

Next Steps and Concluding Remarks
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DR. TEUTSCH: I think it has been an extremely productive meeting, and I want to thank everybody for all their attentiveness, the hard work. Aside from the bittersweetness of Reed leaving, we have managed to get quite a bit accomplished. We got a letter out to the Secretary regarding reimbursement and CMS. We -- I wouldn't say miraculously because Andrea was a known thing all along -- got our recommendations wound up on the oversight of genetic tests, which is just an enormous accomplishment. That feels awfully good.

We have firmed up the charge and tasks for the Educational Taskforce, and I think we have a good initial discussion on priority setting. Of course, we will have our group formed here to help lead us through that.

It looks like Sarah is gesturing like she has something else to say.

MS. CARR: We have something else to show.

DR. TEUTSCH: What else do we have to show?

While you are showing this, just to let everybody know, the next meeting, which will be July 7th and 8th, will be back here at the Humphrey Building.

Oh, what we have done. We have walked through these. Obviously, on oversight, we finalized the recommendations and approved the transmittal of the report in spirit. We will get any final comments from you on the text. We talked about the Education Group and priority setting. We approved the charge, with some refinements and in draft.

And, the Priority-Setting Taskgroup we just formed. Paul Wise will be chairing it with Mara, myself, Paul, Jim, Muin, and Gurvanet. We will be going through a process hopefully so we will have a substantial discussion of that in July. Then we finalize the letter which you saw yesterday to the Secretary.

Next steps. For the Oversight Report, finish the copy-editing and the final transmission of the recommendations to the Secretary by the end of the month and the finalization of the entire report by April 30th.

Final comments on the text are due February 22nd, and the steering committee will see the final wording of the overarching recommendation.

The Education Taskforce will be developing a plan and timeline, and Priority-Setting will help us develop the materials and process for the priority-setting process for July. We will be working to convene the ex officios, or at least contact them, to solicit their feedback on the topics.

Sylvia and Julio will be helping organize the session for personal genome services for July as well.

So for July, what we have on the table right now is the priority-setting process. Hopefully we will get to finalizing those topics. We have the personalized genome services, and we will try and get the companies in and have that panel. The series of panels that Sylvia is going to help us

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to figure out as to who is all going to be there, and then the update on the Education and Patents Taskforces.

Sounds like a full load to me. Thanks, everyone. Any other final words?

[No response.]

DR. TEUTSCH: Thank you all.

[Applause.]

DR. TEUTSCH: Safe travels.

[Whereupon, at 3:53 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.]