

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
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**NIEHS SBRP Annual Meeting**  
**National RTC/COC Conference Call**  
**Wednesday, September 13, 2006**  
**9:00-PM-11:00-AM PST (12:00-2:00 PM EST)**

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**Goal of Conference Call:** Inform National RTC/COC group of advances in planning the Annual NIEHS SBRP Conference RTC/COC Sessions and events, upcoming events and deliverables as well as receive feedback with regards to conference logistics and content.

**Meeting Participants:** Beth Anderson, Claudia Thompson and Kathy Ahlmark (NIEHS), Larry Whitson (MDB), Rafael Adameck (Boston University), Kelly Pennell, Laura Senier, Phil Brown (Brown University), Meredith Golden, Steve Chillrud, Jim Simpson (Columbia University), Jeff Davis (Duke University), Syed Hashsham, Brad Upham (Michigan State University), KC Donnelly (Texas A&M), Monica Ramirez (University of Arizona), Jim Hunt, Amy Kyle (UC Berkeley), Ana Hoover, Stephanie Jenkins (University of Kentucky), Fred Pfaender (University of North Carolina), Keith Pezzoli and Hiram Sarabia (UCSD), Larry Whitson (MDB)

**Note:** Larry Whitson requested that people don't place call on hold but rather on mute. People with a cell phone that doesn't have a mute button can press \*6 on their phone.

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Beth Anderson began the phone call by informing group of progress in planning the NIEHS SBRP Annual Meeting RTC/COC Sessions and events. For further details please refer to the minutes from the Planning Committee Phone Conference Call as part of the materials for this call ([http://www-apps.niehs.nih.gov/sbrp/1/Resources/minutes\\_09\\_07.pdf](http://www-apps.niehs.nih.gov/sbrp/1/Resources/minutes_09_07.pdf) )

1) Beth mentioned that the group would soon be receiving a matrix that summarizes the work of the SBRP RTC/COC at the National level from Jeff Davis of Duke University. The matrix will give everyone a better sense of what other SBRPs are working on.

2) It was also indicated that a series of three Web Seminars (with five SBRPs participating at a time) would take place sometime in mid-October and November. The seminars would consist of PowerPoint presentations lasting between 10-15 minutes (Seminars would be archived on the web for those who can't attend them). The NIEHS

will send more information regarding this item to the SBRPs in advance of the Web Seminars.

3) A RTC/COC Social-Session is planned for Sunday evening between 6:00-9:30-PM. Participants will be transported from the Hotel to the site of the event and back. Possible topics for the evening include a presentation by Dan Chang (UC Davis) on an upcoming workshop on commercializing technologies. Meredith Golden (Columbia University) suggested discussing a Capacity Building RTC/COC Workshop. Also, Keith Pezzoli and Hiram Sarabia (UCSD) will look into the possibility of securing the Martin House at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) for the event.

4) Beth discussed the Monday poster session and it was indicated that slots for a total of 15 posters were needed and that the posters were to remain up for the duration of the session. It was also suggested that the RTC/COC Poster Session would last one hour with half-hour rotations of those presenting.

5) It was recommended that each Science Session end with a slide and a brief 3-5-minute discussion on RTC/COC efforts or plans related to the research being presented by the corresponding SBRP RTC/COC representative. Keith agreed to follow up with Bob Tukey on this item. Following confirmation of this, an advance notice to the RTC/COCs of those programs presenting in the Conference's Science Sessions will be sent.

6) To allow RTC/COC staff to attend Science Sessions of interest, it was agreed that there would be only one RTC/COC Conference Session on Tuesday morning that would overlap with the Oxidative Stress Session. A recommendation was made to invite scientists join the RTC/COC Sessions on Sunday and Tuesday to provide feedback and continue interaction between RTC/COC with scientists.

7) It was agreed to present successful case-studies of RTC/COC efforts during the closing Plenary on Tuesday. Some potential case studies from projects and programs conducted by Columbia University, Brown University, NIEHS and others were mentioned. A deadline of the end of September 29th was agreed upon to submit a one page description of case studies to be considered by the Planning Committee for presentation at the Plenary.

The one page description should include: 1) The Title of the Presentation and major theme being addressed (i.e., communicating to broad audiences, working with government and tech transfer), 2) One or two paragraphs describing the goals, objectives, approaches, challenges and results of the case study. Meredith Golden and Keith Pezzoli suggested having a 15-min opening presentation on what is Research Translation. Hiram Sarabia (UCSD) will send out an e-mail to the group requesting case studies.

8) As a clarification, it was also noted that the matrix provided was just a document that was meant to organize all the input received by the Planning Committee from different SBRP with regards to the topics of interest. Technology Transfer will replace the

Research Translation topic in the matrix. Additional input is welcome, please provide updates by September 29.

**NEXT MEETING:** There are no further National Conference Calls scheduled at this time. The Conference RTC/COC Planning Committee will review the input and suggestions received and communicate its decision to the SBRPs to allow them to voice their opinion regarding the content of the RTC/COC Sessions and other events.