

**Cincinnati Pediatric Research Group**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**January 8, 2007**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lea Alae  
Chris Bolling, MD  
Lisa Green, MD  
Bob Siegel, MD  
Brenda Thompson

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Recruitment. Dr. Bolling stated CPRG member recruitment efforts need to begin as soon as possible and it was agreed recruitment efforts will be enhanced if we offer study opportunities that doctors and practices can participate in immediately. Along with the Parental Perception Study (which can begin as soon as the forms are picked up from the printer), the staph protocol study will be offered as well as Symptom Surveillance Project opportunities. Brenda Thompson will begin scheduling recruitment and site visit meetings with practices.
- AHRQ PBRN Research Contract - Dr. Bolling reported that we were not selected by AHRQ for the PBRN RFA. We do not know which PBRN was awarded the contract. Dr. Siegel asked AHRQ for additional information but has not yet received any.
- CME Opportunities. In recognition of the variety of ways in which physicians increase their clinical knowledge, the AMA has approved seven new methods by which CME credit may be earned. Lea Alae shared the following two with the group:
  - 1) "Internet Point of Care Credit" allows physicians to receive 0.5 PRA Category 1 credit for performing internet searches on clinical questions. For more information, please visit [www.cincinnatichildrens.org/ed/cme/cme/ipcc.htm](http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/ed/cme/cme/ipcc.htm). Drs. Siegel and Green suggested that MDConsult be added to the eligible databases, and Lea will pass the request along to the CME office.
  - 2) "Performance Improvement" provides 20 PRA Category 1 credits for engaging in a performance improvement (PI) activity. The activity must include a pre-assessment, an intervention or similar PI activity, and a post-assessment. Additionally, to have credit awarded by the CCHMC CME department, the activity must be sponsored by CCHMC. Since most CPRG projects are designed to improve or inform practice, we believe that these activities may be eligible with the addition of the required pre- and post-evaluations. Drs. Bolling and Siegel and Lea will meet with the CME department to determine what we need to do.
- OPRC Meeting. Dr. Siegel noted that the next meeting will probably be in Toronto during the Pediatric Academic Society (PAS) conference. Dr. Bolling will discuss our recruitment plans and share the information on new ways to earn CME credits at the next meeting.

At the previous meeting, there was discussion regarding evaluation of the maternal depression materials. There was some confusion regarding whether the materials were being evaluated during the statewide roll-out, and some members have conducted a study on their own.

Dayton also expressed interest in participating in the Surveillance project.

- CITI Training. Lea reported that the current statement from the Office of Research Compliance and Regulatory Affairs (OCRCA) is that CCHMC cannot require CITI training from anyone who is not employed by CCHMC, but that it is a good idea to have people complete the training – it provide greater protection to the PI, the hospital, and the participating physician. We would still prefer that CPRG members take the training as it is an excellent training on human subjects protection in research, but we will not require it.
- IRB Process. It was noted that the IRB and OCRCA have been modifying processes and procedures and tightening up the rules, and that, combined with new staff and leadership in the IRB, the preparation, submission and approval of new protocols is more difficult and taking longer. We expect that the process will be easier once we are through the transition, and the enhanced scrutiny will be better for everyone in the long run.
- Quarterly CPRG Newsletter. Dr. Bolling is anxious to resume the publication of the quarterly CPRG newsletter. .

## **UPDATES ON CURRENT AND PENDING PROJECTS AND STUDIES**

- Parental Perception Study. Funding has been provided by the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and the first check has been issued to us. We are ready to start once the forms come back from the printer and the project recruitment visits are scheduled. Each practice will receive a \$250 check upon completion of the study. Upon request, a luncheon may be substituted for the check.

Dr. Green asked about the status of previous data from our Obesity Pilot Study. Lea said that the study was completed and the data is still available. Dr. Siegel noted that the results had never been written up, although we had presented it at PAS. Dr. Bolling requested the data to see if it can be written up for publication, and if it could be added to the new parental perception study data.

- MRSA (Staph Study) – We are ready to start this study pending CCHMC IRB approval. Dr. Siegel stated that St. Luke Hospital IRB has approved the study, so he is piloting it there. He noted that they very quickly obtained the amount of data they needed, so he expects this to be a fairly quick study to carry out.
- Iron Deficiency Study – Dr. Mark Deis has put a hold on this study temporarily while he attends to a family matter. Dr. Bolling has been given a contact at Bayer and will approach them for funding once Dr. Deis is ready to proceed.

- Symptom Surveillance Project – Dr. Siegel stated that Dr. Greg Epperhardt of Dayton indicated they would like to participate in our surveillance program. Lea said she can easily provide them with user accounts and they can enter data directly into our system. The Dayton and Cincinnati data would be combined, but after discussion, it was decided that this would be okay since they share counties and can be considered one large metropolitan area. We could have the program revised to pull the data separately, but we would have to find the funds for the programming expense.

It was also noted that the Cincinnati Health Department funds the ongoing operation of the surveillance project, and we do not know if we will receive additional support this year given the cut to their budget.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 2007**