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Steering Committee Update

At the regularly scheduled meeting of the steering committee on October 12th, executives from PricewaterhouseCoopers presented their proposal for services. In attendance from PWC were: Gerry McDougal, Partner in Charge of the Global Health Sciences Practice, Barbra Walsh, Managing Director and Bill Dracos, Director.

The PWC team presented their case, highlighted by examples of their successes including the Translational Genomics Research Institute and work for the state of New York and the country of Qatar in translational medicine. The steering committee deliberated in executive session and voted unanimously to engage PWC to deliver six work streams over the next six months. The steering committee congratulated PWC on the quality of the proposal and looked forward to seeing the work streams completed.

The steering committee also approved the addition of Jim Petersen, Vice Provost for Research at WSU and David Bonga, President of the Camas Institute to the ISM steering committee.

The PriceWaterhouseCoopers Proposal

Gerry McDougal, Partner in Charge of the Global Health Sciences Practice presented the proposal for services to the ISM steering committee. The proposal was crafted in response to a request by members of the team that visited the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen). They, after hearing the uniformly excellent praise for the performance of the PWC team in the success of TGen felt that it was essential to secure PWC for the ISM.

The proposal for services envisioned six work streams to be completed. The work streams include: a conceptual design of the institute, a preliminary financial model and business plan, legal and governance structure, affiliation agreements with partner institutions, a 100 day go live plan and on-going project management and communications support.

The timeline for the delivery of these elements is currently being developed. It is expected that the planning project would be completed in a five to six month time frame. PWC may provide other services to the institute in addition to the six work streams described above as the institute may require services beyond the planning project. The full proposal is available by contacting Lewis Rumpler at lewisr@ismedicine.org.



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\$360,000 Raised by ISM Steering Committee

The October 12th meeting also was notable for the first funding commitments from participating institutions. Father Spitzer was first to pledge \$120,000 dollars, this pledge was matched by a generous \$120,000 dollar pledge by Lane Rawlins and finally Chris Marr, Chairman of Empire Health Services agreed to the same amount bringing total pledges to \$360,000.

Steering Committee Members meet Governor

On October 26th at a fundraiser at the home of Chris Marr, an ISM steering committee member and WSU regent. Members of the committee met with Governor Gregoire. This was the third meeting with the Governor and she continued to express positive support for the institute. Steering committee members in attendance were Jeff Nelson, Bruce Butler and John Stone.

Gupta and Weisheit Visit Lee Hood and the ISB

Dr. Yogi Gupta, Director of the Institute for Shock Physics (ISP) at WSU Pullman and Dr. John Weisheit, Director of the Applied Sciences Lab (ASL) at WSU Spokane visited with Dr. Leroy Hood, President of the Institute of Systems Biology (ISB) on November 2nd in Seattle. John Stone, Co-Chair of the ISM steering committee and Lewis Rumpler staff to the ISM also attended. A tour of the facility was followed by briefings on the ISP and the ASL by Dr. Gupta and Weisheit.

Dr. Hood provided a review of the ISB's research efforts that involved the physical sciences. The ISB is working on new generation of medical devices that will require a deeper understanding of nano-technology and material science. Dr. Hood, Dr. Gupta and Dr. Weisheit agreed to look closely at potential areas for collaboration.

Staff Support for the ISM

The ISM will be assisted by the support of two staff members. Lewis Rumpler will be coordinating the activities of the PWC consultants and Tara Hamilton will be providing administrative support. Lewis and Tara have moved to new offices. The new address and telephone number for the ISM is:

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