

Draft Notes

HPV Conference Steering Committee

Interpretation and Use of Chemicals Data Subcommittee Conference Call

Wednesday, August 9, 2006

Participants: Jim Cooper, SOCMA; Jeff Burke, NPPR; Karen Hoffman and Christina Thompson, EPA; Jennifer Griffith and Terri Goldberg, NEWMOA

The call began with a summary of the status of overall conference planning by Terri Goldberg. The near-final agenda and conference registration should be posted on the website in early September. Terri noted that she will probably convene conference call of the whole Steering Committee in September to firm up the agenda. She noted that there is a plan to have an exhibit area, and asked the participants to start thinking about possible exhibits.

Overall, the Interpretation and Use of Chemicals Data track is in the best shape and received the most proposals. Terri reported that NPPR is also developing some sessions that will also fit in this track.

Christina reported that EPA is planning to put together a session on the basics of the HPV Challenge – the background, terminology, and methodology – a kind of HPV Challenge 101 session. Jim Cooper strongly agreed that this type of session would be valuable. All agreed that it should be early in the agenda and a breakout session since not all would need this introduction. SOCMA could provide a speaker to present their perspective if needed for the session.

Review of the Proposals that Were Submitted

There were two presentation proposals that several call participants (and e-mail input from Valerie Meyers) were not enthusiastic about, but the rest seem fine. Participants were not sure how the “multiple chemical sensitivity” and the “fragrance” proposals fit in – how they relate to HPVC data. Terri will contact the people who submitted these proposals to discuss whether they are willing and/or able to modify their proposed presentation to clearly make the connection to the HPVC conference focus.

The group discussed the proposed presentation regarding animal testing (currently listed under the Connecting Data Sources track). Dr. Sandusky from the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine was recommended by Christina Franz, ACC and is known for his reasonableness.

The participants in the call indicated their support for the other proposals for presentations that were listed under this proposed track of the conference.

The participants suggested the following panel under the title “Perspectives on How to do Hazardous, Exposure, and Risk Characterization” -- a presentation by SOCMA (or member company) providing an overview of the different screening test methodology; the Soap and Detergent Association proposal; and the animal testing proposal.

Next Steps

The following were the next steps identified by the group:

- Terri and Jennifer will revise the draft straw agenda to incorporate the proposed sessions, including HPV Challenge 101
- Terri and Jennifer will contact the individuals and groups that submitted proposals that the Subcommittee recommended for inclusion in the conference agenda
- Terri and Jennifer will follow-up with the groups that proposed the fragrances presentation and chemical sensitivity panel to see if these proposals can be modified to focus on the conference topic
- Jim will look into identifying a speaker from SOCMA to make a presentation that provides an overview of different screening test methodologies
- Christina and Karen will follow-up to identify EPA speakers for the HPV Challenge 101 panel and will work with Jim if they want/need a speaker from SOCMA for this session
- Terri will reconvene the whole Steering Committee for a call in September to firm up and finalize the agenda