

**MINUTES OF THE NUTRITION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (NCC)
MEETING
NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)
Rockledge 2, Conference Room 9112, Bethesda MD
February 6, 2003, 1:00-3:50 PM**

WELCOME

Dr. Van Hubbard, Director of the Division of Nutrition Research Coordination (DNRC), convened the NCC Meeting at 2:00 PM and welcomed the participants. Dr. Deborah Galuska, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Dr. Tammy Brown, Indian Health Service (IHS) participated via teleconference. The agenda for this meeting is provided as Appendix A, and the list of attendees is provided as Appendix B. Dr. Hubbard noted that the NCC Meeting was beginning early to have a scientific presentation, and he issued an invitation to NCC members to provide recommendations for speakers for future meetings.

SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATION

Dr. Wendy Johnson-Taylor, DNRC, introduced the speaker, Dr. Rosalind Coleman, Professor of Nutrition and Pediatrics at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill NC. Dr. Coleman provided a presentation entitled *Enzymes of Triacylglycerol Synthesis: Are These New Anti-Obesity Drug Targets?*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 3, 2002 NCC MEETING

Minutes from the January 3, 2003, NCC Meeting had previously been sent to NCC members via email. Dr. Hubbard, asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes. There were none. Dr. Paul Coates, Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS), made a motion to approve the minutes, and Dr. Deborah Olster, Office of Behavior and Social Science Research (OBSSR), seconded the motion. The minutes were thus approved and will be posted on the DNRC website, <http://www.dnrc.nih.gov> along with the minutes from previous NCC Meetings.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) REPORT

Dr. Christine Taylor, FDA, provided information about the new Food Advisory Subcommittee and the FDA Commissioner's New Initiative. FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition is putting in place a number of Food Advisory Subcommittees. These Subcommittees are being constituted at this time and will include scientists capable of addressing scientific issues that are important to FDA regulatory decisions. The Office of Nutritional Products, Labeling, and Dietary Supplements will house three of these Subcommittees, those on Infant Formula, Dietary Supplements, and Nutrition. It is expected that each Subcommittee will meet twice a year.

FDA Commissioner, Dr. Mark McClellan, announced a major new initiative on December 18, 2002. The initiative is intended to make available to consumers more and better information about the health benefits of foods and dietary supplements. As part of this initiative, provisions for qualified health claims will

be expanded from dietary supplements to conventional foods. Also, FDA will be enhancing its effort to take enforcement action against fraudulent claims on dietary supplement products.

OFFICE OF DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION (ODPHD) UPDATE

Ms. Kathryn McMurry, ODPHP, announced that Dr. Eve Slater resigned as DHHS Assistant Secretary for the Department Health and Human Services (DHHS) and that Surgeon General Richard Carmona will be acting in this position until a new Assistant Secretary is named. Ms. McMurry said that the charter for the 2005 edition of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* was still under review. She noted that ODPHP was considering ways to strengthen the guideline recommendations regarding physical activity.

Dr. Karyl Thomas, ODPHP, announced that the second White House Report on *HealthierUS* is planned to be sent to Departmental heads for interdepartmental review next week. Strategies are being developed to address the action steps and recommendations contained within the report. The Secretary's Prevention Summit, *Steps to a HealthierUS*, will take place in Baltimore on April 15-16, 2003. This national summit will highlight policies that promote healthy environments and model programs from various communities that use *Healthy People 2010* as the cornerstone for planning efforts. Approximately 750 participants are expected, including community, state and national level decision makers (such as congressional staffers). Additional information is available at www.healthypeople.gov. The agenda on the website is preliminary and will be updated with confirmed speakers soon. NCC members are encouraged to share this information with colleagues and to register for the Summit.

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) INITIATIVES UPDATE

Dr. Deborah Galuska announced that a Request for Applications (RFA) went out for state funding for seven topic areas (nutrition, physical activity and obesity, Wisewomen projects, oral disease, arthritis, surveillance system, and genomics). States may apply for any or all of these topics. The due date for response is March 28, 2003. Currently there is state support for programs relating to physical activity, breastfeeding, the 5 A Day program, and decreased television watching. Specifics about these projects are available at <http://www.cdc.gov/funding.htm>. The CDC listserv sends out periodic announcements about funding opportunities. Contact Dr. Hubbard if you would like to be on the CDC listserv.

OFFICE OF DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS (ODS) UPDATE

Dr. Paul Coates, Director of ODS provided the following updates of the activities of that Office:

- The proceedings of the June 2002 Conference, *Future Directions For What We Eat in America-NHANES: The Integrated CSFII-NHANES*, were published in a supplement to the *Journal of Nutrition* (133 (2): 572S-635S, February 2003). The

proceedings can be accessed at the Journal website (www.nutrition.org). This conference was jointly sponsored by ODS, the National Institute for Child Health and Development (NICHD), the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and the Agriculture Research Service (ARS), US Department of Agriculture (USDA).

- A new version of the ODS website has recently appeared. The URL is <http://ods.od.nih.gov>. Comments about the new site are welcomed.
- Dr. Becky Costello, ODS, will soon provide funding decisions about conferences and workshops that were proposed by Institutes and Centers (ICs) for ODS co-sponsorship as part of the ODS Conference and Workshop Program.
- Dr. Ken Fisher is coordinating the development of a new Strategic Plan for ODS. A background document will appear soon on the ODS website with a request for comments and input from ODS stakeholders. ODS will hold a public meeting later in the Spring 2003 to solicit further comment and discussion on the future directions of the Office. It is expected that the new Strategic Plan will be published before the end of 2003. A small group of representatives from several Federal agencies has been recruited to assist ODS in this process. ODS welcomes input from all ICs and agencies to help develop this Strategic Plan.

UPDATE OF DNRC ACTIVITIES

HNRIM. Mr. James Krebs-Smith, DNRC, provided a status report of the Human Nutrition Research Information Management (HNRIM) System. He issued the annual request for NIH ICs to submit their FY 2002 data for HNRIM, and asked for IC data to be sent no later than Friday, March 7, 2003. The formal request will be sent by email within the next few days. Representatives were again encouraged to carefully review their IC's complete research portfolio --including contracts and intramural research -- to identify all relevant nutrition research, based on the Interagency Committee on Human Nutrition Research (ICHNR) definition of *human nutrition research* (<http://hnrnim.nih.gov/pdf/codesdefins.pdf>). Special attention to research related to nutrient and non-nutrient dietary supplements was also encouraged. Because the site is currently undergoing modifications, IC's using the HNRIM Update website last year are asked to submit their data in spreadsheet format this year. Any questions regarding data preparation, coding, or submission should be directed to Mr. Krebs-Smith via e-mail or phone.

Review of the dietary supplement related codes (Fiscal Year 2001 data) was completed during January 2003, and all approved changes were posted to the database. This completed the Fiscal Year 2001 NIH file, which was subsequently *published* and made available at the public HNRIM website (<http://hnrnim.nih.gov>). In addition, the NIH report focusing on nutrition research and training data from Fiscal Years 1999-2001 is now also available at the website.

Nutrition Education Subcommittee. Dr. Jean Pennington, DNRC, provided an update of the activities of the NIH Nutrition Education Subcommittee (NES). The NES completed reviews for two documents received in December 2002 (CDC's *Bone Health Fact Sheets* and the DHHS Region *Tri-City Challenge Passports*).

The NES completed reviews for two documents received in January 2003 (the USDA Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion document *Fabulous fruits...Versatile vegetables* and the NHLBI *Heart Truth for Women: An Action Plan*). The NES has also reviewed the draft for the NIH National Nutrition Month desk-to-desk flyer. This flyer should appear in NIH mailboxes in early March 2003. The list of NIH nutrition education materials was recently updated and is available on the DNRC website.

Trans-NIH Subcommittee on International Nutrition Research (SCINR). There have been no activities of the subcommittee since the last NCC Meeting on January 6, 2003. The next SINCR meeting is scheduled for March 2003.

Obesity Related Activities. Dr. Hubbard provided an update of government activities related to obesity.

- With regard to the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine, Food and Nutrition Board effort, *Action Plan To Prevent Obesity in Children and Youth*, the Committee structure has been finalized with Jeffrey P. Koplan, M.D., M.P.H., (Vice President for Academic Health Affairs, Woodruff Health Sciences Center, Atlanta, GA) as the Chair. The first meeting will be February 19-20, 2003 at the NAS offices in Washington DC.

- Efforts continue to establish DHHS regional networks with a series of meetings on obesity. Region 8 held a meeting in Denver, Colorado on November 20-21, 2002. Region 1 (northeast states) will hold a meeting on February 11, 2003 in Boston, Massachusetts. Region 3 will hold an initial Mayoral Tri-City Challenge in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Washington DC during the summer of 2003.

- NIH activities include a meeting on February 18, 2003 with NIH Director, Dr. Elias Zerhouni, as a follow-up to the December 19, 2002 meeting with the American Association of Obesity. Dr. Rachel Ballard-Barbash, NCI, drafted a statement, *NIH Task Force on Obesity: Perspective Offered by the NIH Nutrition Coordinating Committee (NCC)*, which was sent to NCC members for review. Some minor comments were received. ICs were asked to provide descriptions of their obesity research activities to Dr. Hubbard. This will be the basis for a document to be developed for Dr. Zerhouni.

- NCC members were asked to identify conferences or conference sessions regarding obesity and to provide this information to Dr. Pamela Starke-Reed, DNRC.

- A proposed trans-NIH workshop on obesity, to be held in approximately one year, will focus on mechanisms of obesity to co-morbidities and relate cause and effect to further define the disease process. Dr. Hubbard is seeking those who are interested in providing scientific and/or financial expertise to this meeting.

- One of the columns at the Department of Energy Los Alamos facility has been found to have recoverable O-18 for use in doubly-labeled water for energy expenditure measurements. A second column, at a cost of \$1-2M could be constructed and operated for NIH use.

REPORTS FROM NCC MEMBERS AND LIAISONS

- Dr. Sharon Ross, NCI, introduced Dr. Cindy Davis, a new NCI Program Director, who was previously with the USDA Human Nutrition Research Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Dr. Elizabeth Jeffrey, a Visiting Scientist, who will be with NCI during a year sabbatical from the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign. She also noted a meeting to be held on June 26-27, 2003 in Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH Campus on *Free Radicals: The Pros and Cons of Antioxidants*. This meeting is sponsored by the American Institute for Cancer Research, the American Society for Nutritional Sciences, and NIH (NCI, NCCAM, and ODS).

- Dr. Pamela Starke-Reed asked that NCC members provide updated IC descriptions as previously requested. She thanked those that had replied to her request for descriptions.

- Dr. Sue Krebs-Smith, NCI, announced that the 5th *International Dietary Assessment Conference* had been held in Chiang Rai, Thailand from 27-30 January 2003 with a *Satellite Workshop on Food Consumption Surveys in Develop Countries: Future Challenges* on 25-26 January 2003. Several NCI representatives attended both the Conference and Workshop.

- Dr. Susan Yanovski, NIDDK, announced that the National Task Force on the Prevention and Treatment of Obesity would be meeting on Friday, February 21, 2003 in the Natcher Building, NIH Campus. Presentations at the meeting include *Race/Ethnicity, Body Composition and Health Risk* by Dr. Steve Heymsfield and *Race/Ethnicity, Obesity, and Health Risk: A Population Perspective* by Dr. June Stevens.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

NEXT NCC MEETING

The next NCC Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 6, 2003.

LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix A - NIH NCC Meeting Agenda for February 2, 2003

Appendix B - NCC Meeting Attendees for February 2, 2003

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APPENDIX A. NIH NCC MEETING AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2003

1:00-3:50 PM, Rockledge 2, Conference Room 9112, Bethesda MD

1. **Welcome**..... Van Hubbard
2. **Scientific Presentation (1:00-2:00 PM)**
Rosalind Coleman, MD, Professor of Nutrition
and Pediatrics, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill NC
Presentation “Enzymes of Triacylglycerol Synthesis:
Are These New Anti-Obesity Drug Targets?”
3. **Approval of Minutes from January 2, 2002 NCC Meeting**..Van Hubbard
4. **Food and Drug Administration Report**.....Chris Taylor
New Food Advisory Committee
FDA Commissioner’s New Initiative
5. **ODPHP Update**.....Karyl Thomas and Kathryn McMurry
HealthierUS Follow-Up
Secretary’s Prevention Initiative
Dietary Guidelines for Americans
6. **CDC Initiatives Update**.....CDC Staff
7. **Office of Dietary Supplements Update**.....Paul Coates
8. **DNRC Update of Activities**
HNRIM Update.....James Krebs-Smith
Nutrition Education Subcommittee.....Jean Pennington
Obesity-Related Activities.....Van Hubbard
9. **Reports from NCC Members and Liaisons**.....NCC Members
10. **Next Meeting: Tentative March 6, 2003**
11. **Other Business**.....NCC Members

APPENDIX B. NCC MEETING ATTENDEES FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2003

Members Present Members Absent Alternates Present

Chairperson:	V Hubbard		
NCI		J Milner	
NHLBI	D Danford		
NIDCR		R Nowjack-Rayner	
NIDDK	S Yanovski		R Kuczmariski
NINDS		P Turner	
NIAID		M Plaut	
NIGMS		S Somers	
NICHHD	G Grave		D Raiten
NEI		N Kurinij	
NIEHS	M McClure		
NIA	J Finkelstein		
NIAMS		J McGowan	
NIDCD		B Wong	
NIMH		P Muehrer	
NIDA		G Lin	
NIAAA	V Purohit		
NINR		K Helmers	
NCCAM	M Klein		
NCRR	F Taylor		
FIC		N Tomitch	
NCHGR		K Hudson	

NIH Liaison Members:

OD/ODP	B Portnoy		
CC	N Sebring		
CIT		J Mahaffey	
CSR		S Kim	
OLPA			
NLM		S Phillips	
OC		M Stern	
ODS	P Coates		
PRCC		M Vogel-Taylor	
OBSSR	D Olster		

Agency Liaison Representatives:

FDA		E Yetley	S Blakely
CDC/NCHS	J Wright		
CDC/NCCDPHP		S Kuester	D Galuska
HRSA		M Lawler	
IHS	T Brown		
ODPHP	K McMurry		K Thomas
USDA		W Wolf	
DOD		K Friedl	

DNRC: S Frazier, W Johnson-Taylor, J Krebs-Smith, J Pennington, K Regan, P Starke-Reed; N Stegon

Guests: R Ballard-Barbash (NCI), C Davis (NCI), G Hartmuller (NCI), J Haumel (NHLBI), E Jeffrey (NCI), A Jerkins (CSR), Y Kim (NCI), S Krebs-Smith (NCI), M Mathias (CSREES/USDA), S Ross (NCI), C Taylor (FDA)