

## ADMINISTRATIVE CORE CONFERENCE CALL

**Date/Time** April 21, 2005 @ 11:00 A.M. (PST)

**Attendees** Ed Riley, Sarah Mattson, Ken Jones, Elizabeth Moore, Wendy Kalberg, Michael Charness, Charley Goodlett, Kenneth Warren, Deidre Roach, Laurie Foudin, Andy Arenson, Craig Stewart and Maudray Hogan.

### RECOMMENDATION/DISCUSSION

#### **Ed Riley:**

- Please send me your feedback on the teleconferencing tool that was used last month at our conference call. I would like to practice using this tool learning to use the microphones, etc, for small conferences. It could be useful for small groups that want to share data. Please email me your feedback.
- Although Laurie Foudin had some concerns regarding this program (i.e., firewall, security), this program is under contract by NIH, therefore it should be safe.
- Data Coordinator still needed for 2 more projects.
- The CIFASD meeting has been scheduled for June 23 and 24, in Santa Barbara. The meeting will be held at the Double Tree Hotel and reservations should be made through the RSA.

#### **Ken Jones**

- Ludmilla Joutchenko has received all uploaded dysmorphology evaluations and will start working on data next week. Hopefully, the information will be ready for the June meeting.
- There are between 400-500 cases in the data base and it looks very positive.
- Christina Chambers and I have recently returned from Moscow and I from the Ukraine. Both trips were very positive experiences, especially under their current political circumstances.
- While in the Ukraine, there was a big news conference held to make people aware of our study.
- And while we were in the Ukraine, their new President and the First Lady were in Washington, DC. Ken Warren and Faye Calhoun met with the First Lady who has placed health as her #1 priority, with alcohol in the top 3.
- All is progressing along well.
- Problems regarding some of the data sent to the dysmorphology core that had no data labels. Although we did receive data labels this time, they are not typically provided, but should be. Craig Stewart will work with Andy Arenson on this.

#### **Wendy Kalberg for Phil May, Italy**

- Wendy Kalberg and Phil May were recently in Italy during the first two weeks in March.
- There were 170 children screened and 440 consents were received out of 1110 people that were approached.
- Subsequently, the psychologists over there are working on that psychological data and will be following up on that info.
- There were 33 suspect children out of 170 so we selected 65 more controls; they are following up with those 98 children and will be doing testing on them.
- Out of the 33 there were 29 deferred and 4 with full blown FAS.
- There were 15 more children that were absent that will be followed up on.
- Gene Hoyme will be there in July to follow-up using the dysmorphology screening tool.
- The testers have decided to do more comprehensive testing with this group of children, so they will use the WISC test.
- Ed will check with Sarah Mattson to find out if they can use the Water Maze and the Cantab test as well.
- It is recommended that the testing be done quickly since 70 consents have already been received.
- Regarding the Neuropsych study: there are clinic plans the second week in May in Great Falls.

- Hoping to get between 20-30 children; (10-15 affected and 10-15 controls) in the Plains.
- South Africa had set a goal of 30 FAS children and 30 controls by the end of May.
- Plan to have this data for RSA regarding the Neuropsych Battery.

#### **Elizabeth Moore**

- The 3-D camera is now in San Diego, CA.
- Have started work on 2-D images from Luther Robinson.

#### **Sarah Mattson**

- Facial imaging going pretty well.
- Jeff Rogers was here last week and set up equipment (3-D camera) and provided training for our staff. The staff has already started taking pictures.
- There were some slight glitches that were worked out by Elizabeth Moore.
- Neurobehavioral Core: It would be very helpful to know which sites have been collecting data on the progressive planning tests and if you have been, how many cases have been collected. There was a problem with one of the programs and feedback is needed regarding this. It has actually been fixed, but there is a need to know how many cases it applied to.
- Working on scoring and continuing to collect data.
- The Russians are ready to sign contract.
- 3-D imaging done on 19 children here in San Diego.

#### **Andy Arenson**

- Depression Data: Have received a request from Ludmilla Joutchenko and Christina Chambers to add in new data that needs to be recorded. Currently trying to determine what would be the best way to capture this data. There is an issue of prioritization.
- Per Ed, this is still considered to be a high priority task, but behind the alcohol control variables and the neurobehavioral core..

#### **Craig Stewart**

- Feels that the Informatics Core is making good progress with data going into repository as scheduled.
- If there are any concerns or problems, please let Craig or Andy Arenson know.

#### **Michael Charness: Basic Science Projects**

- First actual sequence for a binding site for an ethanol antagonist on L1. We have to prove that it is pharmacological relevant.
- There continues to be some progress.
- Will be concentrating on characterizing the site to see if we can reproduce it.

#### **Charles Goodlett:**

- Progress on testing of mice post natal binge exposure on a variant of the eye-blink conditioning task in young adulthood.
- In process of pursuing if we give animals a swimming experience as an exercise repeatedly over several weeks, can we use this as a rehabilitative effect? We found that the hints were strong enough to use in a controlled study.
- The prenatal exposure model which is protected by KNAP and SAL, we are shifting our efforts on KNAP and SAL to entirely focusing on prenatal exposure mostly with liquid diets.
- Gearing up for:
  - a) Developing behavioral and anatomic studies
  - b) Having a review of proposed collaboration put together between now and June 1.

#### **Ed Riley**

- The NIH Roadmap supplement is accepting applications for 1 year grants. They are interdisciplinary and not multidisciplinary. The due date is June 15th. This is a good opportunity for funding that is reasonable for eye blink conditioning experiments.
- The application is only 5 pages long. Charles Goodlett stated that the funds go up to \$150,000.
- Spoke with Jim West regarding pilot project applications. He will need approximately 1 week to get back to us with the results.

- The Administrative Core will be putting together a progress book much like we did for the last meeting in January. I need progress reports using the format sent out by Maudray.
- For our upcoming meeting:
  - a) Renewal applications will be coming due soon. Need to start dividing up workloads and see how we want to reformulate this center.
  - b) All ideas and feedback are welcome.
  - c) The need to start educating NIAAA staff as to why it would be important to re-issue a Research Funding Announcement (RFA) for this consortium.
  - d) The Basic Science project will run out of funds at the end of 3 years. Need to figure out ways to have funding continue for this project within the consortium.

**Ken Warren, NIAAA**

- Will discuss the issue of getting an RFA issued with Ed.

**Next Meeting:** May 26, 2005 @ 11:00 A.M. (PST)

**Adjourned:** @ 11:45 A.M. (PST)