

SUMMARY MINUTES

NATIONAL CANCER ADVISORY BOARD
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ORGAN SITE PROGRAMS

Conference Room 8, C Wing
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH
Building 31, Bethesda, Maryland

October 4, 1981

The NCAB Subcommittee on National Organ Site Programs was convened on open session at 7:30 p.m. on October 4, 1982, on the NIH Campus in Bethesda, Maryland. Attached is a roster of the Subcommittee. Mrs. Lombardi and Dr. Selikoff were absent. The following NCI staff were also present: Mrs. Barbara Bynum, Drs. Vincent Cairolì, Mary Fink, William Straile, William A. Walter, Jr. No members of the public were present.

Dr. Powers open the meeting by stating the purpose of the meeting, namely, to discuss and develop guidelines for the review of the Organ Site Program which is to take place November 22-25, 1981. The Subcommittee reviewed the list of individuals who had been appointed to the special review committee, and recommended that an epidemiologist and a urologist be added to the committee. It was also recommended that one or more NCAB Subcommittee members attend the review as observers. The Subcommittee then discussed what guidelines should be developed for use by the special review committee in reviewing the Organ Site Program. A copy of the draft guidelines is attached.

The Subcommittee went into closed session to review select summary statements identified by NCAB members for discussion on the last Organ Site mail ballot.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

REPORT OF NCAB ORGAN SITE SUBCOMMITTEE
TO NATIONAL CANCER ADVISORY BOARD
October 7, 1981

Draft of Review of Organ Site Projects

I. Statement of the Organ Site Programs - Rationale and Objectives

A. Rationale for Organ Site Programs

1. Existence of significant health problems
2. Existence of exploitable scientific advances or opportunities
3. Shortage of organ site related research relating basic and clinical science
4. Limited research personnel facilities
5. Need for communication to practitioners

B. Objectives of Organ Site Programs

1. Plan research program to set priorities
2. Recruit investigators and research projects
3. Solicit and review applications
4. Administer a headquarters for project, including communications, review, and program planning
5. Preclude duplication of existing research supported by other agencies and mechanisms
6. Provide funding for organ-related programs of important research
7. Communicate to the scientific-medical community the needs and opportunities for research as well as the results of studies

II. Charge to ad hoc committee for review of Organ Site Projects

A. Critique of the guidelines and objectives of each project

1. To what extent are guidelines and objectives still viable?
2. To what extent are they being met?
3. To what extent is the program planning and priority setting being accomplished?

- B. How effective has the project been in attracting new investigators and has this been sufficient to the needs of the problem?
- C. Has the focus of investigations been unique and specific to the organ sites and how effective in preventing duplication of other research initiatives and not replacing general non-specific research?
- D. Could the research objectives including
1. the planning
 2. the recruitment of investigators
 3. review and prioritizing
 4. scientific investigations
- have been or now be accomplished by other mechanisms such as the use of conventional grants, task force, or other?
- E. To what extent has the project resulted in an interdisciplinary interaction in the scientific and medical communities?
- F. Is the administration of the project effective and is the cost appropriate?
- G. What is left to be done? Are appropriate steps being taken to plan programs for future efforts?

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