

107th Meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Director

Pilot for ACD Review of Findings Reported by the HeLa Genome Data Access Working Group

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Proposed new approach to the “virtual council” for HeLa cell genome data access requests

- Purpose
 - Ensure researchers receive rapid response to data access requests
 - Maximize use of ACD members’ time/limit scheduling conflicts
- Logistics
 - Conduct meeting via internet platform over one day, in two blocks of time
 - First block – presentation and discussion of HeLa Working Group findings
 - Second block – ACD voting period



Using the virtual council's asynchronous platform

- Presentation and Discussions (4 hours)
 - HeLa Working Group findings are presented
 - ACD members make/read comments anytime within the first block
 - All comments directed to Designated Federal Officer (DFO/meeting monitor)
 - DFO releases comments (subject to NIH comment policy)
- Voting (4 hours)
 - ACD members vote anytime within the second block
 - All votes directed to DFO
 - DFO releases all votes simultaneously at the end of the meeting period.

Other features of a virtual council

- Meeting are generally open to the public (read-only until specified public comment time)
- All materials prepared by the Working Group are available on-line
- Quorum (half of appointed members plus 1) must vote on the recommendations
- Pilot will inform further use of electronic meeting formats

Anticipated commencement: January/February 2014



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