ARKANSAS GENETIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 05, 2010

Attendees: Ralph Vogel, Annette Arnold ,Jackie Whitfield, JoAnn Bolick, Nancy Holder, Bob West, Martha Kuhlmann, Kathy Shapley, Holly Johnson, Neikisha Buchanan, Stephen Kahler, Kent McKelvey, Carmen Paniagua, Carol Enderlin, Carla Bell.

Ralph Vogel called the meeting to order. Welcome and introductions were made. Minutes of the September 1, 2009 meeting were approved as read.

Revision and approve revised Arkansas State Genetics Plan
Ralph Vogel deferred approval on the Arkansas State Genetics Plan until further reviews and establishing the scope of each area – Adults, Pediatrics and Newborn Screening.

Report from Sub-Committees
Newborn Screening – Dr. West stated that the Newborn Screening Subcommittee met on October 13, 2009. The following was discussed: Goals and Objectives taken from the draft State Genetics Plan. The issue of retention of specimens in public health labs. Dr. West gave a brief summary from Heartland Regional Collaborative Meeting. Dr. West explained that the Heartland Regional Collaborative comprises eight states in the nation's midsection and the genetic health activities (including newborn screening) are coordinated through a small grant from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration. JoAnn Bolick was elected as co-chair. The next Newborn Screening Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2010 at 3p.m. at the Freeway Medical Building.

Adults – Carol Enderlin- Carol Enderlin provided the following summary: The Adult Subcommittee has met twice since the last AGHC meeting, on 9/25/09 and on 12/11/09. At the December meeting, a new Adult Genetics Overview, prepared by Dr. Kent McKelvey and Ms. Jill Kelsay, for incorporation into the existing Arkansas State Genetics Plan was presented for consideration and was approved for recommendation to AGHC. Other business has included participation in the Heartland Transitional and Nursing Education Interest Groups, and discussion of raising public and professional awareness of genetic health issues through venues such as hospital newsletters and professional meetings. The next meeting is tentatively planned for February 19, 2010 at Freeway Medical Center, 6th floor conference room from 2-3pm. (A handout was provided to the committee).

Pediatrics – No report. The next meeting is planned for January 13, 2010 at the ACH Genetics Conference room at 1:00pm.