

MEETING SUMMARY
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NIEHS SBRP Annual Meeting - RTC/COC Planning Committee
Conference Call

Thursday, September 7, 2006
2:00-PM PST (5:00-PM EST)

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Goal of Conference Call: Discuss schedule for National RTC/COC Strategic Planning Meeting and RTC/COC Conference Sessions (times and locations) and discuss input received regarding topics of interest, proposed presentations (videos vignettes), panels as well as the format of discussions.

Meeting Participants: Beth Anderson (NIEHS), Larry Whitson (NIEHS), Amy D. Kyle (UC Berkeley), James R. Hunt (UC Berkeley), Daniel Chang (UC Davis), Keith Pezzoli (UCSD) and Hiram Sarabia (UCSD)

AGENDA

1. - Introductions and purpose of call

2. - Edits to agenda

3. - Discuss time and location for National RTC/COC Strategic Planning Meeting
Suggestion: SUNDAY (6-9:00-PM) at SSB102 - Pizza Dinner

4. - Discuss changes to Conference Agenda and schedule for Conference RTC/COC Sessions (see attached Conference Agenda)

TUESDAY 9:00-10:20-AM (Session 2), 2:15-3:30-PM (Session 3) and 3:55-4:55-PM (Session 4)

5. - Discuss topics of interest, presentations, panels and format of the Strategic Planning Meeting and the RTC/COC Sessions (see attached Summary of the input received from the RTC/COCs on next page).

Suggestion for Plenary (Sessions 3 & 4):

* Introduction followed by presentation of Case Studies by RTC/COCs of successful models for linking science to society (Session 3)

* Presentation of compressed video of vignettes followed by a Discussion Panel on Linking Science to Society (Session 4)

6. - General Announcements

7. - Recap of Tasks (Action Items) and Next Meeting

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Beth Anderson began the phone call by giving a brief history of the NIEHS SBRP meetings. She stated that in 1997 the SBRP hosted a conference to celebrate the Program's 10th Anniversary. Approximately 400-500 people attended, including government representatives. This meeting generated a lot of enthusiasm for continuation of regular SBRP meetings and in 2000 the program held its first annual meeting. The annual meeting continues to be a mechanism for highlighting SBRP research, encouraging communication and collaboration among the SBRP grantees and engaging with the USEPA and ATSDR. Most recently there has been an increased emphasis on student participation. The meeting is also a good opportunity to provide support to the SBRPs in achieving their goals and also to demonstrate successful case studies.

The purpose of the pre-meeting Conference meeting was discussed. Beth Anderson indicated that she felt that the pre-conference meeting should be considered a part of RTC/COC Conference Sessions. Amy Kyle raised the issues of having meetings on days other than the normal work week (M-F). This was discussed briefly and after evaluating options and people's availability it was decided that the pre-conference meeting should happen on Sunday, December 10th. It was suggested that perhaps in the future it would be good to have meetings begin on a Tuesday instead of a Monday so that additional activities could take place during the work week.

An overview of the agenda for conference was given by Keith Pezzoli which was then followed by a discussion of specific activities and available options for meeting times, etc. The committee agreed on the following sequence of events, products and Conference sessions, to be presented to the SBRPs during the National Conference Call. Due dates and responsible parties are indicated below

1) Prepare a **matrix of all SBRPs RTC/COCs work** to provide a large scale overview of work being conducted by the various programs and help identify opportunities for collaboration

Due Date: As soon as possible

Responsible Party: Duke University

2) Sometime in **mid-October and November** the **SBRPs RTC/COCs** will put together **Web Seminars**. The seminars will be coordinated by the NIEHS and information regarding the content and format will be sent via e-mail. Seminars are intended to provide an overview of SBRPs RTC/COCs work, challenges and success stories in approximately 10-min or less

Due Date: To be announced by the NIEHS around mid-Oct 2006

Responsible Party: All SBRPs are expected to participate task will be coordinated by the NIEHS

3) On Sunday, December 10th, starting at 6:00-PM an RTC/COC Evening Social Event will take place at UCSD (SSB 102) with a possible presentation by Dan Chang of UC Davis. Pizza and drinks will be served

Due Date: December 10th, 2006

Responsible Party: UCSD will organize

4) On Monday, December 11th, a one-hour RTC/COC Poster Session will take place starting at 6:30-PM. A total of 15 poster spaces will be presented (one for each program) and posters will be rotated after half an hour

Due Date: December 11th, 2006; Poster abstracts will be due in advance of the conference

Responsible Party: UCSD will provide the space for the poster presentation

5) On Tuesday, December 12th, from 9:00-10:20-AM an RTC/COC Conference Session will take place that will overlap with the Oxidative Stress Science Session. There is a possibility that a second Conference Session will be needed depending on the list of topics to be covered. Following the final selection of discussion topics, presentations and activities, these will be organized into three areas or themes including: 1) Working with Government Agencies, 2) Research Translation and 3) Communicating to Broad Audiences. The Conference Sessions will then be organized into breakout discussions around these three themes. The selection of discussion topics will be discussed on the National SBRP Conference Call.

Due Date: To be discussed on September 13th Conference Call

Responsible Party: Planning Committee and SBRPs

6) On Tuesday, December 12th, from approximately 2:00-4:30-PM a Conference Plenary will be held around the theme of Science and Policy that will be attended by everyone. The group discussed the possibility of having an interactive session with a panel of experts on contemporary issues including: Omics, Advance Sensing as well as inviting prominent policy makers. The Plenary is a good opportunity to showcase successful SBRP/USEPA/ASTDR case studies. More discussion will be necessary on National Conference Call. It was recommended that the Plenary be shortened to end around 4-PM.

Due Date: September 13th Conference Call

Responsible Party: Planning Committee and SBRPs

NEXT MEETING: Conference Call on September 13th, 2006 (9:30-11:00-AM PST - 12:30-2:00-EDT)