

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SCIENTIFIC COUNSELORS  
CLINICAL SCIENCES AND EPIDEMIOLOGY**

**JULY 9, 2019**

The meeting of the National Cancer Institute Board of Scientific Counselors for Clinical Sciences and Epidemiology was convened on July 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the National Cancer Institute, Bldg. 35A, Conference Room 620/630, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814. The meeting was closed to the public from 9:00 a.m. until adjournment at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Raymond DuBois presided as Chair.

**Members Present**

Dr. Lynne Abruzzo (Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center)  
Dr. Julie Buring (Harvard Medical School)  
Dr. Graham Casey (University of Virginia)  
Dr. Arnab Chakravarti (The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center)  
Dr. John DiPersio (Washington University School of Medicine)  
Dr. Faith Davis (University of Alberta)  
Dr. Mary Nora Disis (Washington School of Medicine)  
Dr. Elizabeth Fontham (Louisiana State University)  
Dr. Garry Hammer (University of Michigan Medical School)  
Dr. Eric Klein (Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine)  
Dr. Steve Libutti (Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey)  
Dr. Patricia Lorusso (Yale Cancer Center)  
Dr. Douglas McNeel (University of Wisconsin Carbone Cancer Center)  
Dr. Duane Mitchell (McKnight Brian Institute)  
Dr. Roman Perez-Soler (Albert Einstein Cancer Center)  
Dr. Oliver Alton Sartor (Tulane Medical School)  
Dr. Joan Schiller (Inova Schar Cancer Institute)  
Dr. Stephen Schwartz (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center)  
Mr. Virgil Simons (The Prostate Net, Inc)  
Dr. Vernon Sondak (University of South Florida)  
Dr. Ren Sun (University of California)  
Dr. Mary Beth Terry (Department of Epidemiology Columbia University)  
Dr. Gail Tomlinson (University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Health Public Health)  
Dr. Sally Vernon (University of Texas-Houston)  
Dr. Mitchell Kronenberg (La Jolla Institute of Allergy and Immunology)\*\*

\*\* BSC Basic Sciences

**Federal Employees Present**

Dr. Brenda Boersma (NCI)	Dr. Kathleen Kelly (NCI)	Dr. Joel Schneider (NCI)
Ms. Theresa Bolton (NCI)	Dr. Geoff Kidd (NCI)	Dr. Carol Thiele (NCI)
Ms. Melissa Bronez (NCI)	Dr. Cindy Masison (NCI)	Dr. Mehrdad Tondravi (NCI)
Dr. Stephen Chanock (NCI)	Dr. Cathy McClave (NCI)	Ms. Cam Trang (NCI)
Dr. Montse Garcia-Closas (NCI)	Dr. Glenn Merlino (NCI)	

Mr. Christopher Corey (NCI)  
Ms. Victoria Fisher (NCI)  
Ms. Marianne Henderson (NCI)  
Dr. Robert Hoover (NCI)

Mr. Roberto Minutillo (NCI)  
Dr. Tom Misteli (NCI)  
Dr. Beverly Mock (NCI)  
Dr. Tim Rosean (NCI)

Ms. Gretchen White (NCI)  
Dr. Brian Wojcik (NCI)  
Dr. Richard Wyatt (NCI)  
Dr. Hannah Yang (NCI)

## **CLOSED SESSION**

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### **I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks**

Dr. Raymond DuBois called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees.

### **II. Review of Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Procedures**

Dr. Brian Wojcik, NCI Institute Review Office and Executive Secretary of the Board of Scientific Counselors for Clinical Sciences and Epidemiology, explained the policies and procedures regarding confidentiality and avoidance of conflict of interest situations to members of the Board.

### **III. Report from the Director, Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics (DCEG): Budget and Site Visit Update**

The DCEG Scientific Director, Dr. Stephen Chanock, summarized the actions that have been taken in response to recommendations from the last Board meeting. He updated the Board about current DCEG organization, including searches and new hires, several recent events, activities and initiatives, scientific highlights, and awards that investigators within the Division have recently received.

### **IV. HPV Vaccine Trial Working Group Update**

The co-Chair of the HPV Vaccine Trial Working Group, Dr. Elizabeth Fontham, updated the Board on the Working Group's recent activities and discussions.

### **V. Review Procedure**

Dr. Wojcik presented the review format for the discussion of site visit reports and Branch Responses.

### **VI. Board Review and Discussion**

The Board discussed the site visit report and responses from one DCEG Branch, which was recently reviewed and made final resource recommendations.

## **OPEN SESSION**

### **VII. Presentation of two CCR R&D Contract Proposals for Concept Review**

The Scientific Director, CCR, Dr. Tom Misteli, presented two contract proposals to the BSC for a concept review. The first concept is for an extension of an existing contract with the University of Maryland for the collection of human tissues, cells, and biofluids. The second proposal is to create the CCR Office of Sponsored and Regulatory Oversight to aid NCI PIs in matters involving IND trials. The Board approved both proposals unanimously.

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### **VIII. Report from the Scientific Director for Clinical Research, Center for Cancer Research (CCR): Budget and Site Visit Update**

The Scientific Director, CCR, Dr. Tom Misteli, updated the Board on CCR activities, staffing, scientific advances and initiatives, the budget, an NIH Policy change, and other news since the last BSC meeting.

### **IX. CCR Liver Cancer Program**

Drs. Tim Greten, Thoracic and GI Malignancies Branch, and Xin Wei Wang, Laboratory of Human Carcinogenesis, updated the Board on the broad range of liver cancer research activities of the CCR.

### **X. Implementation of BSC Clinical Science Recommendations**

Dr. Beverly Mock, Deputy Director and Associate Director of Scientific Programs, CCR, summarized the actions that have been taken in response to recommendations from the last Board meeting.

### **XI. Board Review and Discussion**

The Board discussed the site visit report and responses from two CCR PIs, which were recently reviewed and made final resource recommendations.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on July 9, 2019.

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

Submitted by: 

Brian Wojcik, Ph.D.  
Executive Secretary  
Board of Scientific Counselors  
Basic Sciences  
National Cancer Institute

Approved by: 

Raymond Dubois, M.D., Ph.D.  
Chairperson  
Board of Scientific Counselors  
Clinical Sciences and Epidemiology  
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**Attachment:**  
Roster