

Next Steps and Concluding Remarks
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DR. TUCKSON: You all know that Andrea has worked her tail off on this thing, so applause to Andrea.

[Applause.]

DR. TUCKSON: Just outstanding.

I can't believe this. Who is the moderator that would have a meeting end early? That is terrific. Joe, you could go on, then. Do you want to make another comment?

[Laughter.]

DR. TUCKSON: I shouldn't have told you to limit yourself.

Let me wrap up a couple of things and then make sure before we close out if there are any other comments from the Committee.

First, let me remind you, although I don't think you need to be, that we developed formal recommendations on the Pharmacogenetics Report and approved the report content. Kevin, terrific job, as usual.

We decided to form this educational taskforce and we have laid out a couple of issues for its charge, trying to ask ourselves the question who is qualified to do what, how do you regulate or oversee who is qualified to provide genetic services, who should get reimbursed, and this idea of looking further into the decision support tools that are available and how they might be advanced and integrated together.

Let me ask who would like to join. The notion is that that taskforce needs to be structured a little bit more. Let me get a sense, before I take any further step. Is it the sense of the Committee in asking this informally such that the new members can weigh in just as those who are rotating off who are still here, Chira, can vote.

Are you the only new member left? Everybody else has abandoned the field here.

Is there a sense that there is an interest to pursue this or am I misreading the Committee's saying you really don't have a lot of excitement about it? Those who are interested, just [indicate].

[Show of hands.]

DR. TUCKSON: There is that sense. Who would like to join Barbara in the effort?

[Show of hands.]

DR. TUCKSON: So Joe, Mara, Sylvia.

MS. CARR: And Marc.

DR. TUCKSON: So it is Andrea.

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DR. FERREIRA-GONZALEZ: Okay.

[Laughter.]

DR. TUCKSON: Marc.

MS. CARR: Marc sort of volunteered within some limits.

DR. TUCKSON: Marc, and then which Paul?

MS. CARR: Paul Wise.

DR. TUCKSON: Paul Wise, who is not here. So we have Barbara, Joseph, Mara, Marc, and Paul Wise.

MS. CARR: And Sylvia, right?

DR. TUCKSON: And Sylvia, that's right. Sylvia joined.

So what I think we will do is we will ask the group to consider what it might want to view as its charge and meet informally and then bring it back to the next meeting. That is how we handle that.

Now, for the next meeting, let me let you know. The next meeting is very, very focused on the oversight. This is the oversight meeting. So if you don't like oversight, have the flu or something, don't show through. But it is all about oversight.

However, just to have a little fun, we have invited 23-ME and Navigenics to the meeting, and maybe Amy Harmon will be able to join us at that one. I don't know whether her editors will let her, but maybe she can come to that one as well. So that is really the deal.

Let me ask, are there any points of view that the Committee members would like to express?

PARTICIPANT: Dates for the meeting, just to be specific?

DR. TUCKSON: February 12th and 13th. Now, I'm under strict instructions from Sarah to say to you as you leave that you are demanded to have a happy Thanksgiving and that we urge you to do that. And to the new members, welcome aboard. To the old ones that are leaving, thank you.

Andrea.

MS. CARR: Just to remind the full Committee that you will have a conference call put on your calendars for January 30th, and all the taskforce for the 23rd. They have already got that on their calendars.

DR. TUCKSON: Thank you all very much. Happy Thanksgiving. Great meeting. We got a lot done.

[Whereupon, at 3:48 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.]