

World Trade Center Health Program

Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF MEETING

September 28-29, 2021

The World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) was convened for its 12th meeting on September 28, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., EDT, and on September 29, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., EDT. This was a virtual meeting conducted via Zoom. The public was welcome to follow the proceedings via live webcast on the World Wide Web. No registration was required.

Committee Members Present

Dr. Elizabeth Ward (chairperson)
Dr. Sophie Balk
Dr. Thomas Dydek
Ms. Mariama James
Dr. Anita Jose
Dr. Michael Larrañaga
Ms. Catherine McVay Hughes
Dr. John Meyer
Dr. Debra Milek
Dr. Lawrence Mohr (only attended the first day of the meeting)
Dr. Nicholas Newman
Dr. Jason Ostrowe
Dr. Robin Sassman
Dr. Aarti Surti
Dr. Leigh Wilson

Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting.

Public Comments

Twelve persons provided oral public comments via Zoom during the public comment periods on September 28, 2021, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., EDT, and on September 29, 2021, from 12:10 p.m. to 12:40 p.m., EDT. In addition, written public comments were accepted and posted on the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Administrator's Opening Remarks

Dr. John Howard, Administrator of the WTC Health Program and Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, welcomed the committee and announced the matters to be covered. He also charged the STAC with providing an evaluation and recommendation on whether there is a reasonable scientific basis to support adding uterine cancer to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions.

WTC Health Program Research Update

Dr. Travis Kubale, Associate Director for Research Integration of the WTC Health Program, provided an overview of the Program's research activities in the past 10 years. In addition, members of the STAC received the *Summary of WTCHP Research Funding for Responders, Survivors, and WTC Youth (2012 – 2020)* and other pertinent documents.

Policy and Procedures for Adding Cancer Conditions

Ms. Jessica Bilics, Policy Coordinator and Governmental Affairs Liaison for the WTC Health Program provided an overview of the *Policy and Procedures for Adding Cancer Conditions*. This document governs the Administrator's evaluation of evidence supporting the potential addition of a type of cancer to the List of covered conditions by the WTC Health Program and was relevant for the STAC's deliberations.

Scientific Considerations for Adding Uterine Cancer to the List

Dr. Geoffrey Calvert, Senior Medical Advisor for the WTC Health Program, presented a summary of the White Paper entitled *Scientific Considerations for Potential Addition of Uterine Cancer to the List of Covered Conditions by the World Trade Center Health Program*. This White Paper presented the scientific considerations regarding uterine cancer identified by the WTC Health Program Science Team. It also provided information on mechanisms of carcinogenicity for the committee's deliberations. STAC members received a copy of this White Paper ahead of the meeting. It was also made available to the public on the WTC Health Program website at https://www.cdc.gov/wtc/stac_meeting.html.

Committee's Deliberations

Upon deliberation, all members voted in favor of creating a workgroup to write a report describing the committee's conclusion, scientific rationale, and supporting evidence for adding uterine cancer as a WTC-related health condition. Members of the workgroup include Dr. Sophie Balk, Dr. Michael Larrañaga, Dr. Nicholas Newman, Dr. Robin Sassman, and Dr. Elizabeth Ward. The full committee will meet again on November 18, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., EST, to discuss and vote on the recommendation.

Certification Statement

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and ability, the foregoing executive summary of the September 28 and 29, 2021, meeting of the World Trade Center Health Program Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) is accurate and complete.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Ward".

Elizabeth Ward, PhD
Chair, STAC