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**Summary Minutes of the
Scientific and Medical Accountability Standards Working Group Search Subcommittee
of the Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee (ICOC) to the
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)**

UCSF Laurel Heights Campus

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Chancellor's Room

March 29, 2005

8:00AM-11:00AM

Roll Call

David Baltimore (ex officio)	
Ed Penhoet (ex-officio)	
David Kessler (Chair)	Present
Joan Samuelson	Present
David Serrano Sewell	Present
Jeff Sheehy	Present
Jonathon Shestack	Present
Oswald Steward	Present

Agenda Item #3

**Consideration of Disease Advocate Members of the Scientific and Medical
Accountability Standards Working Group**

Chairman Kessler presented a motion, which was seconded, to vote on who will serve in the five spots allotted to disease advocate members of the ICOC.

In order to avoid losing a quorum vote as a result of recusals from those advocates on the Standards Working Group Search Subcommittee who had volunteered to serve on the Standards Working Group, 5 independent motions were made to recommend each ICOC Advocate who had volunteered to serve on this working group at the February 3 meeting of the full Board. All passed with a majority vote. The following individuals will be recommended to the full Board for consideration at the April 7 meeting:

- Jeff Sheehy
- Joan Samuelson
- Jon Shestack
- Phyllis Preciado
- Francisco Prieto

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Comments from the Members:

None

Comments from the public:

None

Agenda Item #4

Consideration of the Ethicist members of the Scientific and Medical Accountability Standards Working Group.

Chairman Kessler invited each of the members of the subcommittee to present the ethicist candidates whom they felt most strongly about. Each member of the subcommittee had been asked to be prepared to present *a minimum* of 2 candidates to the subcommittee including each candidate's credentials and reasoning for why he/she would make a strong contribution to the Standards Working Group.

Comments from the Members:

Joan Samuelson: Felt very strongly that she did not have enough information on the candidates other than those which were on her list to vet and felt insufficiently informed to make a final decision on candidates at this meeting. Ms. Samuelson suggested that the subcommittee adopt a more deliberative process and defer final decision-making until a later date to accommodate additional information gathering. She voiced an objection to the format in which she had received the candidates' information and general frustration with the compressed timeline to complete this task. (Chairman Kessler acknowledged these concerns and requested in the interest of moving forward, that the group continue with the task at hand to see what types of candidates emerged after which further process decision would be made).

- Samuelson/Sheehy recommended Ted Peters and Alta Charo
- Os Steward recommended Bernard Lo, Norman Fost, and Laurie Zoloth.
- Kessler/Serrano Sewell recommended Harriet Rabb and Patricia King

Comments from the public:

Public comment 1:

Request to consider the nomination of Barbara Koenig and consider the value to the committee of having an anthropologist/social scientist's approach to the ethical questions raised by SCR.

Public comment 2:

A request made by Jesse Reynolds, a representative of the Center for Genetics and Society that the subcommittee consider the nomination of Paul Billings given his diverse experience as a researcher and founder of 2 independent biotech companies.

Comments from the Members:

Jon Shestack arrived after Dr. Steward made his recommendations to the committee and requested the subcommittee consider Paul Billings to serve on the Working Group—

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acknowledging the fact that Billings opposed Proposition 71, Shestack thought he might bring a valuable perspective to this working group. Shestack echoed Joan Samuelson's concerns about this committee's process of identifying candidates and the compressed timeline in which the subcommittee was asked to carry out this task, as well as frustration at the fact that there was a different expectation for the Grant Search Subcommittee, of which he is also a member. As a result, Shestack was unprepared to speak fully on the individual candidates because he had thought this was a planning meeting as opposed to a meeting at which final recommendations be made. Shestack suggested a more deliberative process.

Chairman Kessler acknowledged public and board member comments and commented that the subcommittee had recommended some very strong candidates and requested the subcommittee's permission to move forward in proceeding on voting on these candidates. Each subcommittee member was asked to write down the names of 2 candidates whom he/she felt strongly should be on the Working Group. The following candidates emerged from this voting process.

Bernard Lo
Harriet Rabb
Laurie Zoloth
Harriet Rabb
Ted Peters
Alta Charo

In an effort to identify 4 of the 6 remaining candidates, Dr. Kessler invited the subcommittee to nominate candidate(s) whom they considered, without question, should be on the Standards Working Group. The committee reached consensus on the following individuals:

Bernard Lo
Harriet Rabb

Member comment:

- As a third nomination was being presented, Jon Shestack objected to this consensus-building process with the concern that it may not be the most effective or fair way to build consensus.
 - Chairman Kessler acknowledged this point and joined the subcommittee in recognizing that if they were not to proceed in this manner, they were limited in their ability to move forward.
- The question was raised as to whether Alta Charo has currently or plans to have a consultant contract with the CIRM.
 - Zach Hall confirmed that, due to other obligations, Alta Charo is no longer in a position to serve as a consultant for the CIRM and would like to remain in consideration for membership on the Standards Working Group.

Chairman Kessler queried the subcommittee and members of the public to see if there were any individuals who fell in the same category as Rabb and Lo that were obvious and clear choices to serve on the working group.

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Jon Shestack felt very strongly that in the absence of having more information on the rest of the candidates, he did not feel in a position to move any further in making a decision on the final 2 candidates.

David Serrano Sewell commented that the caliber of 6 candidates being considered was such that choosing any 4 of the 6 would result in a strong representation of ethicists on the Working Group and suggested that the committee move forward to another round of voting.

With the subcommittee divided in terms of how to proceed and with persistent resistance to moving forward with voting on another ethicist candidate, Chairman Kessler posed the following options, in an effort to see if the committee could move forward. The committee could either do another round of voting on the 6 ethicist candidates to see if the outcome revealed any change in the list of candidates OR defer voting on any further candidates and schedule another subcommittee meeting at a later date at which final candidates would be considered to allow the subcommittee to contact and interview the candidates.

The committee informally (No formal motion was made) voted to defer a final vote on all candidates until a future subcommittee meeting to be determined.

A motion was made and seconded to put forth the 5 ICOC Disease Advocate members and 2 ethicists on whom the subcommittee has reached consensus (Lo and Rabb) to the full ICOC at the April 7 meeting in the context of the Standards Working Group Search Subcommittee Progress Report. No action is expected of the ICOC. The recommendations for membership on the Standards Working Group are expected to be presented as a full slate to the ICOC at the May meeting of the full Board.

Comments from the Members:

Given the fact that the committee has decided upon extending the review process to gather additional information on candidates, Jeff Sheehy reiterated Jon Shestack's request to consider Paul Billings candidacy among the selected pool of candidates.

Comments from the Public:

None

Agenda Item #5

Consideration of the Scientist/Clinician members of the Scientific and Medical Accountability Standards Working Group

Member comments:

- Oswald Steward suggested that the list of scientist/clinician members be opened up to broader recruitment. As a clinician, he wasn't sure of the caliber of scientists being considered as candidates
 - Dina Gould Halme reminded the committee of the process of identifying candidates and informed the committee that staff had done due diligence in

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recruiting strong scientist/clinicians and received a limited response. Opening up the process to another round of recruitment is unlikely to unearth many additional highly qualified candidates.

- The subcommittee, in general, supported this position

Chairman Kessler requested the subcommittee and members of the public, specifically Zach Hall, to comment on whether there were any individuals whom he strongly considered should be among the scientist/clinician candidates.

Public comment:

Zach Hall suggested that the committee consider the nomination of Ann Kiessling and presented her qualifications.

By the same process used to identify the list of most qualified ethicist candidates, the subcommittee nominated the following scientist/clinician candidates:

- 1) Kenneth Olden (recommended by Samuelson/Sheehy)
- 2) Robert Taylor (recommended by Samuelson/Sheehy)
- 3) John Kessler (recommended by Shestack/Steward)
- 4) Jose Cibelli (recommended by Shestack/Steward)
- 5) Kevin Eggan (recommended by Kessler/Serrano Sewell)
- 6) Warren Olanow (recommended by Kessler/Serrano Sewell)
- 7) Ann Kiessling (recommended by Samuelson/Sheehy)
- 8) Robert Preti (recommended by Shestack/Steward)
- 9) Bertram Lubin (recommended by Kessler/Serrano Sewell)

The subcommittee will continue to research candidates and recommence the process of voting on scientist members at a later meeting to be determined.

Consideration of candidate(s) to serve as Chairperson for the Scientific and Medical Accountability Standards Working Group.

This was not fully considered in this meeting. A full discussion on this topic was deferred until the next subcommittee meeting—date remains to be determined.