony Management Subgroup might revise its report once the Emerging Diseases Subgroup report is available.

Working Group Timeline

Dr. Lloyd presented the timeline for the working group's activities:

- November 19, 2012: Complete all interviews with outside experts
- November 26–27, 2012: Field trip to New Southwest National Primate Research Center, Michale E. Keeling Center for Comparative Medicine and Research, and Alamogordo Primate Facility
- November 30, 2012: Final draft subgroup documents to be completed and shared with the working group for group comments and revisions
- December 4, 2012: Field trip to Save the Chimps Sanctuary
- December 10, 2012: Draft report circulated to working group members
- December 18, 2012: Co-chairs receive comments from working group members and compile final report
- January 7, 2013: Final report circulated to working group
- January 14, 2013: Additional comments compiled, finalize report, and post on the Council of Councils Electronic Council Book (ECB) site for Council review
- January 22, 2013: Final report presented to the Council of Councils (CoC)

Updates on Field Trips and Working Group Meetings

Ms. Kutkat reported that the working group will have field trips on November 26–27, 2012, to the Southwest National Primate Research Center, Michale E. Keeling Center for Comparative Medicine and Research, and Alamogordo Primate Facility. The field trip to the Save the Chimps Sanctuary will take place on December 4, 2012. Ms. Kutkat reminded working group members to send the required medical information to the field trip sites directly.

The working group will meet on the following upcoming dates:

- November 27, 2012: during the ride from El Paso, Texas to Alamogordo, New Mexico
- December 11, 2012: teleconference
- December 20, 2012: teleconference

- January 8, 2013: teleconference

Additional teleconferences to finalize the working group's report will be scheduled as needed.