



**BLOOD CENTERS OF CALIFORNIA  
BI-ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**

**Minutes**

**Monday, March 11, 2013**

**San Francisco Airport Marriott, Waterfront**

Called to order by President Gallion at 9:15am

**Roll Call**

Steve Ferraiuolo, Sharon Paddock, Jeff Meyer, Greg Gallion, Laura Williston, Pam Bumerts, Harpreet Sandhu, Dean Eller, Benjamin Spindler, MD, Diane Thomas, Vicki Finson, Nora Hirschler, MD, David Oh, MD, George Hurrell

**Guests**

Jonathan Bautista, Stanford Medical School Ctr  
Lydia Bourne, Staff

**Presentations:**

**Dr. Philip Norris, Associate Director, Blood Systems Research Institute**

**“Age of Blood, Does it Matter”**

- Retrospective studies of the age of blood have mixed results
- Prospective studies of age of blood and clinical outcome are ongoing
- It's possible that aged blood may have patient population-dependent effects
- Not enough information to change blood bank policies

**Jun Yoon, Vice President for Corporate Development, Cellerant Therapeutics, Inc**

**“Myeloid Progenitors, an off the shelf cellular therapy”**

Cellerant founded in 2003 –Formed with exclusive technologies spun out of Novartis & Stanford –~68 employees (~55 in R&D)

- Developing therapies for unmet medical needs in the treatment of blood cancers and blood related disorders with orphan and accelerated approval paths
- CLT-008 lead program: Up to \$170 million in non-dilutive development contract funds CLT-008 through FDA Approval in three indications
- First-in-class, humanized antibody development candidate targeting unique antigen on AML cancer stem cells
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**Lydia Bourne, Legislative Advocate**

## **“What is Covered California and does it affect blood centers?”**

Mandated under ACA – federal law and CA - Perez & Alquist (2010)

- First state to do so
- Provides coverage for individual and small businesses only
- Employers w 50 FTEs or more must provide coverage for workers and dependents
- Minimum coverage must be bronze level
- Don't have to offer coverage but if one employee uses the premium tax credit, then employer pays \$2,000/FTE
- Individuals must have coverage
- Employers with 2-50 employees can use the exchange
- Employers must contribute a minimum amount toward employees' premium and buy coverage through the exchange if they want tax credits

## **Bryan Stewart, VP-Communications, OneLegacy, Board Member-Donate Life California “Living Donation California: A Preview for the California Association of Blood Banks”**

Blood Donors:

- Psychologically predisposed to helping strangers
- Some degree of medical qualification
- Are giving of life-saving blood
- May be interested in donating in other ways

How can we partner:

DLC/LDC Can Provide:

- Messages about blood donation in websites, media, high school programs
- Relationships with transplant recipients who can inspire young people to donate
- Resources to educate blood donors about living, deceased and marrow donation

Blood Banks Can Provide:

- Communications to blood donors inviting them to learn more about Living Donation California
- Representative on LDC Board of Advisors

## **President's Report**

Reviewed Strategic Plan

No changes to existing plan

Discussed representation to AABB Standards board, Dr. Hirschler, AABB board member volunteered to discuss this issue with AABB again

Reviewed updated ByLaws

ByLaws as updated available on the BCC web site under the member section

## **Secretary/Treasurer's Report**

September Board meeting were approved as presented

Executive Committee Minutes accepted as presented

Financial Report

2013 Budget was accepted

Dues statement have been distributed and dues are being received

It was agreed to move our MMk account to High Yield as the return

is a little higher

### **Legislative Report**

Reported on the Legislative Committee meeting

A listing of the 20 bills we are reviewing

AB 1168 (Safe Body Art) - cleanup to AB 300, contact sponsor regarding question process for obtaining health permit after initial inspection

### **Medical Technical Advisory Report – David Oh, MD**

A tattoo survey questionnaire was distributed:

Agree or disagree – is California’s tattoo licensing system a state regulated system?

All centers with the exception of BloodSource agree

April 24th MTAC in person meeting will solicit other statements re:

tattoos and will review piercings

Each center will decide their policy

If permit/license is pulled by enforcement agency, how do we determine this and how are other states handling this process?

Paul Gann brochure is outdated; LFS is in discussions with CA Medical Board regarding their interest in updating this publication

### **Old Business**

CLS – reviewed, suggested that we ask our representative to CLTAC regarding her assessment of these regulations

### **Announcement**

Diane Thomas, Long Beach Memorial announced her retirement

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm