

**Alzheimer's Research Conference Planning Meeting
Lifespan Coro West Building
One Hoppin Street, Providence, RI**

9/18/2014
4:00-5:00 pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

MJ Kanaczet
Annie Murphy
Miriam Dash
Lori Daiello
Peter Snyder (Chair)
Marea Tumber
Steve Salloway

Announcements:

Dr. Snyder was interviewed by WPRI about his research. He also discussed the upcoming research conference and the work being done by the Lt. Governor and this Task Force.
<http://wpri.com/2014/09/19/web-exclusive-interview-with-alzheimers-doctor/>

Funding:

DEA has committed \$5,000 to the research conference, and Tom Ryan generously donated \$5000. The \$10,000 total should sufficiently fund the research section of the conference.

Keynote speaker update:

Sid O'Bryant, PhD, is a leader in blood-based biomarker research. He will be the opening speaker for the Caregivers Conference; for that audience he will discuss how Alzheimer's is diagnosed, and how his research makes a difference. He will also be the keynote speaker for the scientific side. We need to be sure that researchers know not to come to both of his sessions, but just to the keynote. Since the Caregiver speech is at 9:15, researchers should be advised to arrive at 10:15.

Dr. Snyder is finalizing the break out sessions with Drs. Ott and Zawia individually.

CME credit update:

The group discussed the complexities and expense of offering continuing education credits. Ideally, we would like to offer them to all professionals: MDs, RNs, social workers, pharmacists, nursing home administrators, psychologists, and NPs. However, each

profession is accredited by different centers, i.e. pharmacists by URI, MDs by Brown, and there is no easy way to streamline the process.

The Caregiver section will be offering CE credits for social workers, nursing home administrators, and RNs. The group thought that pharmacy credits might be a nice addition; MJ will look at the program to determine if there will be interest from them. She thought there might be a grant to cover the pharmacist's expenses. After this year, we will have data about the breakdown of attendees by profession and this will be helpful for future planning.

Poster Session:

Dr. Zawia brought a student, Miriam Dash, who will be helping to organize the poster session. The posters need to be 40" x 48," and submitted in PDF format. The group discussed printing the posters for a fee, but decided that presenters should bring them to the conference due to the complexity of transporting them from URI. URI has plenty of poster boards and easels for this event.

The call for abstracts will go out after Thanksgiving, with a deadline for submission of January 15. Decisions will be made by February 1 to give presenters plenty of time to prepare their posters. There will be a link for online submissions. There will be a student award and a junior faculty/post-doc award. The abstract booklet will be finalized by mid-February. The group needs to decide whether the booklet will be handed out at the conference or mailed. Also, a committee needs to be formed to select abstracts.

Program:

Annie Murphy will be taking care of the program layout; the research and conference sections will be in one program.

10:15am- Welcome- Dr. Snyder

10:30am-12:30pm: Dr. Ott

Topics:

- 1) The living registry will list inclusion criteria and map institutions across the state that are conducting trials;
- 2) The new website housed at URI should be up and running - can discuss design, content and task force recommendations;
- 3) The early detection registry is a registry of subjects
- 4) Brown Center for Aging

12:30-1:30pm: Dr. Zawia

Lunch & exhibitors' fair: This will be a working lunch, with an update on the Alzheimer's State Plan by the new Lieutenant Governor.

1:30pm – 2:30pm: Juried poster session, open to public, with authors at posters for first hour. Expected number of posters is 30-50, with perhaps 10 of these slots for caregiver posters. Poster maximum still needs to be determined. Presenters need to be physically present at their posters by 1:30. Student winner announced at 3:15.

3:30pm – 5:00pm: Dr. Salloway

Update on Research Progress and Clinical Practice Advances: Changing role of neuroimaging; ethical issues relevant to use of amyloid imaging in clinic; update on current secondary prevention trials open in RI; novel biomarkers and early detection (CE/CME credits) Team taught with several faculty across institutions (Drs. Ott, Snyder, Zawia, Lim, and others TBD). Dr. Snyder will present his work.

5:15-6:30pm: Sid O’Bryant, with Q&A. (CE/CME credits).

6:30pm – 7:30pm: Wine & Cheese Reception for research community

The research conference events will all take place in the rotunda. Annie needs to know in advance about any equipment needs and any seating changes between sessions.

Caregivers might want to attend some of the research events. Many people participate in research and may want to talk about their experiences. The maximum capacity in the rotunda is approximately 150, and those who register for research section get priority. However, if there is space, caregivers are welcome.

Next meeting:

- Finalize program
- Registration for meeting
 - Mailing lists
- CME credits
- Goals, length and learning objectives for each session to determine CE/CMEs by first week of November.
- CVs and disclosures from speakers
- Abstract selection committee

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 30, 4-5 p.m., at Coro West