

**Attendees:** Kevin A., Danielle A., Catherine B., Matthew B, Mathew C., Emily C., Omar D., Nick F., Cody G., Michael K., Amneris L., Nelissa P., Matia P., Thaddeus P., Saoirse T., Jasán W.

**5:39 Meeting Brought to Order**

- Introductions
- Confidentiality forms signed by new members and guests
- Minutes from 9/23 approved by motion and second
- Date of next meeting - Wednesday November 18 - agreed on by consensus due to Thanksgiving holiday

**Education Topic: Report on HVTN Meeting in Cape Town, South Africa**

- Presenter: Jasán Ward, Mocha Center
  - Feelings of excitement and hope when speaking with scientists who have been working towards an HIV vaccine for many years.
  - Focus of the conference was on the upcoming AMP study and implementation in South Africa.
  - Africa faces unique challenges: culturally, Africans are unfamiliar with the concept of IV infusions, and there are negative attitudes towards giving blood.
  - There is still uncertainty around how to most effectively recruit in Africa.
  - Dr. Keefer also added a few takeaway points from the conference: In Africa, getting an IV means you're almost dead, which is a hurdle. Recruitment plans are being created for each community to convince the men who lead the communities that it's OK for women to enroll in this study. PrEP is not available in Africa, so it will not be a part of the AMP study in Africa.

**CAB Sub-Committee Updates**

- Special Events & Community Education
  - Nelissa and Kimberly tabled at Rise Up Latina on 10/15
  - Nelissa reported that Ibero would like Spanish versions of recruitment materials for current studies like HVTN 098, but that brings up questions about having Spanish consents available
  - Thaddeus traveled to Atlanta to review and offer input for new animated videos in development by HVTN, aimed at explaining bNAb to our communities
- Membership & Sustainability
  - Some attendees took CAB recruitment cards to place at various venues
  - Lack of plan – Thaddeus may get together with Jackie to discuss
- Protocol Review
  - Emily, the coordinator for ACTG, extended an invitation to CAB to join the protocol review sub-committee. Please contact Emily directly if you're interested in being invited to the next protocol review meeting: [Emily\\_Cosimano@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:Emily_Cosimano@urmc.rochester.edu)
  - A new protocol was reviewed early today by the Protocol Review Sub-committee.
    - This study would take 2-3 HIV-positive patients off of anti-retroviral therapy temporarily; in order to identify biomarker targets that could help measure viral reservoirs (to aid in finding a cure).
    - Discussion of risks vs. benefits.
    - Recommendation from Saoirse to look for HIV-positive participants who work in the hospital, since they may have a better appreciation for the science behind this study.

**Network and Research Updates**

- HVTN and CFAR Updates
  - Upcoming Event: November 19<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Michael Gottlieb
  - HVTN staff working with Susan B. Anthony Center to "Turn Rochester Red" for World AIDS Day. Event at Tilt nightclub in the works as well.
- ACTG Updates
  - Studies supporting the cure agenda continue.

**6:49 Meeting Adjourned**

- **NOTE:** Please don't hesitate to contact the CAB Liaison if you would like help scheduling a sub-committee meeting, would like to meet with HVTN staff, or tour the clinic.

*Next meeting to be held: **Wednesday, November 18, 2015***