

**Connecticut Stem Cell Research Peer Review Committee
Teleconference
March 17, 2009
Minutes**

A meeting of the Connecticut Stem Cell Research Peer Review Committee (Peer Review Committee) was held by teleconference on March 17, 2009. The meeting was initiated at the Department of Public Health, 450 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut. The call began at 12:00 PM.

Members Present: Leslie Weiner, Chair, Leann Jones, Steven Goldman, Dieter Gruenert, William Lensch, Malinda Lako, Hannah Mikkola, Gary Stein, Miodrag Stojkovic

DPH Staff: Warren Wollschlager, Denise Leiper.

Introductory Remarks:

Warren Wollschlager called the meeting to order at 12:30 and welcomed and all on the line. , and noted the presence of a quorum. Dr. Weiner, Chair, thanked the members of the Peer Review Committee, and provided an overview of the Peer Review process. He commented upon the high quality of the applications from the research community.

Minutes:

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Peer Review Committee voted in favor of approving the minutes of the meetings of March 28, 2007 and February 19, 2008.

Status of Reviews:

Dr. Weiner noted that for the most part, primary and secondary reviewers generally agreed upon the scoring of most applications. As needed, assigned reviewers were directed to discuss their proposed rankings and were able to reach agreement on final recommendations for 76 of the 77 applications. Per the Chair, a single application was identified as having some potential ethical concerns; all other applications met the ethical standards of the National Academy of Sciences. The one outstanding review will be completed upon notification of the secondary reviewer, unavailable at the time of the meeting.

Committee Recommendations:

Upon a motion made and seconded, the Peer Review Committee members voted unanimously to accept the final draft scores of all applications for grants-in-aid, and authorized to Chair to finalize the one outstanding review. Ethical concerns with respect to the single application will be shared with the Advisory Committee.

Next Steps:

The Chair indicated that the final scores, rankings, and narratives will be provided to DPH in by Friday, March 20, 2009.

