

MARYLAND LIFE SCIENCES ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

Meeting Date: Friday March 14, 2008

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Location: Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC)
10300 Baltimore Blvd.
Building 005, Conference Room
Beltsville, MD 20705

Board Members and Working Group Chairs in Attendance:

Thomas Watkins (Chairman), Norma Allewell, Ken Carter, Francesca Cook, Stephen V. Desiderio, Lawrence Diamond, David S. Iannucci, Col. George W. Korch, Jr., Nina M. Lamba, Hercules Pinkney, David J. Ramsay, Norka Ruiz Bravo, and Renée Winsky.

Absent Board Members and Working Group Chairs:

David Edgerley, Janet Woodcock, Philippe Jacon, and Chuck Fleischman

Board Staff: Lawrence Mahan (DBED), Ben Wu (DBED), Jerry Parrott (HGS)

Minutes: Lawrence Mahan (DBED)

Members of the Public: Sheree Wysocki, TCM/MdBio; Ric Zakour, TCM/MdBio; Ted Roumel, UMBI; Brad Peganoff, UMBI, and other members of the public.

AGENDA

Pre-meeting Presentation:

- The LSAB was given an overview of BARC by Dr. Joe Spence, Area Director, and host of the third meeting of the LSAB.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

- The third meeting of the Board was convened at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present.
- Mr. Thomas Watkins, President and Chief Executive Officer of Human Genome Sciences, Inc. and Chairman of the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board (LSAB), opened the third meeting of the LSAB by welcoming board members and the public that were present. He expressed thanks to Joe Spence for the presentation on BARC and hosting the LSAB.
- Board members introduced themselves, including non-board member Mr. Ken Carter, President and CEO of Avalon Pharmaceuticals, Chair of the Working Group on Capital Formation.

- The Chair expressed thanks in advance to all LSAB Working Group Chairs and group members for giving their valuable time and energy in support of the LSAB mission.
- The Chair then reviewed the day's agenda which consisted largely of reports of the working groups on draft recommendation areas for consideration that they were tasked to develop as an output of the December meeting of the LSAB.

Reports of the Working Groups of the LSAB

In order, the LSAB heard updates on the initial progress of the working groups as follows:

- Technology Transfer and Translational Research/Academic Institutions & NGOs
- Start-up and Early Stage Pipeline Programs
- Capital Formation
- Leveraging Maryland's Unique Federal Resources
- Workforce Development & Education Programs
- Business and Regulatory Environment
- Marketing and Promotion of Maryland Globally

All groups reported on (1) members to date; (2) a summary of identified needs and issues with potential draft recommendations to be considered; (3) any recommendations with overlap with other working groups and coordination with the Board; and (4) groups addressed Q&A by the LSAB members at large. In all cases, the working group chairs were directed to proceed with their recommendation development by Board members. Board members did point out the need to develop and provide underlying data to support recommendations before the next meeting of the LSAB. Staff presented a draft recommendation template that received approval by the Board to distribute to the Working Groups to unify the recommendation development process.

The working group presentations, along with Dr. Spence's presentation on BARC and other materials presented to the LSAB will be posted on the Board's website:

<http://www.choosemaryland.org/businessinmd/Biosciences/lsab/lsab.html> - also accessible from the homepage of DBED's ChooseMaryland.org website.

Presentation by Dr. Leslie Alexandre (invited speaker)

Dr. Alexandre is former President & CEO of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center (NCBC) and lead draftsman of the North Carolina State Strategic Plan for Biotechnology. She gave a two part talk, first on the creation and functions of the NCBC, and second, on the drafting of the 2004 North Carolina state strategic plan for biotechnology entitled "New Jobs Across North Carolina". Although starting from a different set of circumstances and in an environment with distinct differences from Maryland, Dr. Alexandre's comments and prior knowledge of Maryland's environment proved very insightful to the Board. North Carolina's strategic plan can be found on the LSAB website.

Advancing Leadership – Creating Vision

Following working group presentations, the Board, led by Chairman Watkins, reviewed the critical timing before the LSAB and the work ahead to deliver a draft of the strategic plan to the Governor's office by the first week in August. The Board discussed the need for additional staff to meet this timing, both to assist the working groups in finalizing recommendations and for assistance in preparing the draft.

Next Steps

The next meeting of the Board will be in the second half of May, possibly on May 22nd. At the May meeting, working groups will provide the first drafts of the recommendations on the approved template.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:25 p.m.

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