

**CAB Conference Call  
September 25, 2008  
12:00 EST  
Meeting Minutes**

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**Participants:**

Aida	Harvard University
Carlos	San Juan City Hospital
Cera	UMDNJ
Delia	University of Miami
Elizabeth	University of Puerto Rico
Julie	Harvard University
Ken	University of Illinois
Laura	Denver Children's Hospital
Medina	Bronx Lebanon
Samantha	Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Ctn.
Sheila	University of Florida, Jacksonville
Shirley	Westat
Tanisha	Westat
Theresa	Texas Children's Hospital

• **WELCOME**

**Ken Rich** introduced himself. **Ken** is the Co-Investigator of the PHACS Coordinator Center. He is also the SMARTT protocol chair.

• **MEETING MINUTES**

The August 28, 2008, minutes were approved. **Tanisha** will post them on the website.

• **PHACS CAB NEWSLETTER**

The CAB newsletter is being planned. Members suggested sections for the newsletters:

- HIV Resources and links
- AIDS/ HIV Events Calendar
- Over the counter medications and their interactions with HIV/ AIDS prescriptions.

**Samantha** said a PHACS glossary of terms would help. **Shirley** said that one is being developed. CAB members should send their newsletter and glossary ideas to Tanisha ([tanishasavage@westat.com](mailto:tanishasavage@westat.com)).

• **PHACS IN DEPTH (THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AMP AND SMARTT)**

**Julie and Ken** reviewed the handout made for the call. It shows the differences between AMP and SMARTT. These topics were discussed:

- What's being studied
  - AMP- identify the effects of HIV infection and antiretroviral therapy (ART) on pre-adolescents & adolescents.
  - SMARTT- see if exposure to ART during pregnancy and/or in the first 2 months of life affects children born of HIV-infected mothers. (The children are not infected themselves.)

- Areas being looked at:
  - growth and metabolism
  - heart function
  - bone health
  - neurologic conditions
  - neurodevelopment
  - language development
  - hearing, and behavioral function
- How information is being collected
- How the information collected is being studied

The CAB talked about how AIDS/HIV research has changed in the last decade. They discussed the importance of continuing to educate the public and support projects like PHACS. **Samantha** encouraged the CAB to continue to ask questions. She said a study could start with a caregiver noticing something about their child and bringing it to their doctor.

The PHACS (AMP/SMARTT in depth) handout is on the CAB webpage. (<https://phacs.nichdclinicalstudies.org/viewDoc.asp?id=4#>)

## • PHACS WORKING GROUP

A list of the PHACS working groups was sent. The working groups are a set of experts on PHACS who look at a specific topic in detail. The PHACS leadership would like CAB input. The working groups have one call per month. The working groups are:

- (Surveillance) Complications of HIV and ARV
- Maternal Exposures, Mitochondrial Disease, Pharmacoepidemiology
- Cardiology, cardiovascular, and pulmonary disease
- Metabolic, Growth, and Nutrition
- Behavioral and Neurological Disease
- Hearing, Language, and Expressive Disorders
- Adolescent, Risk behaviors, HPV & other STDs

Participation on the working groups is voluntary. If CAB members want to participate, they should send their top three group choices to Tanisha by Monday, October 20 ([tanishasavage@westat.com](mailto:tanishasavage@westat.com)).

**ACTION ITEM: More information on working groups will be sent with the next meeting reminder.**

## • ADDITIONAL ITEMS

**NOTE: CAB calls are every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. The next call is October 23, 2008 at Noon.**