

## Meeting Minutes August 30, 2007

**In Attendance:**

Skip Smith  
Ester Bailey  
Kathleen Bongiovanni  
Melissa Ralston  
Peter Richardson

Rob DiBlasi  
Willie Austin  
Mark Ruffo  
Heather Lindemann  
Delila Katzka

The team went over the notes from the Strategic Planning Public Forum and Skip noted that an item brought up at that session -- "What will be our benchmark for success?" may not be fully understood. He emphasized that this center will focus on longer term goals in the efforts to improve child health. In the short term, this approach will work to build academic independence of younger investigators and may take more time to show progress than will programs built upon strategies of recruitment of senior investigators. Acquisition of funds will be essential to support these efforts, but if we are successful in providing the right opportunities and support for the right people, the longer term goals will take care of themselves.

Heather asked if the team wanted to change their document in any way. Skip put this question to the team, but no changes were suggested. Heather indicated that the *Needs for growth of research capabilities* section might work better if the bullet items were translated into sentences.

With this minor change, the strategic plan was approved.

With no further discussion required, the second follow-up meeting previously scheduled for September 19 will be cancelled.

**Action:** Revise "Needs for growth of research capabilities to sentence structure.  
(Smith/Lindemann/Katzka)

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