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ATTACHMENT 2

Acronyms Used in Meeting Minutes

BHC – U.S.-México Border Health Commission

BHR – Border Health Research

COE – Centers of Excellence

HCP – Health Care Providers

HHS – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

HRSA – Health Resources and Services Administration

IRB – Institutional Review Board

OBH – Office of Border Health

PAHO – Pan American Health Organization

PRC – Prevention Research Center

RFA – Request for Application

RFP – Request for Proposal

USMBHA – U.S.-Mexico Border Health Association

ATTACHMENT 3

Meeting Agenda



United States–México Border Health Commission *Comisión de Salud Fronteriza México–Estados Unidos*

Binational Border Health Research Work Group Meeting *Reunión Binacional del Grupo de Investigación de Salud Fronteriza*

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Friday, July 17, 2009 / *viernes 17 de julio de 2009*

2:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. P.D.T. (*Tiempo del Pacífico E.U.*)

AGENDA / *PROGRAMA*

2:00 – 2:15 pm Welcome / *Bienvenida* – **J. Manuel de la Rosa** and **Dora Elia Cortés**

2:15 – 2:30 pm Report on Children's Forum / *Informe del Foro de Salud Infantil*

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2:30 – 3:00 pm Centers of Excellence Consortium and BHC Alignment / *Consortio de los Centros de Excelencia y Alineación con la CSF*

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- 3:00 – 3:30 pm** Update on the publication of the Border Health Journal / *Actualización sobre la Publicación de Salud Fronteriza*
- Fernando González, M.D., Executive Director, United States-Mexico Border Health Association / *Director Ejecutivo, Asociación Fronteriza Mexicano- Estadounidense de Salud*
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- 3:30 – 3:45 pm** **BREAK / RECESO**
- 3:45 – 4:45 pm** Update on Border Health Research Issues / *Actualización sobre asuntos de Investigación de Salud Fronteriza*
1. Discussion on establishing a Binational Internal Review Board process / *Discusión para establecer el proceso del Consejo Directivo Binacional* – Drs. De la Rosa and Cortés
 2. Promoting Coordination on Responses to Binational RFAs / *Promover la coordinación para responder a las solicitudes binacionales* – Drs. De la Rosa and Cortés
 3. Update on the draft U.S. Border Health Reform White Paper / *Actualización sobre la publicación del documento de la Reforma de Salud*
- Lisa Cacari Stone, Senior Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center / *Miembro, Fundación de Políticas en Salud Robert Wood Johnson del Centro de Ciencias de la Salud en la Universidad de Nuevo México.*
- 4:45 – 5:00 pm** Next Steps / *Pasos a seguir*
- 5:00 pm** Adjournment / *Clausura*

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Vision / *Visión*

Contribute to the development of a comprehensive border health research agenda for the United States–México border. / *Contribuir al desarrollo de una agenda extensa de investigación de salud fronteriza para la frontera México-Estados Unidos.*

Meeting Objectives / *Objetivos de la Reunión:*

1. Conduct meeting of the BHC’s Border Health Research Work Group and Expert Panel. / *Llevar a cabo la reunión con el Grupo de Trabajo de Investigación de Salud Fronteriza y el Panel de Expertos de la CSF.*
2. Review and discuss the anticipated follow-up to the Border Health Children’s Forum / *Revisar y discutir el seguimiento previsto del Foro de Salud Infantil.*

3. Begin discussion on the proposed alignment with the Centers of Excellence Consortium / *Discutir y planear los pasos a seguir de la propuesta de alineación con el Consorcio de los Centros de Excelencia.*
4. Discuss the progress of the draft U.S. Border Health Reform White Paper / *Discutir el progreso sobre el borrador del Informe Oficial de la Reforma de Salud Fronteriza en E.U.*
5. Begin discussions on plans for the Third Border Health Research Forum (BHRF III). / *Alcanzar consenso sobre planes para un Tercer Foro de Investigación de Salud Fronteriza (BHRFIII).*

United States–México Border Health Commission

Binational Border Health Research Work Group and Expert Panel Meeting

July 17, 2009

La Jolla, California

The United States-México Border Health Commission (BHC) convened a meeting of the Border Health Research (BHR) Work Group and Expert Panel on Friday, July 17, 2009, in the Pacifica Ballroom A of La Estancia Hotel in La Jolla, California.

Welcome

Dr. Dora Elia Cortés Hernández, co-chair of the BHR Work Group, BHC-México Section, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. on July 17, 2009. She welcomed the attendees and reviewed the agenda and contents of the folder provided to attendees. She identified who was present, including members of the BHR Work Group and Expert Panel, BHC members and staff, presenters, and guests. Dr. Cortés then opened the floor for introductions. The list of participants is appended as Attachment 1.

Mr. Dan Reyna, General Manager, BHC-U.S. Section, reviewed the guidelines and administrative ground rules for the meeting.

Mr. Clemente Villalpando Padilla, Executive Secretary, BHC-México Section, welcomed the attendees and provided introductory remarks on the purpose and goals of the meeting.

Report on Children's Forum

Mr. Paul Dulin, Director, Office of Border Health (OBH), New Mexico Department of Health, provided a background on the planning, collaboration, and implementation of the U.S.-México Border Child and Adolescent Health Forum that took place June 2-3, 2009 in El Paso, Texas. He provided information on the format of the forum, which included plenary sessions and three work groups. Mr. Dulin and Dr. R.J. Dutton, Director, Texas OBH, Texas Department of State Health Services, identified the main issues and results of each of the work groups and provided a preliminary report on the evaluation of the forum. The proceedings of the forum are currently being compiled and will be presented to the BHC with a white paper to follow.

Centers of Excellence Consortium and BHC Alignment

Dr. Oscar Beita, Associate Director, Outreach and Multicultural Affairs, University of Arizona College of Medicine, presented on the Hispanic Centers of Excellence (COE) Consortium, including its background, goals, objectives, and activities to date. He stated that Phase VI of the COE activities will focus on carrying out a study to determine where health care providers (HCPs) are accessing information and how they are utilizing it in their practice.

This will include a series of interviews and focus groups with HCPs along the border. A document on this process has been published and provided to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resource and Services Administration (HRSA) and will be provided to those attending the COE meeting on Sunday, July 19, 2009 in La Jolla, California.

Mr. Villalpando asked Dr. Beita's opinion on how México can be more involved with the COE and how the COE provides for HCPs. Dr. Beita stated he was not sure if México experiences the same issues with HCPs, but that it would be good to identify common issues encountered on both sides of the border. He also stated the COE may be able to assist in creating places where HCPs from both sides of the border can come together to discuss common problems and create solutions.

Ms. Linda Don, Assistant Dean, Outreach and Multicultural Affairs, University of Arizona College of Medicine, provided comments on the importance of connecting and communicating with both federal governments to integrate and fund projects.

Update on the Publication of the Border Health Journal

Dr. Fernando González, Executive Director, United States-Mexico Border Health Association (USMBHA), presented on the history, background, and current plans to re-establish the Border Health Journal. He discussed developing a joint work plan and the interest in widening the range of topics.

Ms. Lorely Ambriz, Information and Knowledge Management Advisor, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), presented on other aspects of the journal including copyright and licensing, online publishing, and international standards for open access applications and technologies. The journal will only be available in electronic format.

Subscribers and authors for the journal, the time frame for the start of the next phase, funding, strategies for successful publication, and indexing issues were also discussed. The journal will be published on an annual basis with the first one due by the end of 2009. Planning for funding will come from USMBHA, PAHO, and other partners; however, funding is not currently secured to support this publication. Other organizations will be identified for possible funding opportunities in the future.

Update on Border Health Research Issues

I. Discussion on establishing a Binational Institutional Review Board (IRB) Process

Dr. Cortés stated it was important for a structure to be in place for the BHC to address this issue.

Mr. Villalpando provided an example of a researcher in the U.S. requesting assistance from Mexican authorities with IRB approval to conduct a study and research in México, but he stated that México does not currently have a process or structure similar to the IRB in the U.S. How should the BHC address future requests similar to this?

The role of the BHC in addressing these matters was discussed. Clarification was made that the BHC should serve as a resource and liaison with research institutions. The BHC must be cautious of its role due to legal and institutional issues involved with the IRB process. Discussion continued on how the BHC can provide orientation and coordination on this issue.

Dr. Jose Manuel de la Rosa, co-chair of the BHR Work Group, BHC-U.S. Section, proposed establishing a committee within the BHR Work Group to address these types of issues and report back to the BHC.

Dr. Maria Gudelia Rangel Gómez, BHC-México Section, proposed the BHC establish a directory with the appropriate contact information that can be provided to researchers requesting assistance with IRB issues.

Dr. Rosa Alicia Luna Vázquez, BHC -México Section, agreed with creating a sub-committee because it can look into this issue more in-depth and provide answers to the whole group. Discussion on the role of this sub-committee followed.

The floor was opened for nominations of at least two individuals from the U.S. and two from México to form the sub-committee. The members of the sub-committee were identified as follows:

- Ms. Jill Guernsey de Zapien, Associate Dean for Community Programs, University of Arizona Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health
- Dr. Josefina Lujan, Associate Professor and Regional Dean, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Anita Thigpen Perry School of Nursing El Paso Campus
- Dr. Maria Gudelia Rangel Gómez, Investigadora del Departamento de Estudios de Población del Colegio de la Frontera Norte
- Dr. Velia Nelly Salgado Diez, Investigadora en Ciencias Médicas, Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública
- Dr. Rosa Alicia Luna Vázquez, Subdirectora General Médica del Issste cali

Dr. de la Rosa stated the sub-committee will identify best practices and work with the BHR Work Group and report back to the Work Group on their findings and recommendations.

II. Promoting Coordination on Responses to Binational Request for Applications (RFA)

Dr. Cecilia Rosales, BHC-U.S. Section, provided an example of an RFA disseminated to Prevention Research Centers (PRC) that required applicants to identify partners in México to collaborate on a proposal. She asked the Expert Panel for advice on how to establish a mechanism to facilitate these types of processes to identify partners and respond to RFAs promptly.

Previous processes used with similar issues were discussed. Dr. de la Rosa emphasized that a directory of research institutions that includes individuals with expertise in certain areas on both sides of the border could alleviate this issue and that updating the directory originally created by the COE is possible.

Ms. Jill de Zapien added the BHC can facilitate the dissemination of information on RFAs and RFPs because many times institutions and researchers do not know about them until after the deadline. This can be done through the BHC website at www.borderhealth.org.

Dr. Nelly Salgado proposed creating an electronic mailing group between individuals rather than institutions.

III. Update on the draft U.S. Border Health Reform White Paper

Dr. Lisa Cacari Stone, Assistant Professor and Senior Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, provided the background and progress to date on this white paper. The purpose of the paper will be to: 1) raise national awareness of the key health care issues along the border and 2) identify opportunities that can improve health care access.

Discussion followed on additional topics and opportunities to include in the white paper. Some of those mentioned were mental health, the pending retirement of current HCPs, reimbursement rates, paraprofessionals like *promotoras*, reorganization of the health care and public health systems, and incorporating ideas from the community model like education and leisure activities that are not in the medical model.

Next Steps

Dr. de la Rosa reviewed the items discussed and the action steps. He stated that the work group formed during the meeting should begin planning a teleconference to follow-up on the issues discussed here, including the IRB issue, the inventory of researchers, and input on the health reform paper.

Mr. Villalpando mentioned the release of the publication of *Condiciones de salud en la frontera norte de México*, the border health status report for México. It is available for purchase at El Colegio de la Frontera Norte website: <http://www.colef.mx/publicaciones/inicio.asp>.

There was a short discussion on the next BHR Forum in 2011 and a consensus was reached to hold it in México.

Adjournment

Dr. Cortés provided closing comments and adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.