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**NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR COMPLEMENTARY  
AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE  
TWENTY-SECOND MEETING  
Minutes of the Special Conference Call  
December 29, 2005**

*Council Members*

Dr. Carlo Calabrese, Portland, OR  
Dr. Deborah Cotton, Boston, MA  
Dr. Robert E. Fullilove, New York, NY  
Dr. Murray Goldstein, Washington, DC  
Dr. Leslie Hillis, Dallas, TX  
Dr. Michael Irwin, Los Angeles, CA  
Dr. Tieraona Low Dog, Tucson, Arizona  
Dr. Bala Manyam, Temple, TX  
Dr. Joel Pickar, Davenport, IA  
Dr. Larry Walker, University, MS

*NACCAM Members Absent*

Dr. Zang-Hee Cho, Irvine, CA  
Dr. Jonathan Davidson, Durham NC  
Dr. Alan I. Leshner, Washington, DC  
Dr. Stefanie Vogel, Baltimore, MD

*NIH Staff Present*

*National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine*

Dr. Margaret Chesney, Deputy Director  
Ms. Carol Fitzpatrick  
Dr. Jane Kinsel  
Dr. Heather Miller  
Dr. Carol Pontzer  
Dr. Catherine Stoney  
Dr. Stephen Straus, Director  
Mr. George Tucker

## **I. Open Session**

The 22nd meeting of the National Advisory Council for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NACCAM) was open to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2).

## **II. Open Session—Call to Order**

The open session of the NACCAM meeting convened at 12:05 p.m. Dr. Jane F. Kinsel, NACCAM Executive Secretary, called the meeting to order. Dr. Kinsel reminded Council of the next meeting, scheduled for February 3, 2006.

## **III. Concept Review**

Dr. Carol Pontzer, presented an overview of a concept for a Request for Applications (RFA) under the Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) program entitled, *Tools and Technology to Measure Adherence and Outcomes in CAM Research*. Dr. Pontzer pointed out that each NIH Institute and Center must spend 2.5% of its allocation on SBIR awards each year. Based on a lower than expected number of SBIR applications this year, NCCAM intends to issue an RFA to stimulate applications in research areas that are of high priority to NCCAM, with the goal of funding meritorious awards in FY 2006 that are responsive to the RFA.

Dr. Catherine Stoney and Dr. Heather Miller, respectively, presented more detail regarding the two areas of research focus under the RFA:

- Development of innovative tools, technologies, and instruments useful in monitoring objective measures of adherence with study protocol in investigations of CAM modalities and interventions, particularly those that are mind-body or biologically-based
- Development of instruments and devices to simultaneously measure multiple dimensions of symptoms related to menopause that are targeted by CAM and conventional interventions

Council discussed the benefits of highlighting the priority areas of interest for the RFA. Council members offered two recommendations. The first was to emphasize that self-administered CAM modalities, such as mind-body and biologically based CAM interventions, are of particular interest for measuring adherence to study protocol. A second suggestion was made to alert potential applicants that symptom management was of interest by changing the word “outcomes” to “symptomatology” in the title of the RFA.

Council unanimously approved the concept for RFA, with the changes recommended.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

As no additional questions or comments were received from the public, Dr. Straus adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

We hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

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