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BEFORE THE  
ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY WORKING GROUP  
TO THE  
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
TO THE  
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE  
ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO THE  
CALIFORNIA STEM CELL RESEARCH AND CURES ACT  
REGULAR MEETING

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VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: THANKS, EVERYONE.  
GOOD AFTERNOON, WORKING GROUP MEMBERS. THANKS FOR  
MAKING YOURSELVES AVAILABLE FOR TODAY'S MEETING.

GEOFF, CAN YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

DR. LOMAX: YES. KIM BARRETT.

DR. BARRETT: PRESENT.

DR. LOMAX: ELIZABETH BOILIEU.

DR. BOILIEU: PRESENT.

DR. LOMAX: MARIA BONNEVILLE.

VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: PRESENT.

DR. LOMAX: JAMES DEBENEDETTI.

MR. DEBENEDETTI: HERE.

DR. LOMAX: TED GOLDSTEIN.

DR. GOLDSTEIN: HERE.

DR. LOMAX: CHRISTINA HARTMAN. CHRISTINA  
IS NOT ON. DAVID HIGGINS.

DR. HIGGINS: HERE.

DR. LOMAX: VITO IMBASCIANI. DARIUS  
LAKDAWALLA.

DR. LAKADAWALLA: HERE.

DR. LOMAX: HARLAN LEVINE. PAT LEVITT.

DR. LEVITT: HERE.

DR. LOMAX: ADRIANA PADILLA.

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1 DR. PADILLA: HERE.

2 DR. LOMAX: AMMAR QADAN.

3 DR. QADAN: PRESENT.

4 DR. LOMAX: MAHESWARI SENTHIL. AND  
5 ADRIENNE SHAPIRO.

6 MS. SHAPIRO: HERE.

7 DR. LEVINE: I WAS OFF BY ONE PERSON, I  
8 THINK, IN ATTENDING THE ROLL CALL OR ADDRESSING THE  
9 ROLL CALL. HARLAN LEVINE IS HERE.

10 DR. LOMAX: OKAY.

11 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: THANKS, HARLAN.

12 DR. LOMAX: THANK YOU, HARLAN.

13 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: AND THANK YOU,  
14 GEOFF.

15 I'M GOING TO PUT LIZ ON THE SPOT. SHE'S  
16 OUR NEWEST MEMBER. SO, LIZ, I WAS HOPING YOU COULD  
17 INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND SHARE A BIT MORE ABOUT THE  
18 WORK YOU DO AT UC DAVIS.

19 DR. BOILIEU: SURE. GREAT. THANK YOU FOR  
20 THAT, MARIA. HI, EVERYONE. I'M LIZ BOILIEU. I AM  
21 THE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR  
22 MANAGED CARE AND PHARMACY CONTRACTING. SO WHAT THAT  
23 MEANS IS I GET TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THOSE  
24 INSURANCE CONTRACTS THAT WE HAVE WITH PAYERS TO PAY  
25 FOR HEALTHCARE.

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1           AND IN MY EXPERIENCES, AS I'VE BEEN DOWN  
2       HERE IN CALIFORNIA FOR ABOUT 18 MONTHS, I'M GETTING  
3       TO KNOW THE PAYERS A LITTLE BETTER EACH DAY. BUT I  
4       HAVE ABOUT 30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THIS FIELD, AND  
5       A NUMBER OF THOSE YEARS SPENT AT OHSU, THE ACADEMIC  
6       MEDICAL CENTER IN PORTLAND, OREGON, WHERE I HAD  
7       NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH PAYERS AROUND  
8       THESE HIGH-END, HIGH-COST TREATMENTS RELATED TO  
9       CANCER CARE MOSTLY, BUT I KNOW THERE'S SO MANY  
10      OTHERS, AND BRING THAT EXPERIENCE DOWN HERE TO  
11      CALIFORNIA WHERE I'M RESIDING IN SACRAMENTO. AND  
12      LOOK FORWARD TO, HOPEFULLY, BEING A GOOD PARTICIPANT  
13      ON THE WORK GROUP HERE. SO HAPPY TO BE A PART OF  
14      THIS.

15           VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: THANK YOU, LIZ, SO  
16      MUCH. I'M SURE YOU WILL BE GETTING A LOT OF  
17      QUESTIONS FROM US OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. SO  
18      APPRECIATE IT.

19           ROSA, I BELIEVE YOU WILL BE STARTING US  
20      OFF WITH A PRESENTATION.

21           DR. CANET-AVILES: THAT IS CORRECT, MADAM  
22      CHAIR. SO THANK YOU, MARIA, AND THANK YOU, MEMBERS  
23      OF THE ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY WORKING  
24      GROUP. I AM PRESENTING -- THIS PRESENTATION IS  
25      GOING TO BE DIVIDED BETWEEN ME AND THE LEADS FOR THE

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1 CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM, DR. JOE GOLD, AND THE  
2 LEAD FOR THE PRECLINICAL DEVELOPMENT TEAM, DR. SHYAM  
3 PATEL.

4 SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO -- I ALSO WANT TO  
5 THANK GEOFF AND MARIA FOR ALL THE ADVICE AND  
6 FEEDBACK IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PRESENTATION AND  
7 MATERIALS AS WELL AS CARRIE WARREN AND THOMAS SHANE  
8 WHO HAVE HELPED PUTTING AND COORDINATING A LOT OF  
9 THIS WORK.

10 SO THIS PRESENTATION PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON  
11 OUR EFFORTS, CIRM'S EFFORTS, TO IMPLEMENT A  
12 STRUCTURED APPROACH TO ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY  
13 ACROSS OUR FUNDING PROGRAMS, THE RELEVANT FUNDING  
14 PROGRAMS. AND IT'S GROUNDED IN THE INTENT OF  
15 PROPOSITION 14 AND GUIDED BY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
16 THIS GROUP, THE ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY  
17 WORKING GROUP. AND OUR GOAL ULTIMATELY IS TO ENSURE  
18 THAT THE THERAPIES DEVELOPED WITH PUBLIC FUNDING ARE  
19 NOT ONLY SCIENTIFICALLY PROMISING, BUT THAT THEY  
20 WILL ALSO REALISTICALLY BE ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE  
21 TO ALL CALIFORNIANS, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE IN  
22 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

23 IMPORTANTLY, AFFORDABILITY IS NOT JUST  
24 ABOUT PRICE. IT'S ABOUT EVALUATING WHETHER THE  
25 THERAPIES CAN BE REIMBURSED, WHETHER THE NECESSARY

1     INFRASTRUCTURE EXISTS TO DELIVER THEM, AND WHETHER  
2     THE COST-RELATED BARRIERS LIKE TRAVEL, LODGING, AND  
3     OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES FOR PATIENTS ARE ADDRESSED  
4     THROUGH CIRM'S PROGRAMS, NOT ONLY WHAT WE WILL TALK  
5     ABOUT TODAY, BUT ALSO THE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT OUR  
6     COLLEAGUE DR. GEOFF LOMAX -- I DIDN'T THANK DR.  
7     GEOFF LOMAX, DID I?

8             DR. LOMAX: YOU DID.

9             DR. CANET-AVILES: OKAY. SORRY. -- HAVE  
10    BEEN ALSO PRESENTING TO US LIKE THE COMMUNITY CARE  
11    CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE AND THE PATIENT SUPPORT  
12    PROGRAM.

13            SO CIRM'S APPROACH TO AFFORDABILITY IS  
14    PRAGMATIC, AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT PRICING AND  
15    REIMBURSEMENT DECISIONS ARE COMPLEX AND COMPLEX  
16    SPECIFIC ESPECIALLY FOR NOVEL CELL AND GENE  
17    THERAPIES, WHICH IS OUR BUSINESS. AND THAT'S WHY  
18    THE FRAMEWORK THAT WE WILL BE PRESENTING TODAY  
19    EMPHASIZES EARLY PLANNING, STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT,  
20    AND MILESTONE-BASED DEVELOPMENT TIED TO REAL-WORLD  
21    ACCESS POTENTIAL.

22            AND IN SUM FOR THIS INTRODUCTION, I JUST  
23    WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN WE TALK ABOUT AFFORDABILITY,  
24    WHAT WE MEAN IS ENSURING THAT THERAPIES ARE  
25    ACCESSIBLE TO CALIFORNIA PATIENTS REGARDLESS OF

1 THEIR INCOME, ZIP CODE, OR DISEASE TYPE. AND THE  
2 TOOLS AND POLICIES THAT WE WILL WORK THROUGH TODAY  
3 SUPPORT THAT VISION. AND THEY REPRESENT THAT THE  
4 MECHANISMS BY WHICH CIRM IS HOLDING ITSELF AND ITS  
5 AWARDEES ACCOUNTABLE TO THAT PROMISE. NEXT SLIDE  
6 PLEASE.

7 SO THIS IS AN OVERVIEW. AND PLEASE STOP  
8 ME AS WELL IF YOU NEED TO IN THE MIDDLE. BUT THIS  
9 IS THE OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S PRESENTATION. WE ARE  
10 GOING TO PROVIDE THE CONTEXT, THE CONTEXT WITHIN  
11 PROP 14, AND OUR NEW STRATEGY, THE STRATEGIC  
12 ALLOCATION FRAMEWORK GOAL 5, AS WELL AS THE FEEDBACK  
13 THAT WE RECEIVED FROM AUGUST 2024 ACTUALLY --  
14 THERE'S A TYPO -- FROM THIS GROUP BACK LAST YEAR.

15 AND THE APPROACH HAS BEEN TO DEVELOP THIS  
16 TOOLKIT THAT WE WILL GO IN DETAIL AND TO INTEGRATE  
17 THAT INTO OUR PRECLINICAL AND CLINICAL PROGRAMS.  
18 AND A LOT OF THE DETAILS OF THESE ARE NOT IN THE  
19 PRESENTATION. THEY ARE IN THE BACKUP MATERIALS:  
20 THE MEMO, THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT, THE RUBRIC, AND THE  
21 DETAILED CHECKLIST THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED. AND MY  
22 COLLEAGUES WILL GO THROUGH THIS AT A HIGH LEVEL, BUT  
23 THE QUESTIONS WILL PROBABLY REFER TO THE DETAIL  
24 DOCUMENTS. AND THEN WE ARE REQUESTING AND ASKING  
25 FOR INPUT AROUND THE STRUCTURE AND CATEGORIES OF THE



1 TOOLS, THE USEFULNESS, THE CLARITY, AND THE  
2 IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH. AND THAT'S DEFINED BY FIVE  
3 HIGH-LEVEL QUESTIONS THAT WE WILL BE PRESENTING AT  
4 THE BEGINNING AND AT THE END TO CONTEXTUALIZE THE  
5 PRESENTATION.

6 SO AS MENTIONED, NEXT SLIDE, THIS IS  
7 GROUNDED ON THE INTENT OF PROP 14 AND GUIDED BY THE  
8 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS GROUP. AND WE GATHERED  
9 FEEDBACK IN AUGUST OF 2024, AND THERE WAS A  
10 CONSENSUS TO OPERATIONALIZE ACCESSIBILITY AND  
11 AFFORDABILITY AT BOTH PROGRAMMATIC AND PROJECT  
12 LEVELS. AND THAT'S WHAT THE TOOLKIT WILL HELP US  
13 WITH. AND THERE WAS BROAD AGREEMENT THAT ACCESS  
14 STRATEGIES MUST ALIGN WITH THE STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.  
15 AND WE ALSO NEEDED CONSISTENT EXPECTATIONS AND  
16 CLEARER GUIDELINES ACROSS CIRM FUNDING STAGES, WHICH  
17 IS WHAT WE WILL BE PRESENTING TODAY. NEXT SLIDE.

18 NOW, I RECOGNIZE THAT WE'VE BEEN  
19 ALL -- HERE AT CIRM WE LIVE THIS EVERY DAY, BUT I  
20 JUST WANTED TO, BEFORE DIVING INTO THE TOOLS AND  
21 UPDATES THAT WE ARE PRESENTING TODAY, I WANTED TO  
22 QUICKLY GROUND US IN OUR STRATEGIC ALLOCATION  
23 FRAMEWORK OR SAF.

24 THE SAF IS A DATA-DRIVEN APPROACH FOR  
25 PRIORITIZING WHEN AND HOW WE ALLOCATE CIRM'S

1     RESOURCES.  AND IT WAS DEVELOPED OVER THE PAST YEAR  
2     AND APPROVED BY OUR BOARD BACK IN SEPTEMBER OF 2024  
3     TO ENSURE THAT CIRM IS NOT JUST FUNDING GREAT  
4     SCIENCE, BUT ALSO DELIVERING ON IMPACT.  AND THIS  
5     SLIDE SUMMARIZES THE SIX IMPACT GOALS THAT DRIVE OUR  
6     WORK UNDER THE SAF, FROM ACCELERATING DISCOVERY, TO  
7     ADVANCING CLINICAL PROGRAMS, TO BUILDING A DIVERSE  
8     AND CAPABLE WORKFORCE.  BUT IMPORTANTLY, GOAL 5,  
9     WHICH YOU SEE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE THIRD SECTION, IS  
10    THE CENTRAL FOCUS TODAY.

11           GOAL 5 COMMITS CIRM TO ENSURING THAT EVERY  
12    PROGRAM READY FOR A BLA, BIOLOGICS LICENSE  
13    APPLICATION, HAS A CLEAR STRATEGY FOR ACCESS AND  
14    AFFORDABILITY.  AND THIS IS NOT A SITE  
15    CONSIDERATION.  IT'S CORE TO HOW WE DEFINE SUCCESS  
16    BECAUSE SCIENTIFIC INNOVATION WITHOUT PATIENT ACCESS  
17    COULD BE BASICALLY A BROKEN PROMISE.

18           SO TODAY'S DISCUSSION IS ABOUT HOW WE  
19    PREVENT THIS AND MAKE A REAL COMMITMENT THROUGH  
20    STRUCTURED PLANNING, GUIDANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY  
21    INTO OUR PRECLINICAL AND CLINICAL PROGRAMS.  NEXT  
22    SLIDE.

23           THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE GUIDED  
24    THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOOLKIT.  SO THE  
25    ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY WORKING GROUP BACK

1 IN AUGUST OF '24, THESE WERE THE MAIN QUESTIONS.  
2 WHAT STAGE-APPROPRIATE ACCESSIBILITY AND  
3 AFFORDABILITY ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE REQUIRED AND  
4 WHEN?

5 HOW CAN CIRM LEVERAGE ITS INFRASTRUCTURE  
6 TO INCENTIVIZE PLANNING EARLY WHILE ENSURING  
7 FEASIBILITY AND PROPORTIONALITY? WE MEAN BY  
8 INFRASTRUCTURE IT'S ALPHA CLINICS, THE COMMUNITY  
9 CARE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE, BUT ALL OUR CLINICAL  
10 INFRASTRUCTURE AS WELL.

11 AND WHAT MECHANISMS AND METRICS ARE NEEDED  
12 TO TRACK AND SUPPORT EXECUTION OF ACCESSIBILITY AND  
13 AFFORDABILITY STRATEGIES? NEXT SLIDE.

14 THIS IS JUST TO CONTEXTUALIZE HOW WE  
15 SUPPORT FIVE PILLARS OF FUNDING. AND THIS IS  
16 FOCUSED MOSTLY IN THE R&D, DISCOVERY, PRECLINICAL,  
17 AND CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT -- NEXT SLIDE -- WHICH IS  
18 SHOWN HERE. TO FRAME HOW THE ACCESS AND  
19 AFFORDABILITY PLANNING TOOLS WILL BE USED, I THINK  
20 IT'S HELPFUL TO REVISIT CIRM'S CORE, CURRENT CORE  
21 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES. I'M SAYING CURRENT BECAUSE  
22 WE JUST APPROVED THESE FOUR PROGRAM CONCEPTS BACK IN  
23 MARCH. THE BOARD APPROVED THE NEW CONCEPTS AND  
24 AMENDED FOR CLIN2 OF THESE FOUR PROGRAMS, BUT THERE  
25 ARE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WILL BE COMPLEMENTING THIS

1 PIPELINE IN THE COMING YEAR.

2 AS SHOWN HERE, CIRM SUPPORTS PROJECTS  
3 ACROSS THE FULL PIPELINE FROM EARLY STAGE DISCOVERY  
4 RESEARCH TO PRECLINICAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTO  
5 CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT. AND EACH STAGE HAS DEDICATED  
6 FUNDING MECHANISMS. SO DISC4 AND 5 SUPPORT  
7 EXPLORATORY AND HYPOTHESIS DRIVEN RESEARCH. THE  
8 PRECLINICAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS PROJECTS GOING FROM  
9 LEAD OPTIMIZATION UP TO PREPARATION OF AN IND TO  
10 ENTER THE CLINIC. CLIN2 SUPPORTS EARLY TO LATE  
11 STAGE CLINICAL TRIALS OFTEN WITH COMPLEX REGULATORY  
12 AND COMMERCIALIZATION NEEDS.

13 SO THE ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY  
14 TOOLKIT THAT WE WILL SPEAK ABOUT, THAT WE WILL BE  
15 DISCUSSING TODAY, IS BEING INTEGRATED SPECIFICALLY  
16 IN THE PDEV AND THE CLIN2 PROGRAMS. THESE ARE THE  
17 STAGES WHERE EARLY SIGNALS AROUND COST, FEASIBILITY,  
18 AND REAL-WORLD BARRIERS BECOME CRITICAL. AND OUR  
19 PLANNING FOR ACCESS MUST BEGIN IN EARNEST.

20 SO AS WE WALK THROUGH THE TOOLS TODAY,  
21 KEEP IN MIND THAT THEY ARE DESIGNED TO BE STAGE  
22 APPROPRIATE, FLEXIBLE, AND PROPORTIONAL AS SHYAM AND  
23 JOE WILL PROVIDE. AND THEY WILL BE GUIDING BOTH  
24 APPLICANTS AND REVIEWERS IN THINKING ABOUT HOW A  
25 PROMISING THERAPY CAN ULTIMATELY REACH THE PEOPLE

1     THAT IT'S MEANT TO HELP.

2             LASTLY, I HAVE THREE MORE SLIDES. I'LL GO  
3     QUICK BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO TAKE SO MUCH TIME FROM  
4     MY COLLEAGUES. NEXT SLIDE.

5             TO BUILD ON WHAT WE'VE DISCUSSED, WE  
6     PROVIDED THESE IN THE MEMO. THIS IS WHAT HELPS  
7     CLARIFY HOW CIRM DEFINES THE INTERCONNECTED ELEMENTS  
8     THAT SHAPE WHETHER PATIENTS ACTUALLY BENEFIT FROM  
9     THE THERAPIES THAT WE SUPPORT. SO TO DEFINE  
10    ACCESSIBILITY IS ABOUT WHETHER INDIVIDUALS CAN  
11    PHYSICALLY AND LOGISTICALLY OBTAIN CARE, WHICH  
12    INCLUDES GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY, SYSTEM NAVIGATION,  
13    AND THE AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES.

14            WHEREAS, AFFORDABILITY, ON THE OTHER HAND,  
15    SPEAKS ABOUT WHETHER THAT CARE IS FINANCIALLY  
16    REALISTIC FOR PATIENTS. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE  
17    PRICE TAG OR THE THERAPY. IT'S ABOUT EVERYTHING  
18    FROM REIMBURSEMENT AND COVERAGE TO THE COST OF  
19    SUPPORTIVE SERVICES LIKE TRAVEL, LODGING, AND  
20    DIAGNOSTICS.

21            COMMERCIALIZATION AND MARKET ACCESS ARE  
22    THE ENGINES THAT DETERMINE WHETHER PRODUCT CAN EVEN  
23    REACH THE MARKET AND BE INTEGRATED INTO THE CARE  
24    DELIVERY. AND THEY'RE ABOUT ENSURING THERAPIES  
25    DON'T JUST EXIST IN THEORY, BUT THEY ARE

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1 MANUFACTURABLE, APPROVED REIMBURSEMENT, AND  
2 ADOPTABLE IN REAL-WORLD SETTINGS.

3 SO TOGETHER, WITH THESE DEFINITIONS IN OUR  
4 HANDS, WE HOPE THAT WE CAN GET TO BREAKTHROUGH  
5 THERAPIES THAT HAVE PUBLIC VALUE SO PEOPLE CAN  
6 ACCESS THEM AND AFFORD THEM.

7 NEXT SLIDE IS TO TRANSLATE OUR ACCESS AND  
8 AFFORDABILITY GOALS INTO ACTION. CIRM COLLABORATED  
9 WITH BLUE RIDGE LIFE SCIENCES WHO WAS OUR CONSULTANT  
10 TO DEVELOP A PRACTICAL, STRUCTURED SET OF TOOLS THAT  
11 CAN BE EMBEDDED DIRECTLY INTO OUR FUNDING PROGRAMS.  
12 AND THE FIRST ONE IS THE CHECKLIST, WHICH IS AN  
13 INTERACTIVE, PHASE-APPROPRIATE LIST OF  
14 COMMERCIALIZATION AND MARKET ACCESS ACTIVITIES THAT  
15 INFLUENCE AFFORDABILITY. AND IT WILL HELP  
16 APPLICANTS UNDERSTAND WHAT'S EXPECTED AT EACH STAGE  
17 AND GIVES STAFF AND REVIEWERS A FRAMEWORK FOR  
18 ASSESSING THOSE EFFORTS AT THE TIME OF AWARDING, BUT  
19 ALSO THROUGHOUT THE LIFETIME OF THE PROGRAM.

20 NEXT IS THE EVALUATION RUBRIC WHICH  
21 ASSIGNS A COMPOSITE SCORE BASED ON BOTH THE  
22 RELEVANCE AND THE EXECUTION OF THOSE ACTIVITIES.  
23 AND IT BRINGS CONSISTENCY, TRANSPARENCY, AND  
24 ACCOUNTABILITY TO HOW WE EVALUATE A AND A,  
25 ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY, PLANNING DURING

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1 REVIEW ESPECIALLY FOR THE PDEV AND CLIN2  
2 APPLICATIONS.

3 AND FINALLY, WE HAVE THE GUIDANCE  
4 DOCUMENTS THAT WILL SUPPORT APPLICANTS AND  
5 REVIEWERS. AND THEY CLARIFY EXPECTATIONS, PROVIDE  
6 EXAMPLES, AND HELP ALIGN ALL PARTIES FROM  
7 APPLICATION TO MILESTONE SETTING ON WHAT THE STRONG  
8 AND ACTIONABLE ACCESS PLANNING TOOLS SHOULD LOOK  
9 LIKE. SO TOGETHER THESE TOOLS ARE DESIGNED TO DRIVE  
10 EARLY, REALISTIC PLANNING AROUND PATIENT ACCESS.

11 LASTLY, BEFORE WE PRESENT THE TOOLKIT --  
12 WE'RE GETTING READY, JOE -- WE WANTED TO SHARE THE  
13 QUESTIONS. I ALWAYS FEEL I'M TALKING TOO MUCH. WE  
14 WANTED TO SHARE THE QUESTIONS AHEAD OF THE DETAILS.  
15 AND WE WANT TO GATHER YOUR INPUT ON SEVERAL  
16 IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE ACCESSIBILITY AND  
17 AFFORDABILITY TOOLS. AND THESE QUESTIONS ARE  
18 DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT THE FRAMEWORK IS BOTH  
19 RIGOROUS AND USABLE AND THAT IT REALLY GENUINELY  
20 ADVANCES OUR SHARED GOAL OF MAKING THESE THERAPIES,  
21 CIRM-FUNDED THERAPIES, AVAILABLE AND AFFORDABLE TO  
22 ALL CALIFORNIANS THAT NEED THEM.

23 SO WE WOULD LIKE YOUR THOUGHTS ON, FIRST,  
24 WHETHER THE CATEGORIES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE  
25 CHECKLIST REFLECT THE RIGHT PRIORITIES AND WHETHER

1 THEY ARE SPECIFIC ENOUGH TO DRIVE MEANINGFUL  
2 PLANNING, BUT FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO FIT DIVERSE TYPES  
3 OF PROJECTS.

4 WE'RE ALSO ASKING WHETHER THE EVALUATION  
5 CRITERIA ARE PHASE APPROPRIATE? DO THEY ENCOURAGE  
6 THOUGHTFUL PLANNING WITHOUT OVERBURDENING  
7 APPLICANTS, ESPECIALLY AT THE EARLY STAGES?

8 AND FINALLY, ARE THERE ANY GAPS OR RISKS  
9 THAT WE MAY NOT HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR? ARE WE SETTING  
10 THE RIGHT BENCHMARKS? SHOULD WE ALIGN WITH INDUSTRY  
11 NORMS OR SET THE BAR HIGHER TO REFLECT CIRM'S PUBLIC  
12 MISSION?

13 SO YOUR FEEDBACK WILL BE CRITICAL IN  
14 DEFINING HOW WE PUT TOGETHER THESE TOOLS AVAILABLE  
15 FOR THE APPLICANTS AND REVIEWERS. AND WITHOUT  
16 FURTHER ADO, I WOULD LIKE TO NOW LEAD TO MY  
17 COLLEAGUE, DR. JOE GOLD AND MY COLLEAGUE SHYAM  
18 PATEL. GO AHEAD.

19 DR. GOLD: THANK YOU, ROSA. NEXT SLIDE  
20 PLEASE.

21 SO AS ROSA MENTIONED, WE APPROACHED BLUE  
22 RIDGE CONSULTANTS BECAUSE WE WANTED TO GET AN  
23 UNDERSTANDING OF ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE REQUIRED FOR  
24 COMMERCIALIZATION OF THESE THERAPIES. AND THEY  
25 RESPONDED WITH A LIST OF 30 ACTIVITIES THAT WERE



1 STAGED ACCORDING TO WHERE EXACTLY THEY WOULD FALL IN  
2 THE DEVELOPMENT CYCLE OF PROJECTS, SOME MORE POINT  
3 AT THE EARLY STAGES, SOME IN THE MIDDLE, SOME AT THE  
4 END. BUT WE ASKED THEM TO ZERO IN ON ACTIVITIES  
5 WHICH WERE REALLY GOING TO IMPACT ACCESS AND  
6 AFFORDABILITY.

7 AND AMONG THOSE 30 ACTIVITIES, THEY  
8 IDENTIFIED 12, SOMETHING LIKE 12, AND THEY FURTHER  
9 SUBDIVIDED THEM AS THOSE WHICH WOULD DEFINITELY HAVE  
10 AN IMPACT ON ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY VERSUS THOSE  
11 THAT MIGHT HAVE AN IMPACT. AND THE ONES WHICH HAVE,  
12 ACCORDING TO THEM, A DEFINITE IMPACT IN THE DARKER  
13 SIDE OF RED AND THOSE WHICH MIGHT HAVE AN IMPACT IN  
14 A LIGHTER SHADE THERE.

15 SO IF WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, WE'RE JUST  
16 GOING TO FOCUS ON THESE ACTIVITIES FOR TODAY. AND  
17 IN THE BACKGROUND ARE THE LARGER DISCUSSION OF  
18 COMMERCIALIZATION, BUT REALLY FOCUSED ON THE ACCESS  
19 AND AFFORDABILITY.

20 IF WE GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE, YOU CAN SEE  
21 THAT WE'VE DEVELOPED A CHECKLIST. AND WHAT IT'S  
22 DESIGNED TO DO IS TO DELINEATE WHAT ACCESS AND  
23 AFFORDABILITY IMPACTING ACTIVITIES ARE REALLY  
24 REQUIRED AT DIFFERENT STAGES. AND IN SOME CASES  
25 THESE ARE ACTIVITIES WHICH WE CAN ANTICIPATE THAT AN

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1 APPLICANT COMES IN WITH AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF  
2 THEIR PROCESS, THEIR APPLICATION. IN OTHER CASES  
3 THEY'RE ONES WHICH WE WOULD EXPECT THEM TO DEVELOP  
4 DURING THE COURSE OF THE APPLICATION.

5 SO IF YOU LOOK, YOU CAN SEE WE'VE GOT THE  
6 LIST ON THE LEFT-HAND COLUMN OF THE ACTIVITIES, AND  
7 THE ONES WHICH ARE IN BOLD ARE THE ONES WHICH WERE  
8 IDENTIFIED AS HAVING THE GREATEST IMPACT. AND WE'RE  
9 LOOKING AT SORT OF THE SPAN BETWEEN THE PRECLINICAL  
10 TO BLA STAGE REALLY. SO THERE'S THE PDEV ASPECTS OF  
11 IT WHERE WE EXPECT THEM TO HAVE REALLY VERY FEW  
12 ACTIVITIES ALREADY TACKLED IN THIS CASE, BUT WE'RE  
13 GOING TO HAVE THEM DEVELOP SOME DURING THE COURSE OF  
14 THE AWARD AS MILESTONES.

15 AND THEN WHEN YOU GET INTO THE CLINICAL  
16 PHASES, AGAIN, IT STARTS OUT WITH SIMPLER  
17 REQUIREMENTS AT THE BEGINNING. FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE  
18 PHASE 1 AWARDS, WE WOULD EXPECT TO ONLY HAVE ONE OF  
19 THESE ACTIVITIES DONE. BUT AS THE PROJECT MATURING  
20 ALONG, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THEY WOULD HAVE MORE AND  
21 MORE OF THESE ACTIVITIES ACCOMPLISHED, AND WE'D BE  
22 HELPING THEM BASICALLY HIT SOME OF THESE MILESTONES  
23 IN THE COURSE OF THE AWARDS.

24 SHYAM.

25 DR. PATEL: THANK YOU, JOE. SO I'M GOING

1 TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT. I HOPE YOU CAN HEAR ME. I'M  
2 THE ONE IN THE BACK OVER HERE. SO ON THE NEXT THREE  
3 SLIDES, WE'RE GOING TO WALK THROUGH HOW WE ARE  
4 IMPLEMENTING THE CHECKLIST REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS  
5 THE AWARD PROGRESS REQUIREMENTS THAT JOE MENTIONED.  
6 SO NEXT SLIDE PLEASE.

7 SO STARTING OFF WITH PRECLINICAL, SO AS A  
8 REMINDER, AS ROSA AND JOE INDICATED, THIS IS THE  
9 PROGRAM THAT FUNDS ALL THE PRECLINICAL DEVELOPMENT  
10 ACTIVITIES FOR THERAPEUTIC CANDIDATES UP TO AND  
11 INCLUDING IND CLEARANCE. AND SO AS JOE NOTED,  
12 THERE'S GOING TO BE A FEW THINGS THAT THEY MAY HAVE  
13 DONE OVER THE COURSE PRIOR TO SUBMITTING AN  
14 APPLICATION TO CIRM, AND THERE'S GOING TO BE A FEW  
15 CRITICAL ACTIVITIES THAT THEY HAVE TO ACHIEVE OVER  
16 THE COURSE OF THAT AWARD.

17 SO IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE, GIVEN THAT  
18 THE SCALE AND SOPHISTICATION OF THESE ACTIVITIES IS  
19 NOT AS RIGOROUS OR AS DETAILED AS FOR THE CLINICAL  
20 PROGRAM, THE WAY THIS IS BEING IMPLEMENTED AS A PDEV  
21 PROGRAM IS THAT WE'RE INCORPORATING THOSE ACTIVITIES  
22 THAT THEY MAY HAVE DONE TO DATE INTO THE APPLICATION  
23 COMPONENTS.

24 SO THEY MIGHT DESCRIBE IT IN THE VALUE  
25 PROPOSITION SECTION OR THEY MAY DESCRIBE IT IN THE

1 PROJECT PLAN AND COMMERCIALIZATION PLAN SECTION.  
2 AND THEY WOULD ALSO INDICATE IN THAT APPLICATION  
3 PROPOSAL THE STAGE-APPROPRIATE ACTIVITIES THAT THEY  
4 PLAN TO DO OVER THE COURSE OF THE PDEV AWARD. AND  
5 THESE ARE LARGELY FOCUSED ON THINGS LIKE  
6 UNDERSTANDING THE MARKET LANDSCAPE AND THEN STARTING  
7 TO DEVELOP A REIMBURSEMENT STRATEGY BY UNDERSTANDING  
8 THE LANDSCAPE FOR THAT IN THAT PARTICULAR INDICATION  
9 FOR THAT PARTICULAR THERAPY.

10 SO IN TERMS OF THE REVIEW ITSELF, SO THE  
11 GRANTS WORKING GROUP CURRENTLY REVIEWS ALL PDEV  
12 APPLICATIONS. AND THEY WOULD BE REVIEWING THESE  
13 COMPONENTS AS PART OF THEIR OVERALL HOLISTIC SCORE  
14 OF WHETHER TO FUND -- WHETHER TO RECOMMEND THIS  
15 PARTICULAR PROJECT FOR FUNDING.

16 ULTIMATELY THAT REVIEW OUTCOME FROM THE  
17 GRANTS WORKING GROUP AND THEIR COMMENTS WILL INFORM  
18 THE CIRM TEAM RECOMMENDATION AS WELL AS THE APPROVAL  
19 BY THE ARS OF THE ICOC. THAT REVIEW FEEDBACK WE'LL  
20 ULTIMATELY PROVIDE IT TO THE APPLICANT. AND THEN  
21 THE CIRM TEAM WILL USE THAT INFORMATION TO MANAGE  
22 THE AWARDS.

23 IN THE NEXT SLIDE I'M GOING TO GO OVER THE  
24 CLINICAL SIDE. SO IN THE CLINICAL SIDE, AS JOE  
25 MENTIONED, DEPENDING ON WHAT PHASE OF TRIAL THEY'RE

1 COMING IN, THERE'S GOING TO BE A LARGER NUMBER OF  
2 ACTIVITIES THEY MUST HAVE COMPLETED PRIOR TO  
3 REQUESTING FUNDING FOR THE CURRENT CLINICAL TRIAL.  
4 AND THERE'S GOING TO BE A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF  
5 ACTIVITIES THAT THEY SHOULD BE CONDUCTING OVER THE  
6 COURSE OF THAT TRIAL. GIVEN THAT RISE IN SCALE AND  
7 SOPHISTICATION ACROSS DIFFERENT CLIN2 AWARDS, AS  
8 WELL AS THAT IT'S DIFFERENT FROM PDEV, WE TOOK A  
9 DIFFERENT APPROACH HERE.

10 SO HERE THEY WOULD BE PROVIDING THE  
11 ACTIVITIES THEY'VE COMPLETED TO DATE IN MORE OF A  
12 CHECKLIST SORT OF FORMAT SO THAT IT MAKES IT EASIER  
13 FOR EVALUATION. AND THEY'LL ALSO BE PROVIDING THEIR  
14 PLAN FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF THOSE ACTIVITIES SIMILAR TO  
15 THE PDEV PROGRAM.

16 THE INITIAL CIRM REVIEW, THE ELIGIBILITY  
17 REVIEW THAT WOULD BE DONE WOULD LOOK TO MAKE SURE  
18 THAT THEY'VE COMPLETED THOSE ITEMS, THAT THEY  
19 PROVIDED SOME INFORMATION THAT CAN BE REVIEWED. AND  
20 WHEN IT GOES TO THE GRANTS WORKING GROUP REVIEW,  
21 INSTEAD OF THE GRANTS WORKING GROUP REVIEWING THESE  
22 CHECKLIST ITEMS, THERE WILL BE A SPECIALIST  
23 CONSULTANT WHO HAS SPECIFIC EXPERTISE IN THESE AREAS  
24 WHO WILL BE REVIEWING THOSE APPLICATIONS FOR  
25 COMPLETENESS AND ADEQUACY OF WHAT THEY'VE ACHIEVED

1 TO DATE AS WELL AS WHAT THEY PLAN TO PROPOSE TO  
2 CONDUCT OVER THE COURSE OF THE CLINICAL TRIAL.

3 NOW, EACH OF THOSE ACTIVITIES WILL BE  
4 SCORED, AND I WILL SHOW YOU THAT RUBRIC IN THE NEXT  
5 SLIDE. AND THEN THEY'LL ALSO PROVIDE QUALITATIVE  
6 ASSESSMENTS OF THE ACTIVITIES IN THE OVERALL  
7 PLANNING THAT WOULD BE INFORMATIVE FOR THE  
8 APPLICANT, FOR CIRM, AS WELL AS FOR THE BOARD.

9 SO ULTIMATELY THE SPECIALIST ASSESSMENT OF  
10 COMPLETED ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS PLANNED ACTIVITIES  
11 IS GOING TO INFORM THE GRANTS WORKING GROUP  
12 RECOMMENDATION, IT'S GOING TO INFORM THE CIRM TEAM  
13 RECOMMENDATION, AS WELL AS THE ICOC/ARS APPROVAL.

14 THE CONSULTANT FEEDBACK, SIMILAR TO PDEV,  
15 WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE APPLICANT. SO THEY'LL HAVE  
16 ACTIONABLE FEEDBACK AS PART OF THIS PROCESS. AND  
17 FINALLY, ALL OF THIS INFORMATION WILL BE INFORMATIVE  
18 FOR CIRM AS IT MANAGES ANY APPROVED AWARDS THAT  
19 MIGHT COME OUT OF THIS.

20 SO NEXT SLIDE IS A QUICK WALK-THROUGH OF  
21 THE RUBRIC ITSELF. SO AS ROSA MENTIONED, THERE IS A  
22 CHECKLIST THAT IDENTIFIES ALL THE ACTIVITIES. IT  
23 IDENTIFIES THE IMPORTANCE OF THOSE ACTIVITIES, THEIR  
24 ACHIEVING THEM, AS WELL AS PRACTICAL WAYS TO ACHIEVE  
25 THOSE ACTIVITIES.

1                   WHEN THE SPECIALIST CONSULTANT SCORES  
2       THESE, WHAT THEY'RE DOING IS THAT THEY'RE USING A  
3       FIVE-POINT SCALE TO SCORE WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO DATE.  
4       THIS COULD RANGE FROM NOT HAVING STARTED THE  
5       ACTIVITY AT ALL TO HAVING COMPLETED IT IN THE LAST  
6       12 MONTHS. SO THERE'S BOTH A COMPLETENESS AS WELL  
7       AS AN ADEQUACY CHECK AS PART OF THAT INDIVIDUAL  
8       ACTIVITY RUBRIC.

9                   NOW, ALL THE ACTIVITIES HAVE DIFFERENT  
10      PRIORITY SCORES BASED ON WHETHER THEY SHOULD HAVE  
11      BEEN DOING THEM AT THIS PARTICULAR STAGE OR A LATER  
12      STAGE. AND WHAT ENDS UP HAPPENING IS THAT THE  
13      INDIVIDUAL SCORE FOR EVERY ACTIVITY PLUS ITS  
14      PRIORITY SCORE IS AGGREGATED TO CREATE AN OVERALL  
15      AGGREGATE COMPOSITE SCORE THAT IS A QUICK CHECK TO  
16      DETERMINE HOW MUCH PROGRESS HAS THIS APPLICANT MADE  
17      TO DATE ON THESE ACTIVITIES AND TO WHAT LEVEL HAVE  
18      THEY DONE THAT. THAT SHOULD BE INFORMATIVE FOR THE  
19      GRANTS WORKING GROUP, FOR CIRM, AS WELL AS THE ARS.

20                  ON TOP OF THAT, THE SPECIALIST CONSULTANT  
21      IS ALSO PROVIDING WRITTEN FEEDBACK ON AREAS THAT MAY  
22      BE GAPS OR AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT OR AREAS WHERE  
23      THEY'RE AHEAD OF THE GAME. ALL OF THAT WILL BE ALSO  
24      USEFUL AS WELL. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE.

25                  SO AFTER THE AWARDS HAVE BEEN APPROVED,

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1 DURING THE AWARD MANAGEMENT PHASE, WE ARE ALIGNING  
2 BETWEEN THE TWO PROGRAMS ON HOW THESE ACTIVITIES ARE  
3 GOING TO BE TRACKED AND SUPPORTED AND MANAGED. SO  
4 FOR BOTH PROGRAMS, WE WILL FUND THE  
5 STAGE-APPROPRIATE, ALLOWABLE ACCESS AND AFFORDABLE  
6 ACTIVITIES. THE APPLICANTS CAN REQUEST FUNDING FOR  
7 THOSE ACTIVITIES.

8 OVER THE COURSE OF THE AWARD, THE AWARDEE  
9 WILL BE PROVIDING A PROGRESS REPORT ON THOSE  
10 ACTIVITIES. THEY ALREADY PROVIDE PROGRESS REPORTS  
11 FOR SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES. THEY'LL BE INCORPORATING  
12 ACTIVITY PROGRESS ALONG THE WAY AS WELL.

13 THE SPECIFIC ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY  
14 ACTIVITIES THAT JOE SHOWED IN HIS CHECKLIST EARLIER  
15 WILL ACTUALLY BE INCORPORATED INTO THE AWARD  
16 MILESTONES. SO THEY'LL BE PART OF WHAT THE SCIENCE  
17 OFFICERS REVIEW TO ALLOW THAT PROJECT TO MOVE ON TO  
18 THE NEXT MILESTONE TO GET THE NEXT DISBURSEMENT OF  
19 CIRM FUNDING.

20 AND FINALLY, AT THE END OF THE AWARD, THE  
21 AWARDEE WILL PROVIDE A FINAL OVERALL REPORT OF ALL  
22 THE ACTIVITIES THAT THEY HAVE CONDUCTED TO DATE, AND  
23 THAT SHOULD BE INFORMATIVE AND PREPARATORY FOR THEM  
24 TO APPLY FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF CIRM FUNDING BECAUSE  
25 IT HELPS THEM MEET ALL THE CHECKLIST REQUIREMENTS



1 FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF CIRM FUNDING.

2 NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. SO WITH THAT, I'M  
3 GOING TO TURN IT BACK OVER TO DR. GOLD FOR THE  
4 DISCUSSION.

5 DR. GOLD: THANKS, SHYAM. SO WHAT WE'RE  
6 SEEKING IS SOME FEEDBACK HERE. AND I HOPE YOU'VE  
7 HAD A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THESE MATERIALS BECAUSE IT'S  
8 OBVIOUSLY VERY DIFFICULT TO READ THEM OFF THE  
9 SLIDES. WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND ARE THESE  
10 CATEGORIES COMPREHENSIVE? DO YOU THINK THESE ARE  
11 THE RIGHT ACTIVITIES WE SHOULD BE FOCUSING ON? AND  
12 DO WE HAVE THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE STAGES? ARE  
13 THERE GAPS IN HOW THESE TOOLS MIGHT BE APPLIED?

14 AND WE'RE REALLY ALSO VERY INTERESTED IN  
15 WHAT KIND OF BENCHMARKS COULD BE SET. WE'VE  
16 STRUGGLED WITH THIS ITEM BECAUSE, FOR EXAMPLE, DO WE  
17 WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR A NEW THERAPY  
18 TO MEET THE INDUSTRY STANDARD FOR ACCESS AND  
19 AFFORDABILITY? WOULD THAT BE BETTER THAN THE  
20 CURRENT THERAPY? WHAT IF IT'S A NEW TRANSFORMATIVE  
21 THERAPY? WHAT IF IT'S SOMETHING CURATIVE WHERE THE  
22 PREVIOUS THERAPY WAS ONLY TREATING SYMPTOMS? IS IT  
23 OKAY THEN IF IT'S THE INDUSTRY STANDARD FOR ACCESS  
24 AND AFFORDABILITY?

25 THESE ARE THE KIND OF QUESTIONS WE'RE

1 ASKING FOR SOME FEEDBACK ON. WE'D APPRECIATE THAT.

2 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: THANK YOU SO MUCH,  
3 JOE, ROSA, AND SHYAM.

4 SO I WANT TO OPEN THIS UP TO THE WORKING  
5 GROUP FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR THOUGHTS AROUND THE  
6 DISCUSSION ITEMS.

7 DR. LAKADAWALLA: I'LL JUMP IN. I THOUGHT  
8 THIS WAS WELL DONE. I THINK THESE ARE THE RIGHT  
9 CATEGORIES. THEY MAKE SENSE.

10 IN TERMS OF THE LAST QUESTION ABOUT  
11 INDUSTRY STANDARD VERSUS ABOVE AND BEYOND, I  
12 ACTUALLY THINK THAT IF CIRM GRANTEES, AWARDEES ARE  
13 FOLLOWING INDUSTRY STANDARDS, THEY ACTUALLY KIND OF  
14 ARE ABOVE AND BEYOND WHEN YOU ACCOUNT FOR THE FACT  
15 THAT THEY'RE TYPICALLY SMALL BIOTECHS WHO ARE OFTEN  
16 NOT DOING THE SAME KIND OF ROBUST ANALYSES THAT A  
17 LARGE PHARMA COMPANY IS DOING. AND INDUSTRY  
18 STANDARD REALLY IN MUCH OF WHAT YOU'VE LISTED IS  
19 KIND OF MORE TOWARDS WHAT YOU WOULD EXPECT FROM A  
20 FAIRLY SOPHISTICATED, LARGE PHARMA COMPANY.

21 SO I THINK YOU'RE ALREADY KIND OF SETTING,  
22 I DON'T THINK IT'S AN UNREASONABLY HIGH BAR, BUT I  
23 THINK IT IS A HIGH BAR, AND IT'S A USEFULLY HIGH BAR  
24 FOR THESE KINDS OF THERAPIES.

25 THE ONLY THING THAT I'VE ALWAYS EMPHASIZED

1 IS IT'S REALLY USEFUL TO GET THESE COMPANIES  
2 THINKING ABOUT THE PROVIDER LANDSCAPE AS PART OF  
3 THEIR ACCESS STRATEGY. I THINK THAT'S JUST A DETAIL  
4 THAT WOULD NEED TO BE COMMUNICATED AS PEOPLE DEVELOP  
5 THEIR PLANS.

6 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: THANK YOU, DARIUS.  
7 PAT.

8 DR. LEVITT: YEAH. SO THERE ARE A LOT OF  
9 ACTIVITIES LISTED. I'M JUST WONDERING WHAT THE  
10 EXPECTATIONS ARE OR AT LEAST IN TERMS OF  
11 INSTRUCTIONS GOING TO APPLICANTS ABOUT WHAT THE  
12 EXPECTATIONS ARE IN TERMS OF HOW MANY ACTIVITIES AND  
13 A CHECKLIST OF STARTING AND WHERE THEY ARE IN TERMS  
14 OF TIME OF ACCOMPLISHING ACTIVITY. I GUESS THEY'LL  
15 DESCRIBE THE ACTIVITY. IT SOUNDED LIKE THERE'S  
16 GOING TO BE A SINGLE CONSULTANT OR EXPERT THAT'S  
17 GOING TO EVALUATE THE QUALITY OF WHAT IS BEING  
18 PROPOSED IN EACH OF THE ACTIVITIES.

19 I MEAN I'M NOT -- I HAVE NO EXPERTISE IN  
20 THIS AREA, BUT I READ SOME OF THESE ACTIVITIES AND  
21 THEY'RE SO BROADLY DEFINED. LIKE A MARKET, YOU CAN  
22 DO MARKET ANALYSES THAT ARE REALLY DETAILED AND TAKE  
23 TIME AND ARE REALLY QUITE GOOD IN TERMS OF QUALITY  
24 OF THE ANALYSIS, AND THEN YOU CAN DO THINGS THAT ARE  
25 RELATIVELY SUPERFICIAL AND NOT VERY GOOD.

1                   SO MAYBE A LITTLE BIT OF CLARITY AROUND  
2           THAT, LIKE HOW MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES DO YOU WANT  
3           TO SEE AND IS THERE A PRIORITY AND HOW IS THE  
4           CONTENT AS OPPOSED TO STARTING AND MAKING PROGRESS  
5           GOING TO BE EVALUATED?

6                   DR. GOLD: SURE. THOSE ARE VERY GOOD  
7           QUESTIONS. AND ONE THING WE DID NOT SHOW HERE WAS  
8           SORT OF THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS WE'RE BUILDING TO  
9           HELP THE APPLICANTS. SO IT WILL LIST THE  
10          ACTIVITIES, IT WILL LIST -- DEFINE THEM. IT WILL  
11          TELL THEM HOW THEY MIGHT ACCOMPLISH THEM. AND IT  
12          WILL TELL THEM IN WHAT STAGE WE EXPECT THEM TO HAVE  
13          THESE ACTIVITIES COMPLETED VERSUS WE'LL BE WORKING  
14          WITH THEM TO DEVELOP THEM.

15                   AND WITH REGARD TO HOW IT WILL BE  
16          EVALUATED, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE  
17          CONSULTANT FOR THIS. WE HAVE TO HAVE A POOL REALLY  
18          TO PULL UPON IN CASE THERE'S ANYBODY CONFLICTED FOR  
19          A PARTICULAR APPLICATION. BUT THEY WILL BE  
20          EVALUATING, AS SHYAM POINTED OUT, NOT JUST WHETHER  
21          OR NOT SOMEONE HAS DONE AN ACTIVITY OR THEY STARTED  
22          AN ACTIVITY, BUT HOW WELL THEY'VE DONE IT, HOW  
23          COMPLETE IT IS.

24                   SO WHAT WE'RE REALLY LOOKING TO DO HERE IS  
25          NOT TO RULE PEOPLE OUT, BUT TO HELP EDUCATE THEM AND

1 BRING THEM ALONG BECAUSE I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE  
2 THAT IF WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT HAS GREAT SCIENCE AND  
3 GREAT MEDICINE BEHIND IT, IT JUST NEEDS TO BE  
4 TWEAKED TO MAKE IT MORE ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE TO  
5 PATIENTS. THERE'S WAYS OF DOING THAT. THERE'S  
6 CONSULTANTS WE CAN BRING IN. THERE'S ADVICE WE CAN  
7 GET FOR THEM. SO WE REALLY WANT TO GET THAT  
8 FEEDBACK TO THEM SO THEY CAN IMPROVE WHAT THEY'RE  
9 SUBMITTING TO US SO WE CAN FUND IT.

10 DR. LEVITT: YEAH. SO I WOULD IMAGINE,  
11 THEN, THAT THE PROGRESS REPORTS WHERE THEY'RE GOING  
12 TO REPORT BACK, INCLUDING THE SCIENCE THAT THEY'RE  
13 DOING, BUT ALSO THESE EFFORTS IN TERMS OF ACTIVITIES  
14 ARE GOING TO BE INCLUDED AT SOME LEVEL OF DETAIL  
15 THAT'S GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE EVALUATED IN TERMS OF  
16 PROGRESS, RIGHT?

17 DR. GOLD: ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. AND THE  
18 ACTIVITIES WHICH WE'RE NOT REQUIRING THEM TO COME IN  
19 WITH, DEPENDING ON WHAT STAGE THEY'RE AT, THEY WILL  
20 HAVE TO ACHIEVE THEM. THOSE WILL BE OBJECTIVE  
21 MILESTONES THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HIT. SO IT WILL  
22 REALLY BE A FOCUS OF THEIR ACTIVITIES.

23 DR. LEVITT: OKAY. THANKS.

24 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: HARLAN.

25 DR. LEVINE: YEAH. AND PAT MAY HAVE

1     ADDRESSED MY QUESTION.  IS THIS ALL SELF-ASSESSMENT?  
2     AND IF IT IS SELF-ASSESSMENT, TO WHAT DEGREE WILL  
3     CIRM DO SOME AUDITING OR OTHERWISE REVIEW THE  
4     SELF-ASSESSMENT?

5             DR. GOLD:  SELF-ASSESSMENT DURING THE  
6     PROGRESS REPORTS, DO YOU MEAN?

7             DR. LEVINE:  YEAH.  LIKE FILLING OUT THE  
8     CHECKLIST, IS IT -- ARE THE INVESTIGATORS OR THE  
9     APPLICANTS FILLING OUT THE CHECKLIST?  OR IS IT A  
10    DIALOGUE WITH CIRM TO DECIDE WHAT THE RIGHT ANSWER  
11    SHOULD BE, WHAT THE CORRECT CHECKMARK SHOULD BE?

12            DR. CANET-AVILES:  IT'S NOT  
13    SELF-ASSESSMENT.  THEY WILL BE FILLING UP AND WE  
14    WILL BE EVALUATING AND WE WILL HAVE CONSULTANTS TO  
15    HELP US ADVISE OR FIGURE OUT WHETHER CERTAIN  
16    ACTIVITIES WERE SUPPOSED TO BE DONE OR THOUGHT OF AT  
17    THAT STAGE OR NOT.  RIGHT?

18            SO, NO, THERE'S NO SELF-ASSESSMENT.  WE  
19    WILL BE SUPPORTING THEM.  AS JOE REMARKED, THIS IS  
20    ALL ABOUT EDUCATING AND HELPING.  IT'S NOT ABOUT  
21    TRYING TO CATCH THEM ON SOMETHING.  RIGHT?  IT'S  
22    ABOUT TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO  
23    EDUCATE OUR GRANTEES AND APPLICANTS INTO WHAT DO  
24    THEY NEED TO HAVE IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS  
25    WILL BE REACHING THE RIGHT PATIENTS OR THE PATIENTS

1        THAT NEED THE THERAPY ONCE DEVELOPED.

2                DID WE ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, HARLAN?

3                DR. LEVINE:    YOU DID.    I THINK I MISSED  
4        THE POINT THAT THIS IS OUR EVALUATION OF -- THIS IS  
5        OUR CHECKLIST.    THIS IS NOT -- I ASSUME --  
6        SELF-ASSESSMENT REALLY WASN'T WHAT I MEANT.    I  
7        ASSUME THAT WE WERE DOING THE CHECKLIST OFF OF  
8        INFORMATION THEY SUBMITTED TO US.    SO I WAS JUST  
9        TRYING TO FIGURE OUT ARE WE -- HOW ARE WE VALIDATING  
10       THE INFORMATION THAT'S SUBMITTED, BUT I THINK YOU'VE  
11       ANSWERED THE QUESTION THAT I WAS ASKING.

12               DR. LEVITT:    CAN I JUST FOLLOW UP ON  
13        SOMETHING?    WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT  
14        ACTIVITIES, THEY HAVE, AT LEAST FROM MY PERSPECTIVE,  
15        OVERLAPPING, BUT NOT IDENTICAL EXPERTISE THAT'S  
16        NEEDED IN ORDER TO PULL THEM OFF.    RIGHT?    AND SO  
17        HOW IS THE -- I'M NOT FAMILIAR.    HOW IS THE BUDGET  
18        ORGANIZED OR STRUCTURED IN A WAY WHERE THE TEAMS ARE  
19        GOING TO HAVE THE TALENT TO BE ABLE TO DO SOME OF  
20        THESE ACTIVITIES BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE A  
21        SINGLE PERSON EMBEDDED WITHIN A FUNDED PROJECT  
22        THAT'S GOING TO BE ABLE TO HAVE EXPERTISE TO DO ALL  
23        OF THESE BECAUSE THERE ARE THINGS ABOUT MARKETING  
24        AND COMMERCIALIZATION THAT ARE NOT IDENTICAL IN  
25        TERMS OF UNDERSTANDING HOW TO DO THOSE EVALUATIONS

1 WELL? SO HOW IS THE BUDGET STRUCTURED IN A WAY  
2 WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE THE TALENT TO BE ABLE TO  
3 PULL THIS OFF?

4 DR. PATEL: SO YOU'RE ASKING ABOUT THE  
5 AWARDEE AND HOW THEY MIGHT EXECUTE ON THE  
6 ACTIVITIES?

7 DR. LEVITT: YES. UH-HUH.

8 DR. PATEL: THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. SO  
9 THEY WOULD HAVE TO -- IN SOME INSTANCES THEY MIGHT  
10 HAVE SOME IN-HOUSE MEMBERS WHO MAY BE ABLE TO DO  
11 SOME OF THAT, BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, THAT IT COVERS A  
12 BROAD RANGE. AS JOE POINTED OUT, YOU'VE GOT HOER,  
13 YOU HAVE MARKETING. YOU HAVE MARKET ACCESS ELEMENTS  
14 AND THEN COMMERCIALIZATION ELEMENTS AS WELL. SO IN  
15 THOSE PARTICULAR INSTANCES, THERE'S SOME OTHER  
16 OPTIONS THEY CAN LEVERAGE. THEY CAN LEVERAGE  
17 INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT IF THERE IS A STAFF ON THE  
18 INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL. AND THERE ARE A RANGE OF  
19 CONSULTANTS THAT THEY CAN ALSO WORK WITH.

20 ON OUR SIDE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE  
21 DOING IS THAT WE ARE ENGAGING WITH DIFFERENT  
22 CONSULTANTS IDENTIFYING WHAT THEIR STRENGTHS ARE AND  
23 THEN BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE SOME OF THESE RESOURCES  
24 THAT POTENTIAL APPLICANTS CAN USE IF THEY WANT TO.  
25 BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, THEY'D HAVE TO BUDGET FOR



1 THOSE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE AWARD WITH RESPECT TO  
2 ALL THE OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT THEY NEED TO DO IN  
3 ORDER TO GET TO THE OBJECTIVE OF THAT AWARD.

4 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: THANK YOU, SHYAM.  
5 ADRIANA.

6 DR. PADILLA: YES. THANK YOU. I LIKE THE  
7 STRUCTURE. I THINK IT'S WELL STRUCTURED. I HAD A  
8 QUESTION ONLY BECAUSE I SIT ON THE GWG. THE MARKET  
9 ACCESS STRATEGY, WE'RE HAVING CHALLENGES ON THE  
10 ACCESS TO DIFFERENT PROJECTS IN THE CLINICAL LEVEL  
11 BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE I SIT ON THE GWG IS ON THE  
12 CLINICAL SIDE. AND SO WHO IS IN CHARGE OF MAKING  
13 SURE THAT ALL OF THE ACCESS TO THE APPROPRIATE  
14 POPULATION THAT THIS IS GOING TO AFFECT? IS IT THE  
15 REVIEW? IS IT THE RESEARCH PROJECT PERSON? IS IT  
16 CIRM OR WHO?

17 DR. CANET-AVILES: THIS IS GOING TO BE A  
18 MIX. I THINK THERE WILL BE A MIX BETWEEN THE  
19 PROGRAMS TEAM HOW WE ARE RIGHT NOW. AS YOU'VE  
20 VOTED, WE'VE AMENDED THE CONCEPT FOR CLIN2 AND WE  
21 ARE IMPLEMENTING ON OUR PROMISE. AND GIL SAMBRANO  
22 HAS BEEN LEADING, TOGETHER WITH OUR PRESIDENT, THE  
23 NEW PATIENT POPULATION IMPACT EFFORT, WHICH IS GOING  
24 TO BE INTEGRATED INTO THE NEW LIKE PROGRAMS, THE  
25 APPLICATIONS, THE REVIEW CRITERIA. RIGHT? SO

1        THAT'S GOING TO BE INTEGRAL TO THAT.

2                AND AT THE SAME TIME ACCESSIBILITY AND  
3        AFFORDABILITY WILL BE AS WE ARE PRESENTING TODAY AN  
4        INTEGRAL COMPONENT OF THE REVIEW OF THE APPLICATIONS  
5        FOR CLINICAL.    RIGHT?    AND PRECLINICAL IN AN EARLIER  
6        STAGE.    RIGHT?    SO THAT WILL ALL BE INTEGRATED  
7        BETWEEN PROGRAMS REVIEW AND THE NEW EFFORT WITH THE  
8        POPULATION IMPACT -- PATIENT POPULATION IMPACT THAT  
9        WE ARE DOING.

10                DOES THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, ADRIANA?

11                DR. PADILLA:    YEAH.    SO I THINK WHAT I WAS  
12        GETTING AT IS THERE'S GOING TO BE A STRONG EMPHASIS  
13        ON POPULATION IMPACT; WHEREAS, US AS REVIEWERS,  
14        WE'RE MORE NEEDING TO LOOK AT IT FROM THE DEI, WHICH  
15        IS NOW OUT THE DOOR, BUT POPULATION IMPACT IS -- I  
16        JUST WANTED TO KNOW HOW WELL THAT'S GOING TO BE  
17        ASSESSED FOR THESE PROJECTS COMING THROUGH IN THE  
18        CLINICAL REALM.

19                DR. CANET-AVILES:    MAY I REFER TO MY  
20        COLLEAGUE?

21                DR. GOLD:    I DON'T KNOW HOW TO ANSWER.

22                DR. CANET-AVILES:    I THINK WHAT WE CAN SAY  
23        IS THAT WE ARE DEVELOPING THE PROCESSES AND THAT  
24        IT'S GOING TO BE INTEGRAL TO OUR NEW WAY OF  
25        REVIEWING, THAT WE WILL NOT BE LOSING THE MEANING OF

1 THE GOAL. RIGHT? I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY WANTS TO  
2 ANSWER.

3 DR. THOMAS: YEAH. I'D JUST ADD TO THAT  
4 THAT WHILE WE'RE NOT USING PERHAPS THAT SPECIFIC  
5 TERMINOLOGY, THE CORE VALUE, WHICH IS THAT ANYTHING  
6 WE FUND NEEDS TO ULTIMATELY BE SOMETHING THAT WOULD  
7 BE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL AFFECTED COMMUNITIES OR THE  
8 PARTICULAR DISEASE IN QUESTION, IS GOING TO BE PART  
9 AND PARCEL OF WHAT ARE THE KEY THINGS TO EVALUATE  
10 ACROSS THE BOARD IN ANY REVIEW. AND SO WE'RE JUST  
11 IN THE PROCESS OF WORKING OUT SOME OF THE DETAILS OF  
12 THAT, BUT THIS IS NOT A DEVIATION FROM WHERE WE'VE  
13 BEEN IN THE PAST. IT'S HONING IN ON THE SPECIFIC  
14 CORE VALUE OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE.

15 DR. PADILLA: IT'S FROM THIS PART OF THE  
16 GOALS WE'LL BE REVIEWING THE -- WE'LL BE TAKING IT  
17 OVER AND REVIEWING THE APPLICATIONS FOR  
18 APPROPRIATENESS THEN? IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THE GWG  
19 REVIEWERS, BOARD MEMBERS?

20 DR. THOMAS: GIL, DO YOU WANT TO --

21 DR. SAMBRANO: I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S  
22 ASKING.

23 DR. THOMAS: SHE'S ASKING IF IT'S GOING TO  
24 BE THE GWG MEMBERS, SAY THE 15, ARE THE ONES WHO  
25 WILL BE EVALUATING THE ACCESSIBILITY ASPECT OF THE

1 APPLICATION.

2 DR. PADILLA: -- PART OF THIS DISCUSSION,  
3 AND I'M SORRY ABOUT THAT. SO MY APOLOGY IF IT'S  
4 NOT.

5 DR. SAMBRANO: ADRIANA, WE'RE STILL  
6 WORKING OUT THE PROCESS. SO THE ELEMENTS -- THERE  
7 ARE SOME ELEMENTS, PARTICULARLY IN PDEV, WHERE I  
8 THINK SHYAM POINTED OUT THAT THE GWG WOULD BE  
9 EVALUATING THE ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY PART. IN  
10 CLIN WE ARE STILL WORKING THROUGH BECAUSE IT'S A BIT  
11 MORE COMPLEX AS TO WHERE THAT COMES IN.

12 THE POPULATION IMPACT IS IDENTIFIED AS A  
13 SEPARATE REVIEW CRITERION THAT THE GWG WOULD  
14 CONTINUE TO EVALUATE IN BOTH CASES.

15 DR. PADILLA: I JUST NEEDED SOME  
16 CLARIFICATION. SO I GOT CONFUSED ABOUT THAT PROCESS  
17 OF THIS PART OF THE GOAL.

18 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: THANK YOU. AMMAR.

19 DR. QADAN: THANK YOU. I WOULD GO TO THE  
20 LIST OF QUESTIONS HERE AND ANSWER THEM QUICKLY. THE  
21 CATEGORIES ARE VERY COMPREHENSIVE. AS DARIUS  
22 PROBABLY MENTIONED, THAT THIS IS BECOMING STANDARD  
23 WITHIN THE INDUSTRY. AND SO IT IS VERY  
24 COMPREHENSIVE.

25 ARE THE ACTIVITIES IDENTIFIED AS IMPACTING

1 ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY APPROPRIATE? THEY'RE VERY  
2 APPROPRIATE.

3 AND THE EVALUATION CRITERIA IS MEANINGFUL  
4 AND APPROPRIATE BY PHASE.

5 TWO THINGS AROUND THE LAST TWO QUESTIONS.  
6 THE GAPS AND RISKS, I THINK THE MAIN RISK THAT COMES  
7 TO MIND IS THE DEPTH THAT YOU CAN GO IN THOSE  
8 CATEGORIES BECAUSE THAT NEEDS A LOT OF EXPERTISE,  
9 BUT AT LEAST THINKING ABOUT THEM TO START WITH IS  
10 CRITICAL. AND SO THERE WILL BE ALWAYS THAT RISK OF  
11 THE DEPTH ASSOCIATED WITH THE ANALYSIS AND THE  
12 ASSESSMENT THEY DO.

13 AND THE LAST QUESTION, THERE ARE ALSO MANY  
14 BENCHMARKS TODAY WHETHER IT IS PUBLISHED OR  
15 PRESENTED. MANY OF THOSE COMPANIES CAN REFER ALSO  
16 TO WHETHER IT IS THE HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT OF  
17 SOME OF THOSE TECHNOLOGIES, WHETHER IN THE U.S. WITH  
18 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE ISSCR OR EVEN OUTSIDE THE U.S.,  
19 JUST TO THINK ABOUT HOW HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS THINK  
20 ABOUT ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY WHEN IT COMES TO  
21 THOSE INNOVATIONS. SO GREAT TOOL, DEFINITELY.  
22 THANK YOU.

23 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: THANK YOU, AMMAR.  
24 LIZ.

25 DR. BOILIEU: JUST A QUICK SORT OF

1 FOLLOW-UP QUESTION TO ADRIANA'S QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW  
2 THE GWG MIGHT BE LOOKING AT THIS. AS I LISTEN TO  
3 THIS, AFTER READING THROUGH THE MATERIALS, QUESTION  
4 COMES TO MIND IS WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE  
5 MARKETABILITY AND WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT  
6 BRINGING THESE PRODUCTS TO MARKET, IN WHICH AREAS WE  
7 SCORE FOLKS WHEN WE'RE -- AND I'M THINKING MORE IN  
8 THE CLINICAL 2, 3, AND 4 PHASES WITH REGARDS TO  
9 REIMBURSEMENT AND PI'S BEGINNING TO ACTUALLY  
10 GENERATE REVENUE FOR THESE SERVICES. ARE WE ASKING  
11 THEM TO BE ABLE TO TELL US THAT WHILE IT'S STILL IN  
12 CLINICAL TRIAL OR THEIR ASSESSMENT OF WHAT WILL BE  
13 THE AFFORDABILITY OF THE PRODUCT IF IT WERE TO BE  
14 ABLE THEN TO GO TO MARKET IF THAT MAKES SENSE?

15 DR. GOLD: I'LL TAKE THE LATTER. REALLY  
16 THE ULTIMATE GOAL WOULD BE YOU HAVE TO PREDICT.

17 DR. BOILIEU: OKAY.

18 DR. GOLDSTEIN: SO IT'S GOING TO BE A  
19 PREDICTION. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE VERIFIABLE.

20 DR. BOILIEU: OKAY. THE ONLY REASON I  
21 BRING THE QUESTION UP IS THEN LISTENING TO IT AND  
22 THEN READING THE MATERIALS IS CERTAINLY WHAT WE HAVE  
23 GOING FOR US IS ANYTHING THAT THE FDA ULTIMATELY  
24 APPROVES, FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN IN OUR MARKETPLACE IN  
25 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS THAT ALL PAYERS WOULD

1 JOIN IN AND COVER THAT SERVICE OR PRODUCT, WHICH IS  
2 GREAT.

3 IT'S IN THE CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT PHASE  
4 THAT WE RUN INTO TROUBLE WITH HOW DO THE RESEARCHERS  
5 FUND WHAT THEY'RE DOING BECAUSE THEY AREN'T  
6 INDUSTRY. THEY DON'T HAVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS  
7 BEHIND THEM THAT ALLOWS THEM TO BUILD THROUGH THE  
8 PHASES. RIGHT? IF WE ALWAYS LISTEN TO THE NEWS AS  
9 TO HOW INDUSTRY ALWAYS HAS TO RECOUP THEIR RESEARCH  
10 AND DEVELOPMENT, OUR PROVIDERS THROUGH OUR SYSTEMS  
11 ARE DOING THAT ON A SHOESTRING BASICALLY COMPARED TO  
12 WHAT INDUSTRY COULD DO. SO TRYING TO THEN ASCERTAIN  
13 HOW MUCH SUPPORT WE CAN PROVIDE THEM THROUGH THAT  
14 CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE ONCE WE GET IT TO  
15 MARKET OR SOMEONE GETS SOMETHING TO MARKET, I THINK  
16 WE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET OUR GOAL OF THAT  
17 ACCESSIBILITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACROSS ALL MARKET  
18 SEGMENTS.

19 AND HOPEFULLY, AND I KNOW THE GOAL IS CAN  
20 WE THEN BE ABLE TO DO THAT AT A MUCH LOWER RATE THAN  
21 MAYBE WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW. I THINK OF THE CAR-T  
22 WORK THAT THE ALPHA CLINICS ARE WORKING ON NOW,  
23 RIGHT, AND CAN WE BRING THAT TO A LOWER PRICE POINT  
24 IN THE MARKET, WHICH ACTUALLY MAKES IT FAR MORE  
25 AFFORDABLE FOR ALL MARKET SEGMENTS.

1                   SO I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT POINT.  
2           THANKS FOR THAT BECAUSE I THINK I WANT TO MAKE SURE  
3           THAT WE DON'T PUT TOO MUCH OF AN ONUS ON THE PI'S TO  
4           TRY AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE FULLY FUNDED AND HAVE  
5           ALL THAT THEY NEED THROUGH THEIR CLINICAL TRIAL JUST  
6           BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S A HUGE LIFT, AND I DON'T  
7           THINK WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO DO THAT FOR THEM.  
8           AND I DON'T WANT THEM TO THINK THEY SHOULDN'T BE  
9           REACHING AFTER SOMETHING SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THAT.

10                   VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: THANK YOU. I  
11           REALLY -- I ALSO WANT TO STOP FOR A MOMENT AND  
12           REFLECT ON THIS IS REALLY GOING TO BE A DIFFERENT  
13           WAY OF LOOKING AT WHAT WE FUND MOVING FORWARD FOR US  
14           AS AN ORGANIZATION AND FOR THE APPLICATION REVIEW  
15           SUBCOMMITTEE AND THE BOARD TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT  
16           BECAUSE NOW WE'RE GOING BEYOND IS IT SCIENTIFICALLY  
17           MERITORIOUS, BUT ALSO DO WE SEE THIS MOVING FORWARD  
18           AND BEING COMMERCIALIZED AND GETTING TO PATIENTS.  
19           AND I THINK THAT THAT'S REALLY GOING TO TAKE AN  
20           EDUCATION FOR US AS A BOARD AND FOR THE APPLICATION  
21           REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THAT MEANS  
22           NOW AND HOW WE DETERMINE ALL OF THAT AND HOW WE  
23           EVALUATE IT.

24                   SO THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY WILL  
25           NEED TO SPEND SOME TIME ON. AND, AGAIN, WHAT THAT



1 REVIEW PROCESS LOOKS LIKE AND HOW IS IT DIFFERENT  
2 NOW? AND I THINK THAT THAT'S JUST IMPORTANT TO  
3 MESSAGE AND SO THAT EVERYONE IS UNDER THE SAME  
4 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THIS MEANS.

5 HARLAN.

6 DR. LEVINE: YEAH. SO I THINK THAT'S A  
7 GREAT POINT THAT YOU MADE. I CAN TELL YOU FROM OUR  
8 EXPERIENCE WHERE WE WERE -- SHIFTED THE PENDULUM  
9 BETWEEN OUR EMPHASIS. SO THIS ISN'T ACROSS ALL OF  
10 CITY OF HOPE, BUT A SPECIFIC AREA WHERE WE FUNDED  
11 SPECIAL PROJECTS THAT WE THOUGHT HAD COMMERCIAL  
12 VALUE, WE WENT THROUGH A SHIFT FROM FOCUS ON, YEAH,  
13 GOOD SCIENCE AND COMMERCIAL VALUE TO MORE TOWARDS  
14 COMMERCIAL VALUE. WE FOUND OUT THAT OUR EXTERNAL  
15 ADVISORY TEAM NEEDED TO HAVE SOME MODIFICATIONS AND  
16 BRING IN THAT EXPERTISE. AND PLUS THE OPPORTUNITIES  
17 ARE SO VARIED, YOU REALLY CAN'T HAVE A TEAM THAT HAS  
18 NECESSARY EXPERTISE IN ALL THESE AREAS. SO WE HAD  
19 TO HAVE LIKE A PANEL OF CONSULTANTS ON THE OUTSIDE  
20 TO CHECK WITH. IT FELT UNCOMFORTABLE BECAUSE IT WAS  
21 ONE PERSON SOMETIMES THAT WAS THE EXPERT; WHEREAS,  
22 BEFORE, WHEN IT WAS ALL SMALL MOLECULES, IT WAS A  
23 TEAM OF EXPERTS. AND THEN WE WENT TO THE COMMERCIAL  
24 FOCUS. IT WAS LIKE, WELL, HALF OF THEM HAD  
25 COMMERCIAL EXPERIENCE.

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1                   SO I'M GLAD YOU POINTED IT OUT. I  
2           APPRECIATE THE MESSAGING WILL BE IMPORTANT. AND I  
3           THINK IT'S GOING TO BE HARD WORK FOR CIRM TO MAKE  
4           THE SHIFT. SO THAT WAS ONE COMMENT.

5                   AND THE LONGER OF MY TWO COMMENTS, THE  
6           SECOND ONE IS SOMEONE DID MENTION DEI. AS YOU MAY  
7           KNOW, THAT PI'S ARE BEING ASKED TO CERTIFY OR  
8           INSTITUTIONS ARE BEING ASKED TO CERTIFY THAT THEY  
9           DON'T PARTICIPATE IN ANY PROGRAMS THAT ARE NOW  
10          SUPPORTING ILLEGAL ACTIVITY. SO JUST FROM OUR PI  
11          APPLICANT POINT OF VIEW, WE JUST NEED TO BE REALLY  
12          CAREFUL THAT WE'RE NOT CREATING CONFLICTS FOR THEM  
13          IN SOME OF OUR CIRM PROJECTS, THAT WE'RE VERY  
14          ADHERENT TO FEDERAL LAW AND MAKE THAT REALLY CLEAR  
15          TO APPLICANTS, THAT THERE IS AN EXPECTATION THAT WE  
16          ADHERE TO FEDERAL LAW.

17                  VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: YES, THANK YOU,  
18          HARLAN, FOR THAT.

19                  DR. GOLDSTEIN: NEVERTHELESS, ONE OF THE  
20          GOALS OF OUR COMMITTEE IS TO DEAL WITH --

21                  DR. LEVINE: ACCESS?

22                  DR. GOLDSTEIN: -- ACCESS. THERE WE GO.  
23          THERE'S THE WORD. AND COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE NOT HAD  
24          AS MUCH ATTENTION. AND SO I THINK UNDERSTANDING  
25          WHAT IS THE BURDEN OF DISEASE, THE LIFE EXPECTANCY

1 IN POPULATIONS IS PART OF THIS. RIGHT? WHETHER  
2 THAT'S COINED IN LANGUAGE OF MARKETING OR THE  
3 ACCESS OF DEI, I THINK THE GOAL IS THE SAME. WE ARE  
4 BRINGING THERAPIES TO ALL CALIFORNIANS. AND THAT  
5 DOESN'T MEAN EACH AND EVERY CALIFORNIAN. IT MEANS  
6 THAT THERE ARE COMMUNITIES WITHIN CALIFORNIA THAT  
7 ARE UNDERSERVED.

8 SO THE LANGUAGE OF THIS REALLY GRATES ON  
9 ME A LITTLE BIT BECAUSE IT IS THE LANGUAGE OF  
10 MARKETING AND NOT THE LANGUAGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH. I  
11 THINK THAT MAY BE NECESSARY NOW TO DO THAT, BUT I  
12 THINK WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE STRIVE -- THAT  
13 PARTLY WHAT WE'RE ADDRESSING HERE ARE THE ECONOMIC  
14 IMPACTS THAT GO BEYOND PRODUCTS. RIGHT? IT'S THE  
15 ECONOMIC IMPACTS TO THE STATE AND EVERY COMMUNITY IN  
16 IT. AND I'M NOT SURE WHERE THAT IS, RIGHT, IN THIS.  
17 WHERE DOES THE IMPACT ON FAMILIES GET ASSESSED IN  
18 THE RUBRIC, IN THE CHECKLIST?

19 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: I THINK THOSE ARE  
20 QUESTIONS WE ARE STILL -- THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
21 INTERNALLY. AND SO THAT'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT  
22 WE CAN REPORT BACK OUT ON, BUT THESE ARE ISSUES THAT  
23 HAVE DEFINITELY COME UP RECENTLY. SO THEY'RE NOT  
24 BEING IGNORED, I PROMISE.

25 DR. GOLDSTEIN: I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT

1     VERSION.  THESE ARE DIFFICULT TOPICS.  THERE'S NO  
2     MAGIC WAND HERE.  RIGHT?  BUT I THINK THE LANGUAGE  
3     OF MARKETING IS USEFUL AND MARKET ASSESSMENT AND  
4     CHANNELS AND SO ON.  NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT.  THE  
5     MEDICAL WORLD HAS ADOPTED THAT, AND THAT'S NOT GOING  
6     AWAY.  BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE STILL NEED TO MAKE SURE  
7     THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THERAPY  
8     GOES BEYOND MONEY.

9                 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE:  ABSOLUTELY.  THANK  
10    YOU, TED.

11                AND, HARLAN, I THINK MAYBE I'LL ASK GIL  
12    AND ROSA TO FOLLOW UP WITH YOU AROUND YOUR  
13    EXPERIENCES THAT YOU REFERENCED EARLIER ABOUT  
14    BRINGING REVIEWERS ALONG AND TEAMS ALONG TO  
15    UNDERSTAND A SHIFT IN FOCUS AND HOW TO EVALUATE  
16    BECAUSE I THINK THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE TEAM  
17    AS THEY LOOK TO ASSEMBLE A NEW TYPE OF REVIEW.  SO  
18    THANK YOU.

19                DR. LEVINE:  AWESOME.

20                VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE:  SO I'M GOING  
21    TO -- I'M GOING TO ASK FOR A MOTION NOW.  AND THE  
22    MOTION IS TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED TOOLKIT AND  
23    GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION  
24    OF ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY PLANNING IN CIRM  
25    PROGRAMS.

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1 DR. BARRETT: SO MOVED.  
2 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: IS THERE A SECOND?  
3 DR. BOILIEU: I'LL SECOND IT, MARIA.  
4 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: THANK YOU. IS  
5 THERE ANY OTHER BOARD COMMENT OR WORKING GROUP  
6 COMMENT I SHOULD SAY? SCOTT, IS THERE ANY PUBLIC  
7 COMMENT?  
8 MR. TOCHER: I SEE NO HANDS RAISED.  
9 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: THANK YOU. THEN  
10 CAN YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.  
11 MR. TOCHER: ABSOLUTELY. KIM BARRETT.  
12 DR. BARRETT: AYE.  
13 MR. TOCHER: LIZ BOILIEU.  
14 DR. BOILIEU: AYE.  
15 MR. TOCHER: MARIA BONNEVILLE.  
16 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: YES.  
17 MR. TOCHER: JAMES DEBENEDETTI.  
18 MR. DEBENEDETTI: AYE.  
19 MR. TOCHER: TED GOLDSTEIN.  
20 DR. GOLDSTEIN: AYE.  
21 MR. TOCHER: CHRISTINA HARTMAN.  
22 DR. HARTMAN: AYE.  
23 MR. TOCHER: DAVID HIGGINS. SORRY, DAVID,  
24 YOU ON MUTE?  
25 DR. HIGGINS: I AM TRYING TO GET BACK ON.

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1 MR. TOCHER: OKAY. DARIUS LAKDAWALLA.  
2 DR. LAKADAWALLA: AYE.  
3 MR. TOCHER: HARLAN LEVINE.  
4 DR. LEVINE: AYE.  
5 MR. TOCHER: PAT LEVITT.  
6 DR. LEVITT: YES.  
7 MR. TOCHER: ADRIANA PADILLA.  
8 DR. PADILLA: YES.  
9 MR. TOCHER: AMMAR QADAN.  
10 DR. QADAN: AYE.  
11 MR. TOCHER: ADRIENNE SHAPIRO.  
12 MS. SHAPIRO: AYE.  
13 MR. TOCHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MARIA,  
14 BACK TO YOU.  
15 VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: THANK YOU. I  
16 REALLY WANT TO THANK THE TEAM. THIS IS GREAT WORK.  
17 AND IT'S A MANDATE WE HAVE, AND I THINK WE'RE  
18 GETTING THERE. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PUTTING ALL  
19 THAT WORK AND TIME INTO PUTTING THIS ALL TOGETHER.  
20 I THINK IT JUST MAKES OUR PROGRAMS STRONGER. SO I  
21 APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HARD WORK.  
22 AND THANKS TO THE WORKING GROUP. I KNOW  
23 SEVERAL OF YOU GOT TO WEIGH IN. SO I APPRECIATE IT.  
24 AND WE WILL SEE YOU SOON. SO WITH THAT, WE ARE  
25 ADJOURNED.

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(THE MEETING WAS THEN CONCLUDED AT 3:28 P.M.)

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