

## Meeting Minutes June 22, 2007

### In Attendance:

Craig Rubens  
Angie Peck  
Ann Melvin  
Brenda Majercin  
David Perry  
David Suskind  
Donna Russell  
Jane Burns

Janet Englund  
Kevin Urdahl  
Lisa Frenkel  
Luke Hoffman  
Meg MacMillan  
Rachel Katzenellenbogen  
Tina Guina  
Heather Lindemann  
Delila Katzka

### Introduction and process:

After introductions at both the primary meeting location and the video conferencing site, Craig asked Heather to go over the agenda for today.

Heather complimented the team on their progress and the proposed vision. The focus for today will be on finalizing and ranking the strategic priorities after which program priorities will be discussed.

Following this meeting, the committee will need to finalize their decisions and draft a document to be presented at their August 21 open forum. During this two hour session the center will present its vision, strategic priorities and focus programs. The purpose of this forum is to make sure that everyone is involved in the strategic planning process and that they have the opportunity to comment. All six centers currently engaged in the planning process, will hold public forums in August where everyone is welcome to attend including hospital staff, researchers and colleagues at the University of Washington, FHCRC and others. Please invite anyone you feel will be interested. Dates for each forum are available at the research web site on the strategic planning page: <http://research.seattlechildrens.org/centers/participation.asp>

### Vision refinement:

After some back and forth discussion the team agreed to keep the vision as last drafted with only the removal of the word [these] in the last sentence.

### VISION:

Through scientific discovery we will understand, prevent and treat pediatric infections, including infections during pregnancy that cause preterm birth. Our research teams will develop effective solutions so children can grow up to be healthy adults.

### Center name:

The team reviewed the names that had been discussed previously and looked at the results of the straw poll. They further discussed reasons for selecting a name. The requirement that the center name begin with "Research Center for" continues to be a roadblock to consensus. They asked if leadership might be persuaded to change this and Heather agreed to take this issue to them for consideration. With this in mind, the committee tentatively selected:

## Center for Research on Childhood Infections and Prematurity

### Priorities discussion:

The team then turned their attention to reviewing the priorities. Some members questioned why they need to be ranked. Heather explained that it will become important when working action plans and budgeting to focus efforts and resources.

Committee members polished the phrasing on a few of the priorities developed in the last session and ranked them. They agreed to the following list pending final approval by the remainder of the committee:

Ranking	Priority
1	We will promote laboratory to bedside research programs as our standard. Translation from basic biology to diagnosis, therapy and prevention strategies will focus on the most relevant local, national and global health problems that impact children.
2	We will develop and maintain a critical mass of the nation's best clinicians and researchers within our center. We will utilize composite strategies and resources to recruit and retain these key research leaders.
3	We will foster and facilitate local, national, and international collaborative programs leading to new discoveries.
4	Our center will provide a state-of-the-art environment to include core facilities and shared equipment.
5	We will promote and maintain training programs to develop the next generation of scientists.
6	We will recruit and retain an exceptional and efficient support staff to facilitate research.

### Program priorities:

Looking now to the program topics that Craig put together following the discussion at the last meeting and keeping in mind the more detailed items formerly developed, the team honed the list to a succinct list of program areas for the center to focus its efforts in the next 2-5 years. This is the resulting list:

#### Program Priorities: (in random order, not ranked)

- a. Infections in immunocompromised individuals
- b. Host-pathogen interactions during acute and chronic infections
- c. Potential infectious etiology of inflammatory diseases and malignancies
- d. Global and emerging infectious diseases
- e. Natural history and pathophysiology of infectious diseases

- f. Mechanisms of microbial drug resistance
- g. Discovery and testing of antimicrobial agents
- h. Vaccine discovery and evaluation
- i. Respiratory infections in childhood
- j. Development of new technologies to diagnose and improve treatment of disease
- k. Perinatal infections
- l. Etiologies of still birth and premature birth

All committee members are asked to review the program list and refine and/or add to it as necessary.

**Further discussion:**

Craig thanked the team for their excellent work. A draft of the final document will be circulated for review and comment over the next few weeks in preparation for the August forum.

**Action:** Review the decisions made during the meeting and provide input and/or approvals regarding the name, vision, strategic priorities/ranking and program priorities. **(Committee members, in particular those not in attendance today)**

**Action:** Develop a draft presentation. **(Rubens)**

**Action:** Collaborate on the final document for presentation. **(Committee members)**

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