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**NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR COMPLEMENTARY
AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE
MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FORTH MEETING
Teleconference, May 5, 2009**

NACCAM Members present

Dr. Stephen Barnes, Birmingham, AL
Dr. Timothy Birdsall, Goodyear, AZ
Dr. Boyd Bowden, Columbus, OH
Dr. Gert Bronfort, Bloomington, MN
Dr. Lupo Carlota, Memphis, TN
Dr. Sheldon Cohen, Pittsburgh, PA
Dr. Fabio Cominelli, Cleveland, OH
Dr. Silvia Corvera, Worcester, MA
Dr. Stephen Ezeji-Okoye, Palo Alto, CA
Dr. Joan Fox, Cleveland, OH
Dr. Margery Gass, Cincinnati, OH
Dr. Ted Kaptchuk, Boston, MA
Dr. Shin Lin, Irvine, CA
Dr. Katherine Shear, New York, NY
Dr. Danny Shen, Seattle, WA
Dr. Herman Taylor, Jackson, MS
Dr. Xiaoming Tian, Bethesda, MD

NACCAM Members not present

Dr. Lori Alvord, Hanover, NH
Dr. Charles Johnson, Washington, DC
Dr. Raynard Kington, Bethesda, MD
Dr. Richard Niemtzwow, Clinton, MD
Dr. Bruce Redman, Ann Arbor, MI

NIH Staff present

Andrea Collins, NCI, NIH
Claire Harris, NCI, NIH
Dan Xi, NCI, NIH
Marguerite Klein, ODS/OD
Christine Swanson, ODS/OD

Closed Session

The 34th meeting of the National Advisory Council for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NACCAM) was closed to the public, in accordance with the provisions set forth in Sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C., and Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2

The purpose of this meeting was to obtain additional Council input into the decision-making process being used by NCCAM staff for funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). ARRA funds at NIH will be directed to 1) specific ARRA solicitations that have been issued and will be awarded this summer; and 2) outstanding or excellent research grant applications that have undergone peer review and en bloc concurrence for funding by Council, but have not been awarded because of limited funds available.

Dr Briggs reviewed the various ARRA solicitations (challenge grants, grand opportunity (GO) grants, faculty development awards) as well as supplements (administrative, revision and summer students). Dr Briggs provided preliminary estimates of the amount NCCAM intends to commit to the ARRA solicitations and supplements. Dr Briggs sought Council member's advice on the amount NCCAM should commit to the individual ARRA solicitations as well as the overall balance NCCAM should try to achieve between grant applications received through specific ARRA solicitations versus grant applications that have not been awarded because of limited funds available. Council provided input on the overall process and expressed its appreciation for the time and effort exhibited by the NCCAM staff through these challenging and opportune times.

Dr. Goldrosen adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

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

Martin Goldrosen, Ph.D.
Executive Secretary
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Josephine Briggs, M.D.
Chairperson
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