

# RAC Meeting Minutes (March 6-7, 2001)

5600 Fishers Lane, Chesapeake Room

## Next meetings:

Annual policy council and technical reps meeting: May 31st (technical reps. please reserve the full day, policy meeting will be 1 ½ hours of the meeting)

Quarterly meetings: Sept. 6, 2001 and Dec. 13, 2001

Society for Risk Analysis Dec. 2-5, 2001 Seattle, WA (RAC will likely host some type of event depending on outcome of annual plan)

New NCTR technical representative: Angelo Turturro

Ralph Kodell will remain the policy representative for NCTR

## RAC members!

New workgroups at bottom of page: If you would like to be added or removed from a list, just email me.

## March 6, 2001

9:30-10:30 quick updates from RAC members (4 minutes each)

RAC technical representatives present gave brief summaries of the hot projects in their offices.

10:30 - 10:45 Review of ARS-FSIS research planning meeting

Audrey Ichida summarized the 15 pages of notes she took at the meeting (held in early Jan.)

10:45 - 11:00 Review of the September 28, 2000 public meeting on Dose-response (L. Posnick)

Lauren Posnick presented the history of the planning process for the Cryptosporidium dose-response meeting and the responses from the panel in answer to the questions asked by the planning committee. The availability of the meeting transcripts and slides was announced.

11:00 - 11:30 Clearinghouse update (W. Fineblum)

Wendy Fineblum presented the new features on Clearinghouse, since the last RAC update (summer 2000). She also previewed the new Clearinghouse site design, which is still being built.

11:30 - 11:45 Review of the Dec 5th Clearinghouse data quality public meeting (M. Ross)

Marianne Ross updated the RAC on the public meeting that was held in Dec. on data quality standards. She announced that the transcript is available as well as a video tape. A web version of the meeting summary is under preparation.

11:45 - 12:00 Review of annual plan goals and mid-year accomplishments (A. Ichida & W. Long) (handout)

Audrey Ichida went over each bullet on the 2000-2001 annual plan and highlighted the items that have not yet been completed.

1:00 - 2:00 NCTR capabilities and current projects

Angelo Turturro presented a risk assessment model for predicting Cryptosporidium outbreak severity.

2:00 - 3:30 EPA/ILSI microbial risk assessment framework (S. Schaub)

Steve Schaub presented the draft framework for microbial risk assessment that EPA/OW is designing. The RAC was invited to participate in the framework design and a working group was formed.

3:45 - 4:40 EPA Risk Assessment Forum (W. Wood)

Bill Wood outlined the history of risk assessment at EPA and the internal infrastructure set up to standardize the process of initiating, doing and reviewing risk assessments.

4:40 - 5:00 Discussion on peer review needs for microbiological risk assessments (S. Dennis)

Sherri Dennis (FDA/CFSAN) asked RAC members about their agencies' peer review processes because CFSAN is working on a formalized process for the center.

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### **March 7, 2001**

9:30 - 10:45 Draft *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* risk assessment (M. Miliotis)

Marianna Miliotis presented the *Vibrio* risk assessment (CFSAN). RAC members offered comments about the model and assumptions.

10:45 - 11:45 Draft *Listeria monocytogenes* risk assessment (R. Whiting)

Dick Whiting presented the *Listeria* risk assessment (CFSAN/FSIS). RAC members offered comments about the model and assumptions.

11:45 - noon ORACBA upcoming project on sensitivity analysis for food safety risk analyses (M. McElvaine)

Michael McElvaine (via phone) presented the ORACBA, North Carolina State Cooperative agreement regarding a project on sensitivity analysis in risk assessments.

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1:00-3:00 Brainstorming on projects for the 2001-2002 annual plan.

#### **Agencies in attendance:**

CDC (phone)

DOD/VSA

EPA/OPPTS

EPA/ORD

EPA/OW

FDA/CFSAN

FDA/CVM

FDA/NCTR

FDA/OWH

NIH

NMFS (phone)

USDA/ARS

USDA/CSREES

USDA/ERS

USDA/FSIS

USDA/ORACBA (phone)

USAID (possible new RAC member)

RAC agencies not in attendance:

USDA/APHIS

FDA/NCFST

#### **Attendance: (\* attended for 1 presentation)**

Mary Bartholomew

Mary Bender \*

John Bowers \*

Eileen Choffnes

Peg Coleman

Sherri Dennis

Sumer Dugar \*  
Emilio Esteban-Vaz (phone)  
Wendy Fineblum \*  
Audrey Ichida  
Ivor Knight \*  
Ralph Kodell  
Dennis Lang  
Wes Long  
Michael McElvaine (phone)  
Marinanna Miliotis  
Peg Miller  
Tom Oscar  
Lauren Posnick  
Tanya Roberts  
Marianne Ross \*  
Angela Ruple (phone)  
Steve Schaub  
Mary Torrence  
Vivian Turner  
Angelo Turturro  
Robert Webb  
Richard Whiting  
Richard Williams \*  
Bill Wood \*

**NEW! 2001-2002 annual plan work group:**

Steve Schaub  
Tanya Roberts  
Dennis Lang  
Wes Long  
Audrey Ichida  
Angelo Turturro  
Vivian Turner

**NEW! Microbial framework work group:**

Steve Schaub  
Dick Whiting  
Marianna Milliotis  
Peg Coleman  
Sherri Dennis  
Mary Bartholomew  
Tanya Roberts  
Angelo Turturro