

## ACTIVITIES AND AGENDA SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting of November 28, 1982

### MINUTES

The Activities and Agenda Subcommittee of the National Cancer Advisory Board met at 7:00 p.m. on November 28, 1982 in Conference Room 9, Building 31-C. Those present included: Dr. Harold Amos, serving as chairman in the absence of Dr. Maureen Henderson; Drs. Braren, Carter, Katterhagen, Mostofi, Powers and Mrs. Kushner and Mr. Schrier of the NCAB; Dr. Longmire, President's Cancer Panel; Mrs. Barbara Bynum, Executive Secretary, Dr. William Walter and Dr. Mary Fink, DEA; and Drs. Peter Greenwald, Saul Shepartz, Elliot Stonehill and Mary Knipmeyer.

After brief introductory remarks by the chairman, the group addressed its concerns regarding a questionnaire mailed to them in which NCAB members were polled as to whether or not they wanted: (a) to receive and review all summary statements; (b) to receive all summary statements but review only those in their areas of major interest; or (c) to receive and review only those of major interest. It was agreed that there would be no change in procedure until there had been an opportunity to address this at a NCAB meeting.

The group then discussed agenda items for the January 1983 meeting as well as possibilities for future meetings. Using items previously submitted as a guide, the following decisions were made:

1. Status of CCOPS -- to be included in the Director's report.
2. Status of Organ Systems Programs -- to be included in Organ Systems Program subcommittee report.
3. Hospice Program -- Dr. Katterhagen expressed continued interest in this item that has been on the docket for some time. Dr. Yates will assist in developing a presentation for an upcoming NCAB meeting.
4. Cancer Care Costs -- Dr. Greenwald and Mrs. Bynum agreed to contact the National Center for Health Care Statistics concerning a speaker -- Tom Hodgson(?) -- for a January 1983 agenda item.
5. Pain Control -- will definitely be a May 1983 NCAB agenda item and will include a report on an AMA conference on pain. It was suggested that we invite Dr. Kathleen Foley of SKI to present.
6. Report on Subcommittee for Review of Contracts and Budget of the Office of the Director -- already scheduled.
7. Biological Response Modifiers Program -- postponed until a decision is made on program review by Special Actions Subcommittee.

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8. Monoclonal Antibodies -- to be enlarged to the subject of diagnostic markers, with Dr. Robert McIntire being invited to speak.
9. Tumor Cell Invasion and the Extracellular Matrix -- consider again for the May NCAB meeting, perhaps with more than one speaker.
10. Federal Budget Process - little enthusiasm for this subject per se, but some interest was shown in proposed presentation on the development of the NCI/NIH budget; to be considered later.

Other items discussed included: (a) desirability of forming an NCAB ad hoc subcommittee on Frederick Cancer Research Facility; (b) presentation of a series of state of the art reports of various cancers by site, to include status of diagnosis, treatment and prevention research. There was unanimous enthusiasm for this, and it was suggested that one site be discussed at each NCAB meeting beginning with respiratory cancer and continuing with the organ systems programs.

Later, during the NCAB November meeting, three other items were suggested for inclusion in the January agenda:

1. Diagnostic imaging was suggested by Dr. Jako for January, if possible. He will find a speaker.
2. Followup report on Breast Cancer protocol - Dr. Chabner.
3. Dr. Gallo's presentation that was scheduled but not given on December 1.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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