

**Empire State Stem Cell Board**  
**Funding Committee**  
**Executive Session**  
**Minutes**

**December 13, 2007**  
**12:45 PM**

**Funding Committee Members Present:**

Dr. Richard Daines, Chairperson  
Mr. Kenneth Adams  
Dr. Bradford Berk  
Dr. Richard Dutton  
Mr. Robin Elliott  
Dr. Gerald Fischbach  
Dr. David Hohn  
Dr. Hilda Hutcherson  
Dr. Michael Stocker  
Dr. Harold Varmus

**Department of Health Staff Present:**

Ms. Bonnie Brautigam  
Mr. Thomas Conway  
Ms. Judy Doeschate  
Mr. Mike Heeran  
Ms. Marti McHugh  
Ms. Amy Nickson  
Dr. Tia Powell  
Ms. Lani Rafferty  
Ms. Beth Roxland  
Dr. Lawrence Sturman  
Dr. Ann Willey

The Funding Committee met in Executive Session to consider the issuance of a specific RFA to solicit applications from eligible entities to engage in planning for the development of stem cell research consortia. Following extensive discussion, it was agreed that Department staff would revise the proposed RFA to expand the variety of collaborative activities that could be considered for funding under the planning grant and increase opportunities for smaller institutions to benefit from such grants. It was agreed that the revised RFA would be presented to the Funding Committee at its January 7, 2008 meeting.

Following Executive session, Dr. Daines sought a motion to adjourn. Dr. Stocker so moved; Mr. Adams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

*Approved: January 7, 2008*