

**ARKANSAS GENETIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 11, 2010**

**Attendees:** Carla Bell, Jackie Whitfield, Annette Arnold, Carol Enderlin, Holly Johnson, Jill Kelsay, Martha Kuhlmann, JoAnn Bolick, Bob West, Carmen Paniagua, Stephen Kahler.

Carla Bell called the meeting to order. Welcome and introductions were made. Minutes of the January 5, 2010 meeting were approved as read.

**Discussion/Vote of Revised Arkansas State Genetics Plan**

Carla Bell stated that she is currently updating statistics in the ASG plan. Carla stated that she is collecting input from Dr. West on Newborn Screening and will proceed to incorporate all the documents.

**Report from Sub-Committees**

*Newborn Screening* – Dr. West stated that the Newborn Screening Subcommittee met on January 12, 2010. The following was discussed: *Program updates*- CAH cutoffs, TSH cutoffs and the development of a kit for succinylacetone by Perkin-Elmer. *Heartland Regional Genetics Collaborative*- Dr. West discussed the change in leadership with Heartland. JoAnn Bolick gave a brief summary of Amy Brower's overview from her visit to Little Rock. *Severe Combined Immune Deficiency*-Dr. West discussed the Federal Advisory Committee SCID Recommendation for Universal Newborn Screening. The next Newborn Screening Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2010 at 3p.m. at the Freeway Medical Building.

*Adults* – The Adult Subcommittee has met twice since the last AGHC meeting, on 2/19/10 and on 4/16/10. At the February meeting, Andrea Peel, office of Communications, UAMS was introduced to the subcommittee and members, and a brief overview of the committee was discussed. The subcommittee also discussed goals and objectives for State Genetics Plan. At the April meeting, Bob Delongchamp, UAMS COPH and Cornelya Dorbin, Exec. Dir., AR Cancer Coalition was guest. Bob Delongchamp reported back on his pilot efforts to obtain data on transitional genetic disorders from the ADH database. Cornelya Dorbin noted areas of common interest between the entities in relation to hereditary cancers. (A handout of both meetings was provided to the committee).

**Other**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 3:30 pm. The location is Freeway Medical Building, 5800 West 10<sup>th</sup> St., Suite #902.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30p.m.