

**CAB Conference Call
January 22, 2009
12:00 EST
Meeting Minutes**

Participants:

Marilyn	Bronx Lebanon
Theresa	Texas Children's Hospital
Shirley	Texas Children's Hospital
Julie	Harvard University
Kathy	Harvard University
Carlos	San Juan City Hospital
Sharan	University of Alabama, Birmingham
Tanisha	Westat
Shatara	UMDNJ
Laura	Denver
Samantha	Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center
Ginny	Boston
Mercy	Westat
Stephanie	University of Miami
Monica	University of Miami

• **MEETING MINUTES**

The group accepted the minutes for December 11, 2008. **Tanisha** will post the minutes on the website.

• **ADHERENCE TO ANTIRETROVIRAL MEDICATION IN AMP**

Tanisha introduced **Kathy** from Harvard University. **Kathy** joined the call to talk about adherence to antiretroviral medications in AMP. **Kathy** is an epidemiologist. She works at the PHACS Data and Operations Center. The child and the caregiver are both interviewed about how the child takes his/her medications. When the child is interviewed, the site does not talk about HIV infection or HIV medications. Interviews are done at the 6-month follow-up visit, and then again once each year.

Kathy went through the slides that she created for the call. The slides show the answers to survey questions. These questions were asked to caregivers and children for the following areas:

- Last time child missed medication
- How often the child missed medication
- Top reasons for missing medicine
- Top memory aids

- The top three aids are activities of daily living, pill box and the buddy system
- Age and adherence
 - The data shows that as subjects get older, they tend to miss taking their medication more.

The handout is available online under PHACS CAB/Toolbox/Documents:
<https://phacs.nichdclinicalstudies.org/viewDoc.asp?id=23#>

If CAB members have any questions for **Kathy**, they can send them to **Tanisha** at TanishaSavage@westat.com.

- **PROJECT UPDATES**

Mercy introduced herself. **Mercy** is the new Westat project director for PHACS. The patient handouts that are on the CAB website are being updated to add more recent information. A one-page summary of the AMP and SMARTT studies has been created. This handout explains what is being studied on PHACS, the kinds of tests that are being done, and how we are studying them. The final versions of these handouts will be posted to the CAB website.

- **PHACS NETWORK MEETING**

Samantha talked about her experience at the network meeting. She stated that she left the meeting with feeling of how important the community voice is in research. She said it is important that CAB members stay involved.

- **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

The next PHACS newsletter will come out spring 2009. It is important that CAB members have a say in the newsletter. If any CAB member would like to write for the newsletter, contact Tanisha.

NOTE: CAB calls take place every 4th Thursday of the month. The next CAB call is scheduled for February 26, 2009.