



Meeting Minutes

**Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
Sheraton Austin Hotel
701 East 11th Street
The Creekside Room
Austin, Texas 78701
Friday, September 26, 2008, 11:00 am**

The Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders met on Friday, September 26, 2008, at the Sheraton Austin Hotel, 701 East 11th Street, The Creekside Room, Austin, Texas 78701.

Council Members Present

Ronald DeVere, MD
Deborah S. Hanna
The Honorable Clint Hackney
Mary M. Kenan, PsyD
Margaret Krasovec
Ray Lewis, DO
Robert A. Vogel, MD
Audrey Deckinga, MSW, HHSC Rep.
Angela Hobbs-Lopez, DO, DSHS Rep.
Jennifer Smith, MSHP, DSHS Representative

Council Members Absent

Davie L. Johnson, MSN, MS, RNC
Winnie Rutledge, DADS Representative
Michael Wilson, PhD, DADS Rep.
Carlos Escobar, MD
Charlene Evans, RN
Grayson R. Hankins
Jack C. Kern, CPA

Guests Present

James Crowson, Attorney General's Office
James W. Hinds, MPA
Stephen C. Waring, PhD

Scientific Advisory Committee Guest

Ronald Petersen, Ph.D., M.D., Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
Douglas Galasko, M.D., University of California, San Diego
Kristine Yaffe, M.D., University of California, San Francisco
Gerald Schellenberg, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania
Kirk Wilhelmsen, M.D., Ph.D., University of North Carolina

Staff Members Present

Susan Ristine, MSHP, DSHS
Mary Somerville, DSHS

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Excuse Absent Members, Debbie Hanna, Chair

Debbie Hanna, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Members and guests were welcomed.

The following absent members were excused:

Davie L. Johnson, MSN, MS, RNC
Winnie Rutledge, DADS Representative
Michael Wilson, PhD, DADS Rep.
Carlos Escobar, MD
Charlene Evans, RN
Grayson R. Hankins
Jack C. Kern, CPA

Ms. Hanna announced Davie L. Johnson, MSN, MS, RNC has resigned due to personnel commitments.

A motion to excuse absent members was made by Ray Lewis, D.O., and seconded by Margaret Krasovec.

2. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2008 Debbie Hanna, Chair

The meeting minutes of the February 7, 2008 meeting were approved as presented. The motion was made by Ray Lewis, D.O., and seconded by Margaret Krasovec.

3. Introduction of New Staff Member and New Agency Representative, Debbie Hanna, Chair

Ms. Hanna recognized and welcomed Susan Ristine as a new staff member to the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. Ms. Ristine is replacing Bobby Schmidt.

Ms. Hanna recognized and welcomed Angela Hobbs-Lopez, D.O., as a new member to the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. Angela Hobbs-Lopez is with the Texas Department of State Health Services, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division, and is replacing Pamela Daggett.

4. Introduction of Scientific Review Committee

Ronald Petersen, Ph.D., M.D., Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
Kristine Yaffe, M.D., University of California, San Francisco
Gerald Schellenberg, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania
Douglas Galasko, M.D., University of California, San Diego

Assessment of funding:

- The Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium Cohort Project was established in

2006.

- In June 2006, the Consortium members established a large comprehensive research database of well characterized subjects to address numerous questions that will lead to better treatment, diagnosis, and ultimately prevention of AD.
- All protocols necessary for cohort development and maintenance have been independently approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) from each of the four member institutions.
- By the end of the current biennium (August 31, 2009), the TARC research cohort will be comprised of at least 800 individuals (500 AD, 300 normal controls) enrolled and being actively followed on an annual basis.
- Additional monies were used for research objectives and questions and a bio-banking system.
- The primary research objective is to establish and maintain a large, well characterized cohort to identify genetic factors and biomarkers associated with onset and progression of AD.
- The next increase in funding is vital because the primary research objective is to establish and maintain a large, well characterized cohort to identify genetic factors and biomarkers associated with the onset and progression of AD.

Stephen C. Waring, PhD, will provide a status report on the accomplishments of today's meeting.

5. Texas Consortium of Alzheimer's Disease Center, Stephen C. Waring, Ph.D. and James W. Hinds

A. TARC Update

Stephen C. Waring, PhD

Dr. Waring provided the following handouts to the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Committee and summarized the Cohort Project as follows:

- 2007-2009 Expenditure Forecast: Funding will be allocated to lab analyses (clinical labs, Biomarkers, and genotyping). Additional monies will be used for research objectives and questions and a bio-banking system. The primary research objective is to establish and maintain a large, well characterized cohort to identify genetic factors and biomarkers associated with the onset and progression of AD.
- Recruitment totals through 09/15/2008
- Scientific progress through 8/31/2008

B. Participation by University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio

James W. Hinds, introduced Donald R. Royall, M.D., Professor and Chief, Division of Aging and Geriatrics, Department of Psychiatry, University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Dr. Royall presented a proposal to add the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio as a TARC recruitment site. He proposed to recruit 150 AD patients and 150 Hispanic controls in a 1:1 ratio. These subjects would be recruited from among

participants in the San Antonio Longitudinal Study of Aging (SALSA), augmented by other sources. SALSA is following approximately 1,900 elderly residents of Bexar County, TX, of which 60% are Hispanic. SALSA has been screening its sample for dementia since 2007. To date, 250 subjects have been screened. Thirty percent are cognitively impaired and 20% of those have uncomplicated Alzheimer's disease. These would be the focus of TARC screening. Several committee members expressed an interest in screening the entire SALSA cohort, or in expanding TARC recruitment goals to include MCI and mixed dementias. Rachelle Smith Doody, M.D., Ph.D. suggested that other sites expand their recruitment goals slightly to accommodate these groups, but that the San Antonio site be primarily responsible for the recruitment of Hispanic subjects in all categories. Dr. Royall will look into the feasibility of this and provide a revised budget estimate.

The motion was made by Margaret Krasovec and seconded by Ronald DeVere, MD. to extend full membership in the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Research Consortium to the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

c. Discussion of Future Plans & Funding

Mr. Hinds stated a meeting was held with the Lieutenant Governor in July and reported the dollar amount would be between six and eight million dollars in order to bring in the University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio.

Robert A. Vogel, MD, and The Honorable Clint Hackney will assist Mr. Hinds in a discussion with the Speaker of the House Tom Craddick to advise him of the current funding report after today's meeting.

Ms. Hanna announced that former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor would address the Senate in April.

d. Rules Based Medicine Business Arrangement

James Crowson provided a draft handout of the Proposed Terms of a Collaboration Agreement to the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Committee.

Parties: Rules Based Medicine ("RBM") and the Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders ("Council").

Scope of Work: The Research to be performed by TARC and RBM pursuant to this Agreement shall relate to the development of diagnostic products for the early detection of Alzheimer's Disease and related conditions ("Field of the Agreement"). The "Research" shall more specifically mean those research services to be performed by TARC and RBM as outlined on an attached Exhibit.

Term: a. The term of the Collaboration Agreement shall commence on the date that it is signed by the parties, unless otherwise terminated as provided in the Agreement. b. The provisions of the Collaboration Agreement developed pursuant to the terms of items 6, 7,

and 8 of this term sheet survive the termination of the Collaboration Agreement until the expiration of the last to expire of any patent covering the jointly developed intellectual property.

Termination: The Collaboration Agreement will include provisions that it may not be changed or terminated orally by or on behalf of any party. This Agreement may be terminated by either party in the event of a material breach by the other party (the "Defaulting Party") of any of its material obligations hereunder and failure by the Defaulting Party to remedy such breach within thirty (30) days after written notice of such breach is provided to the Defaulting Party. In the event of the actual or threatened breach of any of the terms of this Agreement the parties will have the right to specific performance and injunctive relief. Certain obligations may survive termination of this Agreement.

Ms. Hanna requested to seek the authority to execute an agreement with 50% ownership for RBM conditional on the approval of the appropriate legal authorities that have jurisdiction over Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders.

The motion was made by Ray Lewis, D.O., and seconded by Margaret Krasovec.

6. 2009 Alzheimer's Conference

Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders will explore new opportunities for conferences in 2009, such as developing a web-based CME program for physicians.

7. Program Activities - September 2008 - August 2009

Jennifer Smith provided the following handouts:

- Texas Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System 2008 Questionnaire
The questionnaire for 2008 runs from January through December. Data should be available in May or June.
- Alzheimer's Disease in Texas - 2008
- Preliminary BRFSS Data

The Texas Council on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Committee will review and begin comments on the program's logic model.

8. Report from the Department of State Health Services Alzheimer's Disease Program

- a. Texas Alzheimer's News – Winter 2008: Articles for the Winter Newsletter are being accepted. Three items of interest are dealing with the holidays, how to spice up foods for patients with AD, and updates from the TARC. Please email your articles by October 31st.
- b. Biennial Report 2008: The Biennial Report is currently in the Commissioner's Office awaiting approval to print.
- c. Discussion of development of Alzheimer's State Plan

9. Acceptance of Information for Discussion on a Future Date

There were no items for discussion. The next meeting date is May 22nd or 29th, 2009.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.