

**Cincinnati Pediatric Research Group**  
**Minutes of the Meeting**  
**October 9, 2006**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lea Alaei  
Debra Boyd, MD  
Chris Bolling, MD  
Jim Davis, MD  
Bob Siegel, MD  
Brenda Thompson

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE**

- AHRQ PBRN Research Contract - Dr. Bolling stated that our OPRC application has been submitted and thanked Dr. Siegel for his outstanding work on this project. It is believed that applications from Chicago and the PROS Network have been submitted and Dr. Bolling noted that if AHRQ prefers to give a contract to a nation-wide organization they will most likely choose the PROS Network; if they prefer a smaller regional network, they will choose Chicago. If they want a network in between, they will choose OPRC. Although the time frame for AHRQ's selection is unknown, Dr. Siegel feels their choice will be made soon.
- PAS Abstracts – Dr. Siegel suggested submission of abstracts on surveillance and on the six-month data of the Atkins study. It was noted that surveillance data has been collected for 2½ to 3 years. Lea suggested that, although there probably isn't anything within the data itself to write about, it might be interesting to look at how the data is used. It was suggested we contact Steve Englander or Karen Evans from the Health Department. It was also noted that Dr. Michael Vossmeier, Medical Director of Hospitalist Services, uses the surveillance data to predict patient flow on the floor.
- OPRC Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for November 10 in Columbus, OH. Drs. Siegel and Bolling will attend and expect it to be a routine meeting with possible discussion on the MRSA/staphylococcal infection treatment study.

**2. UPDATES ON CURRENT AND PENDING PROJECTS AND STUDIES**

- MRSA (Staph Study) – Dr. Siegel sent the protocol to Dr. Robert Kahn for division approval before submission to the IRB. It was noted that Dr. Karen Wosje has new responsibility for the divisional research review process. Dr. Siegel will check with Dr. Kahn regarding the approval status.

After the protocol has divisional approval, Dr. Siegel will submit it to the IRB and also will contact Dr. Phil Walson to see if the Clinical Trials Office has information regarding possible funding sources. Dr. Siegel would also like to submit it to OPRC for additional site participation.

This study would consist of completion of a data collection form, with one-week follow-up chart checks. The forms will be sent to CPRG staff for processing.

- Parental Perception of Obesity Study – Dr. Bolling said we are ready to submit this study to the IRB and believes we have \$19,600 in funding from the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. The Health Foundation’s Executive Committee will soon be reviewing the study for final approval.
- Iron Deficiency Study – Dr. Bolling has a contact at Bayer for possible funding. Dr. Mark Deis is completing the materials. The next steps will be finalization of the material, submission to Bayer, then submission to the IRB.
- Clinical Translational Science Award – the CTSA program is superseding the GCRC (General Clinical Research Center). The University of Cincinnati and Children’s are preparing the material for the award application. CPRG is being studied as an example of how CCHMC and UC can engage with the community. The planning grant is already in effect. The final grant is being prepared for a January 15 submission.
- Surveillance Reporting - Lea stated that data entry by the surveillance participants has dropped off significantly. Typically, ten to twelve physicians have entered data each week; however recently it has been about seven, and has dropped to four for the past several weeks. We very much need additional participation, preferably from a diversity of practices throughout the region.

Dr. Davis mentioned a problem he has with the question regarding age groups for each complex. Currently, only one group can be selected, but if the complex is seen across two age groups, the only option is to select the “all” choice. It would be better to be able to choose multiple age groups. Lea will contact Biomedical Informatics about having the question changed to accommodate multiple selections.

- Recruitment of Practices – Dr. Bolling sent out letters and visited some practices to discuss a Dannon Foundation grant. Although the study was not funded, many of these practices were enthusiastic, and Dr. Bolling will be sending a letter to the practices telling them that the Dannon materials will still be available even without participation in the study. Some of the practices are not currently CPRG members, but Dr. Bolling believes they are receptive to becoming members.

Dr. Bolling expressed the need to increase our recruiting efforts with site visits. Dr. Siegel added that recruitment is much easier with an active study to recruit into. Dr. Bolling mentioned that the Parental Perception Study or the Staphylococcal Infections Treatment Study will both be starting soon, and they could discuss them during the site visits. Lea further stated that our contract with the Health Department requires our continued recruitment of physicians to enter data. The contract is for \$7,500, renewable annually pending available funds, and is used for incentive payments (\$10 per week of data entry, paid quarterly), programming changes, and can be used to support recruiting efforts.

Drs. Bolling and Siegel will begin site visits in January. Lea will let Drs. Bolling and Siegel know how much is available for travel and food.

It was also decided to include a recruitment letter with enrollment materials in the monthly Sunrise Lecture Series mailing. Any interested physicians can simply fax the enrollment materials to us. Dr. Bolling will draft a letter.

- CPRG/ODH Obesity Toolkit Cards – Lea said we have not printed the Obesity Toolkit cards due to lack of funding. The cards are based on the ODH Help Me Grow cards and were developed by Drs. Jeralyn Bernier and Evie Joseph, in conjunction with the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. Dr. Bolling is planning on incorporating the cards into a study he is developing, and will take another look at them.

Dr. Siegel requested a copy of the cards to see if they would work with a Boone County, Kentucky, initiative to reduce the BMI's of children entering kindergarten. The initiative is a three-year multifaceted intervention with no control group. The cards would be distributed to practices for physician use, not to parents, and Dr. Siegel believes there would be enough funds to print and distribute the cards to the physicians if they are accepted for use.

Lea asked if we could include a survey with the cards to obtain feedback. Dr. Siegel feels there is a good deal of leverage in the initiative and this would be a good chance to field test the cards. Dr. Siegel will present the card for discussion at the next Boone County meeting.

**Next Meeting: December 4, 2006.**