Conference Report  
RITN Steering Committee Meeting  

Date: February 20, 2011

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Staff Liaisons: Tia Houseman and Robert Krawisz

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Nelson Chao at 12:20 p.m. (Hawaiian Time Zone). This report summarizes the information that was gathered.

I. 2010 Accomplishments and Changes

Dr. Chao provided a review of accomplishments and changes.

A. Accomplishments in 2010

- The year ended with 54 participating centers:
  - 2006 (13)
  - 2007 (52)
  - 2008 (51)
  - 2009 (55)
  - 2010 (54)

- Fifty (50) or 93% of centers completed all tasks:
  - 2006 92%
  - 2007 96%
  - 2008 96%
  - 2009 98%
  - 2010 93%

- A total of 320 people passed Basic Radiation Training in 2010; 2,200 have passed since 2006 (97 % passing rate).

- Two REAC/TS sessions were held with one MD and 45 medical staff.

- A Case Study Webinar on MSKCC RITN was implemented.

B. Changes in 2010

- RITN no longer distinguishes between primary & secondary centers.

- Efforts are being focused on transplant centers.

- Two centers left during 2010: St Jude’s in Tennessee and Mayo Clinic in Arizona

- RUSH University Medical Center (Chicago) joined RITN.
II. RITN Plan for 2011

Dr. Chao covered tasks scheduled for 2011, expansion of RITN, educational activities, special projects and the 2011 budget.

A. 2011 RITN Tasks

The following tasks should be completed by December 31, 2011:

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- Task 1: Contact information update
- Task 2: Update and improve SOP
- Task 3: Tabletop exercise
- Task 4: Communications tests (GETS & sat phone)
- Task 5: Overview presentation to preparedness groups
- Task 6: Basic Radiation Training/Grand Rounds
- Task 7: Site evaluation (12 volunteer TCs)

B. 2011 Expansion of RITN

Initiatives are underway to expand the network of RITN centers. Possible new centers include:

- Children's Hospital         Boston, MA
- Cleveland Clinic Foundation  Cleveland, OH
- Indiana University Bone Marrow  Indianapolis, IN
- Emory University Hospital  Atlanta, GA
- Cook Children's Medical Center  Fort Worth, TX
- Roger Williams Medical Center  Providence, RI
- The Children's Mercy Hospital  Kansas City, MO
- Children's Hospital of Michigan  Detroit, MI
- Massachusetts General Hospital  Boston, MA
- Akron Children's Hospital  Akron, OH
- Temple University  Philadelphia, PA
- Children's Medical Center of Dallas  Dallas, TX
- Medical City Dallas Hospital  Dallas, TX
- West Virginia University Hospitals, Inc.  Morgantown, WV
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Inc.  Philadelphia, PA
- Miami Children's Hospital  Miami, FL
- University of Miami  Miami, FL
- Hahnemann University Hospitals  Philadelphia, PA
- University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics  Madison, WI
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  Philadelphia, PA
- All Children's Hospital  St. Petersburg, FL
C. 2011 RITN Educational Activities

Planned educational activities include:

- An Educational conference – pending funding
- REAC/TS
  - Need more MDs to attend.
  - Results of survey conducted in Dec-Jan 2010:
    - 37 people from 26 centers responded.
    - 54% of respondents had personally attended REAC/TS training.
    - An additional 10% reported another person from their center attended.
    - 50-50 split on to continue training as is or have a mobile training session without exercise at end.
    - 42% would host a mobile training session.
    - 32% were only willing to send staff if the training was local.
    - 94% would send someone up to 3 hours away for training.
    - 84% were agreeable to a physician training mandate.

D. 2011 Special Projects

Special projects for 2011 include:

- Grand Rounds updates.
- Logistics of care workshop.
- HCT trigger workshop.
- Pediatric treatment taskforce.
- Grand rounds update.
- BARDA relationship development.
- Getting the word to regional resources – NDMS regional representatives.

E. 2011 Budget Highlights

- $476,000 for RITN participation grants.
- $65,977 for REAC/TS training -- includes travel for 25 and course cost.
- $61,022 covering logistics of ARS care workshop -- includes meeting space, coordinator and travel for 15 and publication costs.
- $60,261 for HCT Selection criteria workshop -- includes meeting space, coordinator and travel for 15 and publication costs.
- $43,500 for travel: 12 site evaluations, 9 tabletop visits and 4 speaking opportunities.
III. Report on Development of Local Connections in 2010

A summary of local connection activities was covered:

A. Benefits of Local Connections:

- Visibility in region for RITN program – so they know who to call.
- A necessary effort to improve preparedness (from 2010 Steering Committee meeting).

B. Local Connections Made During 2010 Include:

- MSKCC -Metro hospital coalition briefing.
- Avera McKenna-Hosted REAC/TS class for regional responders.
- TX Children's and MD Anderson-TX state emergency management.
- Iowa University-Hosted regional drill with NDMS.
- SCCA-WA state emergency management and public health.
- University Medical Center (Tucson) and Banner BMT Program(Phoenix):
  - Prescott and Tucson city emergency management and Public Health participated in their tabletop exercises.
  - Invited to participate in an AZ statewide tabletop exercise in November 2011.

IV. Pediatric Treatment Taskforce

Volunteers are needed for the Pediatric Treatment Taskforce organized by David Weinstock. Those interested should e-mail David or Cullen Case for additional information:

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V. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 1:45 p.m. (Hawaiian Time Zone).

Submitted by:
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