String of e-mails re. Cognitive Aging Summit III

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Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 2:32 PM
To: Hodes, Richard (NIH/NIA) [E] <hodesr@31.nia.nih.gov>
Subject: Telephone appointment

Dear Dr. Hodes,

It is hoped you and your family are doing well and summer plans will permit some rest and relaxation. It has been a long time since we have talked and I will like to chat with you about an exciting issue at a time convenient for you.

Would you have a few minutes for a telephone appointment any time before June 23, 2016?

With best wishes and appreciation for your consideration,

Lee

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Subject: RE: Telephone appointment

Hi Lee,
   I would of course be happy talk. We will schedule at your convenience.
Best
Richard

From: J Lee Dockery [mailto:jld007@cox.net]
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 5:18 PM
To: Wagster, Molly (NIH/NIA) [E] <WagsterM@nia.nih.gov>
Subject: Any more new?

Hi, Molly!

Just wondering if you had heard anymore from Dr. Hodes about the plans for Cognitive Aging III et al. He said he would get back to me promptly. I know how busy all of you are. A month is a minute within the NIH calendar. Even though he was very positive, I don't want to push him on the issue. Anyway, any help or advice you can give will be appreciated.

Thanks!!!
Lee

From: Wagster, Molly (NIH/NIA) [E] [mailto:WagsterM@nia.nih.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2016 6:47 PM
To: 'J Lee Dockery' <jld007@cox.net>
Subject: RE: Any more new?

Lee,

I didn't realize that Richard promised to get back to you. Perhaps I gummed up the process by my email below. Richard wrote to me, Jon King, and our Division Directors very soon after he spoke with you to let everyone know of the conversation and to see if Jon and I were willing to help orchestrate another Cognitive Aging Summit. Below is my reply, followed by Richard's. Perhaps he took my comment about your meeting with the board as the next step in the process and that we would wait to hear, as I suggested, about the board's concurrence before starting to plan. It was my understanding when I spoke with Richard that he was very supportive. I will see him at a meeting tomorrow afternoon and will ask him how he wants to proceed.

Best,
Molly

From: Wagster, Molly (NIH/NIA) [E]
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 8:18 AM
To: Hodes, Richard (NIH/NIA) [E]; King, Jonathan (NIH/NIA/ERP) [E]; Wagster, Molly (NIH/NIA) [E]
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Subject: Re: McKnight

Richard,

I would be happy to work on putting a 3rd Cognitive Aging Summit together. I believe Lee plans to present this idea to the MBRF Board in mid-July. Once we hear the decision, we can begin to pursue the planning in earnest.

Regards,
Molly

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Thank you both.

From: Wagster, Molly (NIH/NIA) [E] [mailto:WagsterM@nia.nih.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 4:38 PM
To: 'J Lee Dockery' <jld007@cox.net>
Subject: RE: Any news?

Lee,

Just to acknowledge your note and will get back to you later this evening. I have been gathering information at Richard's request (other meetings, commitments for 2017) and will be presenting all of this to Richard and the Directors of the Divisions of Neuroscience and Behavioral & Social Research for their comment. Richard is out of the country right now but I think he will be back next week. I also have conferred with Julie Wolf-Rodda about the last Summit, costs, number of attendees, availability of FNIH to run a meeting in early-mid April – just to get a feel for their obligations. **So far, all input has been positive.**

Will be back in touch tonight.

Molly

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Subject: Re: Any news?

Dear Lee,

My night has bled over into morning! I 'm afraid I was "tuckered out" last night and am sorry I didn't get another note to you.

Actually, my note yesterday ended up containing a lot of the information I have collected thus far. Jon King and I met last week to discuss and feel the Summit could be held in 2017, provided we manage to get agreements in place soon. We both agree that a "mini-symposium" within the Summit that would highlight the progress at the Centers as well as the resources they are building up would be an important component. We were thinking of an overall theme of cognitive resilience and reserve for the Summit. Also, in terms of format, maybe two full days of presentations including the mini-symposium, with an Executive (recommendation) session the morning of the third day. We might consider taking a different approach that we have used in recent years for other large recommendation-generating meetings by assembling writing groups well ahead of the Summit for the purpose of categorizing and organizing content for the Exec session and recommendations. They generally have a series of conference calls prior to the Summit to organize the content. We would hope that the Center Directors and/or selected staff would be key people in these writing groups.

My main concern at this time is that NIA will be supporting a Summit on long term care and caregivers in relation to AD in the fall of 2017 and there is a push to have another general AD Summit in Nov/Dec of 2017. While these would be distinct in time from a Cognitive Aging Summit in April, the sheer number of "Summits" and the work involved seems daunting.

I will be back in touch again as soon as I have another update.

My best regards,

Molly

To: Trustees, McKnight Brain Research Foundation
From: Carol A. Barnes, Ph.D., Director, Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute, Tucson
          Brain and Cognitive Health Working Group
Date: July 11, 2016
Re: Request for travel and meeting funds for a Workshop for the Brain and Cognitive
Health Working Group

Background
At the Tucson McKnight Inter-Institutional meeting, April 27, 2016, a group of 24
scientists from the 4 McKnight Institutions met to discuss potential topics and projects
that could lead to grant applications, to outline a path forward, and to document what
the group could try to achieve. We first introduced ourselves around the room, and
briefly described our interests and research activities. We came to a consensus on 4
topics that we saw potential for fruitful collaborations amongst us. We then had each
individual participant "choose one and only one group" to join in a breakout session.
Finally, one person from each group reported back to the entire group on the
discussions and ideas that arose in the individual groups.

The following are summaries of the topics/projects and issues that were discussed in
the 4 break out groups:
Project 1: The role of chronic stress and hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis
          dysregulation in the age-associated decline of executive function and memory.

Project 2: Perirhinal cortex as a biomarker for normative cognitive decline and risk for
          Alzheimer's disease.

Project 3: Detection of deception in aging: Role of cognition, mood and brain health.

Topic 4:   Development of tools to study the above topics, including vascular variables,
          synaptic imaging methods and monitoring rhythms including sleep.

The person from each Institute who will coordinate among people within their institution
who want to have input on these various topics are:

Lee Ryan, University of Arizona
Jen Bizon, University of Florida
Erik Roberson, University of Alabama
Bonnie Levin, University of Miami

The attendees of this pre-meeting, their institutions, and the self-identified break out
group in which they participated are indicated below (#1-4, refer to the above break out
groups):

Participant	Affiliation	Break-Out Group Number
Carol Barnes	University of Arizona	Group #4
Stephen Cowen	University of Arizona	Group #1
Fabian Fernandez	University of Arizona	Group #4
Betty Glisky	University of Arizona	Group #1
Matt Grilli	University of Arizona	Group #3
Lee Ryan	University of Arizona	Group #2
Russ Bauer	University of Florida	Group #2
Jen Bizon	University of Florida	Group #1
Dawn Bowers	University of Florida	Group #3
Sara Burke	University of Florida	Group #2
Natalie Ebner	University of Florida	Group #3
Barry Setlow	University of Florida	Group #3
Adam Woods	University of Florida	N/A
Farah Lubin	University of Alabama	Group #1
Erik Roberson	University of Alabama	Group #2
Virginia Wadley	University of Alabama	Group #1
Noam Alperin	University of Miami	N/A
Kunjan Dave	University of Miami	Group #4
Bonnie Levin	University of Miami	Group #3
Katalina McInerney	University of Miami	Group #1
Miguel Perez-Pinzon	University of Miami	Group #4
Laura Segala	University of Miami	Group #1
Xiaoyan Sun	University of Miami	Group #3
Clinton Wright	University of Miami	Group #4

N/A refers to the fact that 2 participants had to leave for another working group meeting before the breakout sessions happened.

Summary
At the final 'wrap up' session of the Working Group meeting in Tucson, where all break out groups came back together to present the summaries to the entire group, it became clear that the 4th topic was more 'methodological' than conceptual. Thus, the members of the 4th group have opted to join in one (or more) of the remaining three conceptual Projects listed above as 1-3. In May and June, Jen Bizon, Matt Grilli/Bonnie Levin, and Lee Ryan drafted and passed around versions of short white papers for each topic, with clear aims and goals for the collaborations listed.

The Funding Request
The Brain and Cognitive Health working group requests one more meeting, devoted to furthering the development of these ideas, coordinating the collection of preliminary data for grant submissions, publishable manuscripts of the collaborative experiments,

and more discussion of crafting review articles. We have identified a time at the end of August when many of the original group will have time to attend such a meeting. The consideration of venue was based on flight availability for arrival and departure times, airline ticket or ground transportation costs, and hotel lodging and meal estimates. One Ocean Resort in Jacksonville was the best choice. Estimated costs are listed below based on the number of faculty who have confirmed their availability to date:

Estimated Budget			
Number of Attendees by Location	**Per person cost**	**Total Costs**	
Gainesville	8	$65	$520 mileage
Birmingham	3	$400	$1,200 air
Miami	2	$300	$600 air
Tucson	7	$500	$3,500 air
Airfare / Mileage Total			**$5,820**
Sleeping Room Total		$220	**$4,409**
Travel Meals Total (1 day per diem)		$44	**$528** UM, UAB, UA
Ground transportation (airport/hotel)		$40	**$480** UM, UAB, UA
Total Estimate			**$11,237**
Meeting Location: One Ocean Resort, Jacksonville, FL			
Meeting Dates: Thursday, August 25 3pm - Friday, August 26 2pm			