

**CORRECTIONS BIOETHICS COMMITTEE
CENTRAL FLORIDA RECEPTION CENTER
ORLANDO FLORIDA 29 MARCH 2002**

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Charles R. Mathews, M.D. at 1020H

Members present: Lee Adler, D.O., Stanley Cohen, Ph.D., Robin Fiore, Ph.D., Bertram Hurowitz, M.D., Dianne Rechtine, M.D., Rev. Thomas V. Samuel, David L. Thomas, M.D., J.D.

Members Absent: Paul Arons, M.D., Pamela Elfenbein, Ph.D., Kenneth Goodman, Ph.D., Patricia Imbriaco, R.N., Francille MacFarland, M.D., Ray Moseley Ph.D.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 07 December 2001 were approved as distributed.

III. Old Business

1. Inmate Member

Dr. Rechtine reported that she has identified two ex-inmates who would serve as a member of the Committee. One resides in Jacksonville, and the other in the central Florida area. It was M-S-P to have Warden David Lehr review these inmates' situation, and to proceed after he has made his recommendations.

2. Institutional Review Board

Dr. Thomas reported that the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the Department of Corrections' Office of Health Services had been terminated, on recommendation of DC's legal counsel. Consequently, there is no new enrollment of inmates in clinical trials. The 83 inmates currently involved in clinical trials will be continued in those trials. These clinical trials have yielded information of great value, not only to the inmates' well being, but also to the general public health. Therefore, enrollment in clinical trials will be made available to eligible inmate patients when affiliation with outside IRB's can be arranged.

3. Status of Bioethics Committee

This Correctional Bioethics Committee is attached administratively to the North Florida Reception Center (NFRC) Hospital. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHCO) requires that every hospital have a bioethics committee. However, the NFRC Hospital does not seek JCAHCO accreditation. Question was raised as to whether there be a legal requirement for such bioethics committees, perhaps in F.S. 765. Drs. Goodman and Moseley will be queried on this topic.

4. Ethics Educational Programs for Providers

The Committee had previously committed to developing educational programs in ethics for the providers in the institutions and regions. Focus should be primarily at the institutional level. Educational videotapes should be developed. Consideration should also be given to developing such programs for inmates. Dr. Goodman's advice and assistance will be sought.

IV. New Business

1. Videotaping of consent process

Dr. Fiore proposed videotaping of the consent process in clinical trials, and of advance directives, as a training device. She and Dr. Moseley would have time this coming summer to work on the project. Such tools have been developed at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa. Grant money should be available. The Committee approved of the project and encouraged Drs. Fiore and Moseley to proceed.

V. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be scheduled in June. Committee members will be polled.

VI. Adjournment

Committee adjourned at 1200H.