RESEARCH COMPLIANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RCAC) 
MEETING SUMMARY – JANUARY 26, 2016

ATTENDEES: Bates, Campbell, Herman, Lawrenz, Legge, Thompson, Tranquillo, Wolf

MISSING: Blazar, Rao, Tolar, Voytas, Wagner

1. AGENDA ITEMS
   a. Stem Cell Research Oversight Panel (SCRO) – update and review of Consensus Statement (Lawrenz)
   b. Fetal Tissue policy – update and review of draft policy (Herman)
   c. Advancing Human Research Protections Progress Report and Dec. 2nd Conference Feedback (Herman, Wolf)

2. DOCUMENTS REFERENCED
   - Consensus Statement for Reviewing SCRO Chimera Research Applications
   - Policy, Procuring and Using Human Fetal Tissue for Research (non-transplantation) administrative policy http://policy.umn.edu/review/fetalresearchnontrans
   - December 2nd Research with Human Participants Survey Feedback

Videos for all sessions of the Dec. 2 national conference on Research with Human Participants are now available at:
https://consortium.umn.edu/conference/research-human-participants-national-debates

Past RCAC meeting summaries are available at:
http://research.umn.edu/advancehrp/committee.html

3. OUTCOMES
   a. Stem Cell Research Oversight Panel (SCRO) – update and review of Consensus Statement (Lawrenz)

      Consensus document reviewed. NIH stance on chimeric research discussed, current active projects not NIH funded. VP Herman will meet with SCRO Chair to discuss impact of NIH suspension of funding on UMN activity. Four applications have been approved, one with stipulations.

   b. Fetal Tissue policy – update and review of draft policy (Herman)

      VP Herman presented overview of new fetal tissue policy which is currently undergoing a 30-day review period. Fetal tissue research will be reviewed by SCRO panel or the IRB as outlined in the policy. This policy will be on the agenda of the February Board of Regents meeting, and will be discussed in the Legislature in the spring. Specific concerns regarding acknowledgement of consent by donors, clarity of definitions, and related information need additional work.

   c. Advancing Human Research Protections Progress Report and Dec. 2nd Conference Feedback (Herman, Wolf)
Susan Wolf provided a summary of the feedback provided by in-person participants at the December conference. Given the tremendous success, the planning committee has met and are considering options for developing an annual “UMN Research Intensive” half day conference with an informal structure for additional, unit or departmental specific activities for the other half day. This would allow for a breadth of topics and expertise available for faculty and staff, as well as in-service educational opportunities geared to the “local” level. Discussions will continue on this opportunity.

VP Herman presented progress on the other areas of the implementation. The Conflict of Interest policy discussions are moving forward and will be discussed at the March University Senate meeting, voted on at the April meeting. The “zero dollar” threshold for investigators doing industry sponsored is endorsed at only two other institutions nationally. The Community Oversight Board is finalizing membership and planning their first meeting for February. The FUROC has a new chair, Beth Thomas, who replaces Carolyn Wilson. The FUROC is schedule to meet early February.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS ARISING

Sci ence Review Report: Emailed report for review and comment by RCAC members. We request that comments/edits/questions/approval be returned to Sarah Waldemar (s-wolg@umn.edu) no later than February 12, 2016.

Discussion at last RCAC meeting related to Scientific Review:
RCAC received work area overview from IRB chairs. Ensuring scientific merit is a key component in protecting the rights and welfare of human research participants. Changes with respect to scientific review include elimination of the department led peer review process, engagement of additional expertise by scientific members of the IRB, and revisions to the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) managed scientific review process and corresponding policy.

5. ACTION ITEMS

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<td>Meet with SCRO Chair to discuss RCAC feedback about the consensus document</td>
<td>Herman</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Submit RCAC recommended revisions/comments to fetal tissue policy to policy office.</td>
<td>Warren, Waldemar</td>
<td>Prior to 2/13/16</td>
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<td>Set up meeting with RCAC and Dr. Strauss during his on-campus visit.</td>
<td>Warren</td>
<td>Late March</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Review AHRP final report on Scientific Review. Report will be emailed to RCAC members.</td>
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6. FUTURE MEETINGS

Meetings have been scheduled on a bi-monthly basis. The following meetings were added to member’s Google calendars:

Tue, March 22, 2016, 4pm – 5pm 433 Johnston Hall
Tue, May 24, 2016, 4pm – 5pm 433 Johnston Hall

Agenda for Next Meeting: TBD