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Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 10:22 AM
To: Irannejad, Nosrat (Nassi) (CDC/CCHP/NCCDPHP); 'Poul Thorsen'; Boyle, Coleen (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: FW: Resuming the projektactivities
Attachments: Message from KMBT_C550; Message from KMBT_C550; Message from KMBT_C550; Message from KMBT_C550

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Cc: ks@adm.au.dk; ImQ@adm.au.dk; Søren K. Kjærgaard; Annette Bachmann; as@adm.au.dk
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Fra: Dorthe Hejl

Sendt: 15. januar 2009 12:00

Til: 'nai2@cdc.gov'; 'dcs6@cdc.gov'; Poul Thorsen

Cc: 'ks@adm.au.dk'; 'as@adm.au.dk'; 'Inge-Marie Qvist'; Søren K. Kjærgaard; Annette Bachmann

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Exhibit 36

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 2:20 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Happy New Year's Day!!

Hello Love,

Wonderful to hear from you! I have gotten lovely e-mails back from you, so I do not feel rejected or forgotten. I miss the conversation too, but it is pretty unstable from here at Koh Phangan.

Our new years eve was pretty wild with a lot of firework and wild rockets exploding close to our feet, so at a time just after midnight we felt best of getting under roof and in distance from those drunk beach people.

I am following up on things and slowly getting deeper into the biomarker stuff. I have read (different levels) most of the papers that you sent me and also tried some alleys. I know that you are eager to hear something from and you will as soon as I have some good sense of that it is not blind alleys.

Take care and best wishes for our year, 2007!

Love,
Poul

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Fra: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD) [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 1. januar 2007 20:13
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Happy New Year's Day!!

My dearest love,

Its a bright and sunny day and I am trying to avoid any stressful work - I tried to clean up some work email and my heart began to pound, so I quit after just reading it all - I didn't try to respond. Worries enough to take on when I have to - which technically doesn't start until Wednesday! Since former President Ford died last week, Jan 2 has been declared a day of mourning and all federal offices are closed. I'll probably get a small start, and I already organized my brief case and made a to-do list for this week, so that is a good start, eh?

I am really eager to connect with you again by voice! I want to express my appreciation for all the warm and loving emails you have sent me over the holidays. I have been surrounded by people for the last 10 days, and so have only been able to sneak a peak at my Blackberry or lock myself in the bathroom to quickly reply to you - without fail, within minutes of "disappearing" someone would call out my name and I would be drawn back into the crowd. But, I always had your words in my mind and their message kept me lively and happy all through the hours!

I hope you are having a wonderful time with Christian in your exotic and far away place! I am sure you are gaining strength from the break and much needed refreshment! Send my a picture or 2, if you can.

My New Year's Day message is a simple one..... the moments we share are painfully brief, but the love they uphold and refresh sustains me through the weary hours, the every days, the longest weeks, the months flying by with ever increasig momentum into the year's labors.

And a new year begins! I am feel ready for it all, thanks to you in my heart.
be safe, come home soon, think of me always,
your ever lovin'
D.

4/21/2009

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From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCIAU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, December 31, 2006 1:03 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: RE: Happy New Year (last e-mail from Koh Samui)!

Dearest Diana,
It is all meant in the most positive way - if you weren't a challenge, then I would not be around. Have a wonderful Happy New Year Eve!!! You are in my thoughts always!
Love
Poul

-----Original Message-----
From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD) [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]
Sent: Sat 12/30/2006 5:33 PM
To: Poul Thorsen
Subject: Re: Happy New Year (last e-mail from Koh Samui)!

My dear,

Your words keep ringing in my mind - how am I your strongest challenge? Is that a good thing or a bad thing?

I wish we could talk! Oh, happy moment when I hear your voice again!

Loving hugs,
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Fri Dec 29 11:09:16 2006
Subject: Happy New Year (last e-mail from Koh Samui)!

Dearest Diana,

We are leaving for Koh Phagnan tomorrow, so I do not know how well that I will be connected on e-mail / mobile phone.

You are my greatest gift in life and you are strongest challenge!

I am very much looking forward to the time that we will spend together in 2007 - my wish for 2007 is that I will celebrate 2007 New Years Eve with you!

I love you of all what I have got!

Wonderkisses and heavenly hugs,
Poul

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, December 24, 2006 8:10 PM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: Merry Christmas!!!

Dearest Diana,

I hope that you are fine. I have missed the contact with you a lot and I hope that we soon can connect again. December, and especially this one, has been extremely busy. Getting sick in the middle of our grant writing process was not good either.

I know that you are busy too and most likely you are taking care of all your family right now - getting ready for your big Christmas day and gifts. Have a wonderful day among your family members and enjoy the warmth around you!

As I remember you were also planning to go up into the mountains and look for property - I wish that I could join you. It would be lovely, if you could find a place and get started. Things takes time and time becomes more and more precious the older you get.

I and Christian are heading off for Thailand later today and I am looking forward to our company - however, next Christmas I will be close to you!

I love you and I am thinking of you a lot! Merry Christmas!!!

Hugs,
Poul

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From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2006 2:39 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Purchase

Dearest Diana,

I am on my way and in Copenhagen airport. However, I can only get my boarding card at the gate and before that I cannot buy stuff. I will ship it to you, when I am back in Denmark late November.

I am very pleased that you are able to pick me up and spend some time around the house!

See you very soon for huge kisses!

Love,
Poul

Fra: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD) [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 11. november 2006 16:59
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Purchase

Hi sweetheart,

If you have the opportunity tomorrow in the airport, could you buy me a wine pourer that fits in the carafes you gave me years ago - Rosendahl ?? Its a spout that fits in the top like a cork. I am using the carafes for vinegar and oil and need another spout.

If you can't, no problem as I'll pick up later.

Counting the moments until I see you! Safe travels and limber up that hug!

kys
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2006 1:43 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Moon watch

Dearest Diana,

Lovely to hear from you and a fresh breeze from Atlanta. I miss you and I am very much looking forward to seeing you next week. Here it has been overcast for many reasons; literally and also because I was preparing the script finalizing the resignation of Jørn Attermann. It is sad and I cannot help blaming myself for not reacting long time ago.

Hungering for your embracement and your voice!

Love,
Poul

Fra: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD) [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 6. november 2006 03:24
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Moon watch

Dearest,

I saw the moon and the moon saw you. A crystal lens peering deep nto my heart.

Love and enormous hugs,
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2005 3:21 AM
To: 'Poul Thorsen'
Subject: RE: Next spring

My love,

Funny thing..... yesterday, when I was on my "run", I was savoring with every step (thump-thimp-thump against the soft damp earth) the lovely spring weather and admiring the earliest spring blooms that I don't see in Atlanta. You know the ones, the smallest white snow drops, blue stars, yellow and purple crocuses that grow in abundance on the grass and tucked under trees. From afar they look like a blanket of color, but up close they are merely perfection in miniature. And then, coming up fast are the daffodils and tulips -- and that is when I thought -- YES! YES! I am so happy at the prospect of for ever having the opportunity to have a Nordic spring!! To see all this beauty slowly unfolding slowly and over weeks in a way that is very different from the southern US, but every bit as lovely. And, I dreamt of having a garden here some day that I can cherish and experiment with color, texture, shape...such magnificent soil too...and every now and then, as I work, look up and see you there (well, perhaps, see you waving from the window since I know how you hate gardening ☺).

Splendid spring, that only splendid love can bring, to fill your heart!
 Next spring, cherry blossoms in Washington -- it's a date!
 Love, D.

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To: Schendel, Diana
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Dearest Diana,

I saw this wonderful picture of Cherry-trees from Washington DC. I also thought of once long time ago; a rose and the Mall. I would like to be there next year with you!

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I am still struggling with this mood and so will humor it by writing you a letter instead of working. I have been thinking of how little I have been writing – for such a long time now, it seems. Why am I always running now, and filling my days with what – I can't remember – but it must be important for me to work so hard at it. At the moment the thought of digging into the pile of paper work waiting for me makes me feel sick to my stomach. But, then I start in and after awhile the bad feeling goes away and I am OK. In the end I'll get it all done, and more.

Lovely sunrise this morning. That's my only complaint about the apartment – there is no comfortable spot for me to sit and watch the day wake up. The kitchen is cozy and a nice window, but no comfortable chair. The family room has the comfortable chair, but faces west. The living room faces east but not a very good view - maybe I need to rearrange the living room. Or maybe, rearrange my bedroom – it has the best window and faces east. Ian's room also has a great window, but faces west and gets the best sunsets – a benefit that he has commented on with great satisfaction. Now that the leaves have dropped from the trees, we get a wider and more dramatic view out of our windows. And the winter skies at dusk go all soft and purple. I am filled with great satisfaction on the evenings when we are home together at dusk, and its warm inside, and I light candles and watch the rich colors fade through the frosty windowpanes. We have started to have a family movie time on Friday nights and we all gather in Ian's room to watch it – with the sky as our backdrop. Even if the skies are grey and burdened with clouds, the bare tree branches define the skyline with drama and provide a satisfying contrast to the interior glow. It's a good thing and makes me feel better to think about it.

I have been thinking a lot about our last few weeks and our times together. I am filled with a secret joy at the richness and depth of our relationship. It seems to be reaching into higher levels and plunging into greater depths since I arrived in Aarhus.... Just when I think we have reached a perfect harmony, it surprises me and gets even better. Have you felt that too? There are some moments, when my heart is near bursting and I am afraid to speak for breaking the spell. Often, the moment is so brief that it passes and takes my breath away with it. I often wonder if you felt the same, but am afraid for asking in case you didn't – that would be terrible! Then again, I sense other moments when I feel you are carried away also

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*P. Thorsen
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From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2004 10:59 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: A moment of room/space
Importance: High

Dearest Diana,

I found room – you know the Danish translation and meaning! Have a wonderful day!

Love,
Poul

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From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Wednesday, March 03, 2004 1:12 PM
To: Poul Thorsen
Subject: hello!
Attachments: chatty letter.doc

Hi sweetie!

Attached is a letter I wrote last night, but I couldn't connect from home to send it. I just spent a bit of time reading it over and adding a bit – time off from the day because of an impending headache and so I took some medicine and shut my door and ignored the world for awhile to let the med take hold. But it was boring to just sit, so I spent some time with you. I feel better now.

love, D.

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March 2, 2004, evening

My dear Poul,

At last I have some free time to write you the chatty letter I have wanted to write for a week now. Since I left you and Denmark (you know, I am really becoming very attached to your country as I learn, and observe, and discover more and more on my own - for its own sake, and not just because you are there....oh, and guess what! The viking ship sculpture is back in the hillside en route to Bent's house - poised for tragedy, mystery, and ghostly shadows. I don't know when the best time to see it would be, wrapped in fog at winter day break, or in the bright sun and waving green grass of spring. Try both times and tell me what you thinkbut, these are other topics of discussion and I need to get back to the beginning of this sentence)..... I have had countless conversations with you in my mind, and mentally composed many paragraphs of many letters. Few hours go by that you don't come into my thoughts, and I wish that I could dash off the lines right at that instant so you would know that I am thinking of you. Although you are less inclined to write, I know you are thinking of me too, and often - imagine all of that psychic energy flying across the Atlantic! But, please remember this about me - that you are ever, always, my companion in thought and inner feeling, even during long weeks of separation and unfortunate days of silence.

But, the main idea I have wanted to share with you recently is something I read in one of my current books (I usually have at least 2 books that I am reading at any one time - and I switch back and forth depending on my mood and degree of tiredness). I think you saw it at the summer house, "Galileo's Daughter". As you know his astronomical observations challenged the strict interpretation of biblical accounts of creation and upset all kinds of insecure religious leaders. Ironically, he was a devote Catholic and did not see any conflict in what he observed as a learned professional and what he believed as a Catholic. And he had his supporters all through out Europe, even some Danish astronomers whose writings he consulted! (aren't all these connections wonderful), and many of them wrote opinions and texts that are astonishingly fresh and clear thinking. I say, "astonishing" only because I am inclined to imagine that 500 years ago the level of ignorance was so great as to make it pointless to read it. But, I have been humbled - again. On the plane ride home from Denmark, I read a few passages that electrified me - mainly because they were beautifully written, and revealed a beautiful mind - and I instantly wanted to share them with you. If you had been sitting next to me, I would have grabbed your arm in excitement and undoubtedly spilled your drink or upset your fork poised in mid-air. So, here they are.

The first is taken from a letter that Galileo wrote to a colleague, and he makes an analogy (in music) about the difficulties in logic and observation that the church puts itself in to try and maintain that the earth is the center of the universe and does not move. And since he is also trying to figure out the correct logic, mostly by just observing and reasoning, he is cautious himself. So he says:

"Nevertheless, I shall not abandon the task in despair. Indeed, I hope that this new thing will turn out to be of admirable service in tuning for me some reed in this great discordant organ of our philosophy - an instrument on which I think I see many organists wearing themselves out trying vainly to get the whole thing into perfect harmony. Vainly, because they leave (or rather preserve) three or four of the principal reeds in discord, making it quite impossible for the others to respond in perfect tune."

Do you see what he is saying, that by failing, or unwilling, to replace the parts that don't work, the whole system fails. Simple idea, but beautifully expressed, I think. Is this not the struggle we face every day, when we face our scientific problems? (well, maybe even facing our problems of life, also!)

And, in this next passage he separates religion and science in clear and eloquent argument, that I wish everyone who has ever debated the roles of these two institutions should read!

"I believe that the intention of Holy Writ was to persuade men of the truths necessary for salvation such as neither science nor any other means could render credible, but only the voice of the Holy Spirit. But I do not think it necessary to believe that the same God who gave us our senses, our speech, our intellect, would have put aside the use of these, to teach us instead such things as with their help we could find out for ourselves, particularly in the case of these sciences of which there is not the smallest mention in the scriptures;"

Do you feel the same humility as I did, when I first read these lines? Imagine, looking into the depths of the universe with a piece of polished glass and, with only that, reasoning out some of its most fundamental truths. And then expressing the thoughts and arguments so eloquently and clearly.

The rest of the book has many such lines, and many others that are much less inspiring. A good read altogether.

The other book I am reading is soft and soothing, for when I am tired and don't want a challenge, or another second of stimulation. I am tired now.

I miss being with you, Poul, very much. I like what I am with you.

And so
coupled,
in arms,
loving couple
at rest.

D.

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2004 3:18 PM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: Happy Birthday
Importance: High

Dearest Diana,

I hope that you are having a wonderful birthday with your family. I miss to be with you on such a day, however, I do expect that the time we will spend together during the following two weeks will be your present and my joy!

Have a great day, my love!

Kiss and hugs,
Poul

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Sunday, February 01, 2004 9:57 PM
To: 'pt@soci.au.dk'
Subject: Fire and ice

Dearest,

Last night as I was reading, lots of pillows and blankets tucked here and there around me, I felt pin pricks behind my ears. An odd spot for irritation of that kind and then I realized that I hadn't taken out my earrings - the ones you gave me.

So, I slipped them off, and became thoughtful - thinking of you, and slowly rolling them about in my palm under the lamplight. The depth of color in them is remarkable. Piercing shafts of green and blue, flecked with gold, almost as if you could dive inside and disappear into another world, the deepest ocean depths.

And then there was a flash of red, gone in an instant. I puzzled over that one for a long time, turning and twisting it in the light trying to find the angle to release the fire. I almost gave up a couple of times, thinking, well its not there, just my imagination.

And then, it flashed again - slowly, I learned how to trigger the flash. Just right and I could coax it larger, the cool green melting away.

Rolling, rolling in my palm. Small amulets of love, and buried passion.

Shall I show it to you, just a few days now?
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2004 8:48 AM
To: 'pt@soci.au.dk'
Subject: Saturday Morning

Hello love,

Its the classic winter day for these parts: wet near-freezing air, dark thick clouds, bare tree limbs piercing the gloom. The houses all around appear abandoned, so shuttered are they against the misery outdoors. Instead, I put a small, arching oak branch in my back window and entwined tiny white lights around it, curved. Very cheerful and its like a magnet for us all, the sofa next to the window is a popular spot. I also planted narcissus bulbs in a variety of containers and they are ready to be brought out into friendly window spaces for blooming. The bulbs are varied - white, yellow, or fragrant - so I shall experiment with the effects of that display!

I am getting ready for denmark - shall I be a good dane in training?

I am looking forward to your arrival. I miss being near you, physically near you. I forget, or block out that aspect, but seeing you in the picture brought it to a conscious level. I like the physical pull when we are together - it adds something, would you agree? Apart from that, physical attraction is such a pleasant sensation all on its own - although I must be highly selective on a subconscious level because I rarely feel it. Thinking about it, the mix of intelligence and a pleasing physical look is my trigger and that's rare in my world.

What an odd train of thought....

Well, we need to talk about a number of work things, so please find time to call. Where are you!!

Gotta go to a basketball game. Have a good weekend.

Missing you very much,
D.

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2003 6:33 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: I am here!

Dear Diana,

Wonderful to hear from you. Thank you so much for the lovely present (I only got the letter this far, but I expect to pick it up tomorrow). I am both intrigued by the thought of fighting with a sword (I do not recall the right expression of this thin sword) and by your way of getting to that idea. I have never of myself as an elegant fighter more like a bull, but I know of my very fast reactions, when it is not put through the brain-filter (if it ever get through). Also, describing it in the context of us getting to our "understanding" – what a wonderful thing and I love thinking of us using these thin swords and this forth and back idea. Strong minds and wills – what a thrill! You may write something about it some day!

Well, this seems only to be the beginning, so I will get back to you later this week.

Take care my wonderful friend!

Love,
Poul

-----Oprindeligt meddelelse-----

Fra: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 19. november 2003 12:14
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: I am here!

Hello love,
I am awake, but just barely alive because of a headache and general jet lag. I just wanted to say hello, I miss you.

Kiss and hug,
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Sunday, October 05, 2003 1:12 PM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: FW: I am in the office!
Attachments: Maybe_this_has_some_of_it.jpg

Dear Poul,

I am sure I will be here all afternoon, but should leave by 6:00/24:00 in order to be home for Sunday evening dinner. Tomorrow I will not be able to talk probably – out of the office in the morning for Chris' house closing and an afternoon meeting.

Yes, I see love in your picture – maybe different loves for different things. And maybe just a picture of the mood of love. I am sitting at my desk at the office and looking out of the huge window into green tree tops and blue sky with wispy white clouds. Hanging in the window is a lovely twisted and gnarled root I found this summer floating in the river by the cabin at Lake Lure – I brought it back and have hung from it, three blue-green glass balls I bought in Aarhus the Saturday before I left in June**. The balls are each different but shades of the same and remind me of the greens and blues of danmark land and sky, changing moods with the changing sunlight. If I could send you a picture of love, it would be a photograph of this window "sculpture" – capturing many loves.

(**that last morning that we planned to meet you for lunch and I was going to show you my new treasures – remember that disappointment and troubles you had?!))

I can't wait to hold you in my arms again,
D.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Poul Thorsen [mailto:PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, October 05, 2003 12:45 PM
To: Schendel, Diana
Subject: SV: I am in the office!

Dear Diana,

I hope you still are there and thinking. I will not make it to the office until later tonight and early tomorrow morning.

Well, I am better in creating pictures and expressing my feelings in pictures – here is what came to my mind, when I saw your e-mail. Maybe we will talk tonight or tomorrow.

4/21/2009

Hugs and kisses,
Poul

-----Oprindeligt meddelelse-----

Fra: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]

Sendt: 5. oktober 2003 16:16

Til: Poul Thorsen

Emne: I am in the office!

Hi there! If you'd like to chat, give me a call.

Some exciting things I wanted to tell you about (perhaps I am too easily thrilled? ☺) - I am reading a great book on the development of English, and discovered some lovely things about Dane-English co-existence ☺ - even lovely quotes from a famous Danish linguist (Jespersen) – and it reminded me about a Danish author (writing about Jutland life in the 19th century) that I wanted to try and get in English

Times like this I feel so very much in love – and happy for the experience. Do you understand what I mean by that?

Hugs, D.

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Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2003 4:30 PM
To: Schendel, Diana
Subject: SV: Hot dog!

Dear Diana,

I have been trying to reach you on your mobile phone without any luck. Anyhow, whatever could work for you on a retreat, as you seem to have the heaviest obligations with your family.

I miss you too, and we need to connect soon! Hot dog means a warm sausage, doesn't it?

Kind regards
Poul

-----Oprindeligt meddelelse-----
Fra: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dc6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 27. april 2003 16:20
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Hot dog!

Hello love,
I think I have a possible plan for a get away !!! State lodges in North GA, I can stage a "retreat" maybe. I am still thinking through the possibilities, but maybe...

I am home working in the garden now, maybe a little shopping late in the afternoon if you want to call my cell phone.

I miss you!!

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [PT@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2003 10:01 PM
To: Schendel, Diana
Subject: Moon and late

Dear Diana,

I think that I wrote some nonsens – it should have been:

The moon is just in front of my window now – nearly round. The moon says: "Send me a kiss and I will forward it to D with love and sensual tender". So I did!

Tomorrow springs comes to Denmark! Sleep well my dear!

Love,
Paul

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [pt@SOCLAU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2003 5:34 PM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: wet Sunday afternoon

Dear Diana,

Thank you so very much for the nice letter – I love you and I love to read these small notes and descriptions of life and weather in Atlanta. I just finished the exam-questions for the students and proper answers too, and tomorrow will be a new teaching day. However, on my trip this late afternoon, there was this glooming reddish light over the sea and at the same moment a full moon rising – that made me think of you and times with you! Keep the spirit high – someone is thinking of you and someone is waiting for you You know the person very well!!!

Hugs and kisses across a red sea,
Poul

-----Oprindeligt meddelelse-----

Fra: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 16. februar 2003 23:04
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: wet Sunday afternoon

Hello love,

I am just about ready to leave the office for home and wanted to get in touch with you. I have been here this afternoon working on a backlog of promised-work-that-I-never-got-done related to the autism centers c-c study. The extra benefit will be that all this increased familiarity with autism that I am slowly acquiring can be applied to our DNBC autism application!

But I don't want to talk about work. It's a real February sunday - tons of rain, low low clouds, bone-chilling wet (not freezing, but temp about 3-5 degrees), wisps of fog, blurry lights, fragrance of wood smoke from chimneys in the air, empty streets. I brought a candle from home and lit it here - watching the flame now and thenfunny thing its relaxing, but also provides a focus for my thoughts.

Actually, I don't have much to say, but it was worth it to sit here for a bit and think about you. I have enjoyed these past minutes with you. Hugs can fly, you know, with proper encouragement and without regard for time or weather. Well, here's one from me.... a bit musty from damp wool and wood smoke, but with a faint scent of perfume - like a memory.

We need to hold onto those memories over weeks and months, hold tight tight.

I love you,
D.

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [pt@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2003 10:24 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: Happy Birthday to you!

Attachments: Glimpseoffuture.jpg



Glimpseoffuture.jpg
(265 KB)

Dearest Diana,

I am not perfect --- you will have to live with that. I was about to e-mail you yesterday and congratulate you - then my friend Jens called. He had just taken the trip from Yokohama in Japan to be with his dying father. That should not have distracted my thought of you, but it did for some time. Jens is staying with us for the moment.

However, here I am unshaved, but with good thoughts and full of trust and believe. With glimpse of the future and with hopes for many more of the very lovely moments with you, I wish you a happy birthday!

Love,
Poul



Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [pt@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2003 9:45 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Coffee mug flashbacks

Dear Diana,

Thank you so much for all your notes and voice mails.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!!!

We have been busy all Christmas and finally on New Years Eve we had planned to relax and settle in for some good time with the kids. Well, at night Andreas got so drunk and had a major crash to his head that we had first pick him up driving in a not sober condition (Taxis were not available), and then to sit by him all night observing him for not having any crush to the brain (you might have a specific expression that I do not remember). However, luckily he is OK, but with major bruises especially in the face.

I am sorry that I did not get a chance to greet you - however, I will catch up with you this following week.

Now I am just trying to finish up for my trip Atlanta.

LOVE, HUGS and see you very soon!
Poul

-----Oprindeligt meddelelse-----

From: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]
Sent: 31. december 2002 03:55
To: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Coffee mug flashbacks

Hello love,

You have been at the front of my thoughts all the long day, but even so you burst like a rocket through my mind when I unexpectedly saw your coffee mug in my kitchen cabinet this evening.

One of the dark blue ones from the summer house. I had taken it with me, filled with strog coffee, when I left the house for my drive to Billund a few weeks ago. I debated whether I should take the liberty of taking the mug without asking, but I really needed the caffeine to keep me alert on the drive. I was very tired and sleepy and all-night diners serving coffee to drowsy drivers don't seem to be part of the highway scene in Denmark. In the end, I decided you wouldn't mind.

What a blast to my imagination and memory. Scene after scene, of me, of you, of us both, in the summerhouse flying through my mind in an instant.

Transported. By a small blue cup.

Incredible too. I felt better after the moment passed. Better than I had felt all day.

Can you feel the intensity of my feelings for you? Am I a fool? Are we both fools?

I wish I could return the cup this instant, and talk with you. Talk and talk. Fill an emptiness with chat.

Love and hugs, filled to the top by a small blue cup, D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Poul Thorsen [pt@SOCI.AU.DK]
Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2003 11:02 AM
To: Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: SV: Coffee mug flashbacks

Dear Diana,

I am so sorry for having hurt you - that has not been by intention at any time and you are right - I should have left you a note or called. I will make it up to you, when I come! I promise!

8th, 9th, 10th - whatever fit your world!

The NAAR proposal is getting there and you will get a copy tomorrow!

I will have a rental car, so I do not need to be picked up, but I surely would be happy to take you for a ride from the airport to Champlée or to The corner bakery for a cup of coffee!

Looking forward to seeing you and also I have a lot glasses for you! Do you want me to bring it all at once, or how many do you need now!

Love,
Poul

-----Oprindeligt meddelelse-----

Fra: Schendel, Diana [mailto:dcs6@cdc.gov]
Sendt: 2. januar 2003 16:47
Til: Poul Thorsen
Emne: Re: SV: Coffee mug flashbacks

Hi Poul,

I am very sorry to hear of Andreas' accident and injury. It must have been an awful experience for you and Lisbet, but a relief to have no lasting harm. Well, I suppose he still feels pretty bad - between the hangover AND crash! Poor kid.

What ARE your plans for your trip here? If you are still planning some time for the two of us, I need to make arrangements too. What about Monday?

I am also sorry you didn't send any greeting, or word, anytime. It really hurts. Just a simple hello.

I am working at home today and tomorrow because Mom is away and kids still out of school. Is the NAAR proposal in good shape?

I am anxious to see you too, hurt and anticipation all mixed together.
D.

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld (www.BlackBerry.net)

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/ONDIEH/NCBDDD) (CTR)

From: Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 2:44 PM
To: Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Subject: FW: Select Emails - Requested Info
Attachments: [Untitled].pdf

Categories: Green Category

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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2009 5:27 PM
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Coleen - This is a followup concerning our discussion this morning concerning further documenting the email review. Attached is a representative email selection (previously forwarded under the 4/21 email below). These emails were retrieved using the key word 'love'. I have also searched under other key words such as P Thorsen, Emory, but have not identified any add'l info at this time.

You also asked that I provide add'l info re any potential gifts. Included in this email grouping are below discussions concerning potential gifts.

PDF Page 13, 11/12/2006, gift of 2 Rosendahl wine carafes from P Thorsen to D Schendel.
PDF Page 22, 2/1/04, gift of earrings from P Thorsen to D Schendel.
PDF Page 24, 11/19/03, gift of sword?? from D Schendel to P Thorsen.
PDF Page 27, 4/27/03, discussion of retreat in the North GA Mountain (D Schendel & P Thorsen).

As you requested I have also asked for another snapshot of Diana's email account. Vickie Kipreos submitted this request to ITSO. It should arrive in a few days.

tx much

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Memorandum

Date June 8-12, 2009

From CDC, NCBDDD, Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Staff

Subject Site Visit, June 8-12, 2009, Danish Agency for Science, Technology, and Innovation, and Aarhus University, 5 U10 DD000230-03

To File

BACKGROUND: This grantee is completing Year 03 of a 05 Year Project Period.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this site visit was to meet with the grantee Principal Investigator, Senior Scientists, and the rest of the team to receive an update on the status of the project activities and project personnel structure in wake of recent personnel changes. To also review the current status of the scientific progress on the cooperative agreement activities.

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Clark Denny, PhD., Epidemiologist, PRB
Joanne Wojcik, B.A., Deputy, DDB

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Copenhagen, Denmark Site Visit Location:

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Katja Gunnertoft Bojsen, Head of Section, DASTI
Erik Lykke Mortensen, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Copenhagen University

In Briefing: Coleen Boyle and Joanne Wojcik met with key Aarhus University staff, Søren Mogensen, Dean, Health Sciences, and Søren Kjaergaard, the Head of the School of Public Health.

Søren Kjaergaard, the designated new Principal Investigator once the award is relinquished from DASTI and transferred to Aarhus University will be involved in future meetings with project staff. Coleen Boyle is also taking over as the CDC lead for this project. In collaboration with CDC and Aarhus University the project will be reviewed and adjustments will be made to ensure key project activities continue to move forward. Diana Schendel may continue with Autism/CP activities and Sonja Rasmussen will continue to be the lead for Down Syndrome activities.

The ongoing external audit of grant funds was discussed. There is also an ongoing investigation verifying bills and checks processed as a part of this award – to ensure funds were not inadvertently directed to inappropriate accounts.

A review is also taking place concerning two invoices that were submitted by Emory requesting grant funding to support activities in Atlanta. These invoices were denied by Aarhus University. It was noted that Poul Thorsen was provided a full salary by Aarhus University up until March 2009.

A review of the funding breakout as well as the deobligation of Spina Bifida dollars were discussed. The change of institution will transfer \$1,100,000 from DASTI to Aarhus University.

Søren Kjaergaard will work with program staff to ensure appropriate breakout and take into the account the restrictions placed on the initial year 03 award. He will also be looking into identifying a person with a scientific background to assist him with oversight of the activities. This would then allow him to be listed on the award for a minimum amount - 5 to 10% effort (salary).

Grant Application Change of Institution / Budget Discussions: Coleen Boyle and Joanne Wojcik met with Søren Kjaergaard, Dorthe Hejl, and Annette Bachman.

CDC can expect the revised change of institution application by the end of June 2009. It will show an effective date of February 1, 2009. Dorthe mentioned that Aarhus University already has an institution DUNS number. Budgets will be broken out into subcontracts. The University will include indirect costs – U takes 4% (show as other costs). The University will also provide a breakout of costs (by spreadsheet) showing allocations by "project". The University was reminded to ensure appropriate documents are submitted re the Banking (Bank will be required to sign document – then you forward completed form back to PGO). Dorthe will discuss with Randolph appropriate bank for transactions. Joanne believes Aarhus will need to ensure the bank has a U.S. Branch.

Søren Kjaergaard mentioned that he will be bringing the NANEAs offices back to the University – versus offsite. This way the program staff will be closer to the institute to allow them to be more integrated into the Institute activities. Søren has received a potential promise for space in the white building next to the offices. The current NANEAs offices are leased.

Lifestyle Project Update: Coleen Boyle, Clark Denny, and Joanne Wojcik met with Lifestyle Project staff for a day long update of activities. Staff presenting included - Jacob Grove, Dorte Hvidtjørn, Clause Svaerke, Hanne-Lise Eriksen, Tina Kilburn, Åshild Skogerbø, and Ulrik Kesmodel.

Summary: Ulrik provided an overview. Psychologists attempt to meet monthly (sometimes longer in the summer time). Every 6 months they meet w/a larger group – to discuss larger issues and anything needing to be changed to keep moving forward. Experts meeting in 2002 and 2003. Ulrik doesn't believe it's necessary to go back to this experts meeting. Psychologists meet every six months for inter rater reliability. Varied number of psychologists (up to 11); varied numbers of evals completed per psychologists. Their paper will be accepted shortly from the Journal. Journal requested add'l table to be completed. Ulrik will send Coleen Boyle and Soren K. an updated copy of the draft publication later this week.

Physiotherapists did motor tests of the first half of the children (until they ran out of money). Also did inter-rater 6 month meetings. Did have 30 physiotherapists completing the tests. In 2005 did an additional diet sample. How will the additional sample be taken into account? Jacob G will need to be sure to take into account – there is a way. In 2007 first PhD's completed. In 2008 – completed final test. Last child was tested in June 2008. They have spent this past year cleaning the data – almost completely cleaned. Being delayed right now because the final data analysis plan has not been agreed upon.

Alcohol & IQ - Hanne-Lise Erikson updated on her project. By 7/31, 8/31, 9/30 2009 three Phd articles original deadlines – will probably be delayed 2-3 months. April 30 2010 will be handing in her Phd thesis. Her project was brought up last fall no CDC interest in her projects. Coleen will ensure there is CDC identified collaboration.

Alcohol & behavior (ÅS) - Åshild Skogerbø, Copenhagen University is now working on her data analysis. She is looking at high-ish exposure of alcohol to very low alcohol. Coleen would like to have some comparability between Hanne-Lise and Åshild's analyses. All of the categories are fixed. SDQ test has been thoroughly analyzed with foreign properties. Proposed timeline Nov 2008 – Oct 2011 (due to maternity leave). She will be starting the data analysis after this week. Working on final data cleaning. She is preparing 4 papers then thesis will be March 2010 through July 3, 2010. Her plans are to have out the first 2 articles by November 2009. Data collection completed June 24, 2008. 1784 mother-child dyads. July 2008-July 2009 data cleaning completed. Jorn Olson is looking into following up the children. No collaboration from CDC with this part of Åshild's project. Prevention Branch would like to see an overall paper to look at all of the neurodevelopmental functioning.

Data cleaning process - Hanne-Lise Erikson. Identification of Errors – correction of errors. Info placed into a hard copy. Keyers input data into the computer. A couple of students and John input the data into the database. Data was not double keyed because error rate was very small. Occasionally double keyed and still kept a very low error rate.

Coleen was provided a hard copy of the lifestyle questionnaires and the "overview of cleaned variables". Hard copies of the files kept in the NANEA basement and the Aarhus University. Coleen provided a hard copy of the "overview of cleaned variables". Also provided an analysis file. The analytic data would also have the individual cleaned items. Any other variables would need to be cleaned before analyzed. DNBC data are already expected to be cleaned.

In response to Coleen's questions NANEA believes that it is possible for sections that are cleaned that it is possible to get secondary data sets for folks to complete some analyses? All of the major outcome and major covariates are included in the initial 'overview of cleaned variables' document.

Two sections have not yet been scored. Not scored or cleaned. Jackie Bertand requested this test be included. Coleen would like to know the name of this test. Dysmorphology not yet touched or scored. Have photos of both mothers and child.

List of covariates - Jacob Grove: They still need to get some variables from the DNBC.

Publication plan - Ulrik Kesmodel: Provided planned papers slide to group. Long term plan – previously formalized and agreed upon by all. Mette will finish her papers even though she has a new position elsewhere. Nanna's papers would be finishing 2010 for motor function. Decided do not have the funding for her to complete her papers and get her Ph.D. She doesn't want to get her own funding. Final decision- not going to secure her funding – she will not receive a Ph.D. In order to get Nanna's papers written #14 is not a key interest. #15 and #16 will be written by the end of this year or early next year. Ulrik Kesmodel personally will be writing the above two papers. Lene's papers re diet. She left the project at the end of May. To be discussed this afternoon. Coleen has someone at CDC who could work through the diet paper – she is very interested. Åshild - #18 and #19 papers have been deleted.

Coleen has requested Ulrik provide an updated papers listing. Discussed overall papers. #24 is the overall paper. Poul Thorsen / Ulrik Kesmodel will be coordinating. The Ph.D.

students need to write their papers first then write the final paper. July 31, 2010 may be pushed back even later. Would be ready for submission on that date – July 31, 2010.

#25 is a literature review that has nothing to do with the project. Coleen will verify that CDC has completed the literature reviews. Did Molly C complete the literature review?

CDC will reestablish regular phone calls with Aarhus University scientists. Calls will include CDC, Denmark, and Bradley Skarpness. Soren K and Coleen B will also participate on a few of the initial calls.

#24 – Working title: Alcohol in preg and neorphy outcomes..... Hopefully can begin analysis on the projects.

Analysis plan – Jacob Grove – The analysis plan does not include motor function because the data is only on 750 children. Coleen may want to look at motor function on just that component. Bradley Sharpness/Battelle (on a volunteer basis) is working low to moderate alcohol exposure analysis plan. Stage I is the analysis of individual outcomes. Stage II is the mixed-model analysis of variance. There will be multiple dependent variables. Concern that they may not be able to get the Battelle algorithms; Coleen believes it has been solved. Battelle will provide NANEA the software and will help Jacob Grove w/the analysis. STATA is used by NANEA. The Battelle software is standalone software. To look at the data folks would need to come to Denmark. DNBC would ultimately own the data. Analytic database may be able to be analyzed; Coleen suggests we explore further w/Denmark.

Steering committee - Ulrik Kesmodel: Committee to help with decisions where there may be conflicts. Ulrik Kesmodel, ErikMortensen, and Poul Thorsen. Suggest that CDC also be included. At this point add Coleen Boyle to the committee representation.

Future projects, including diet? - Ulrik Kesmodel: Technically the diet belongs to the national birth cohort. Will be planning a meeting around June 24th to discuss how to move the diet part forward. Will discuss various papers that can be written. Professor - Sjurdur Olsen (SF Olsen – for publications). Ulrik will get with CDC after that meeting to provide an update and come up with a strategy. Dietary data that was collected – it still needs to be cleaned – Sjurdur and his collaborators have cleaned most of it. Ulrik needs to finalize an agreement with Sjurdur.

Notice of Award for Year 03 – The psychologists will not clean the movement ABC. Comment – two psychologists are cleaning the data – many more than three variables.

August 31 – is the date for the cleaned data set. Jan 1st – complete analysis for large overall paper. Analysis part will be delayed three months. Coleen will send Ulrik a paper as an example comparable type published in the New England Journal of Medicine. Binge and moderate drinking may be published together or separately.

Question – has CDC thought of a way to keep the students involved in the future with the data analysis. CDC open to any ideas? Coleen open to any suggestions.

Prevention Research Branch's goal is to get paper 24 out as soon as possible.

Autism/Cerebral Palsy (CP) Medical Records Abstraction Update: Coleen Boyle and Joanne Wojcik met with Aarhus University Hospital, Skejby. Lars Jorgen Østergaard and Inge V. Arbs provided an update concerning their activities. Currently they are abstracting data on CP children. All of the abstractors are 4th medical students. Twelve students were trained last year – they will train an additional group of new students this year. The Medical students take a 2 day introductory course they then score high enough on test histories then they have a license to work in “Q Docs”. They learn about histories, medical, records, etc. Their server is located at Skejby. They bought 12 laptops that transmit through a secure data network to the server at Skejby.

There is no hospital review board. There is an ethics committee – not institutional review board. Poul Thorson received all human subjects approval for this project.

They started the real abstraction last summer 2008 for CP. The students are paid by the review and they are paid for their travel. For offices far off they are paying for records to be delivered to the Skejby offices. They are completing the entire Denmark with this CP study. Their goal is to have 21 students. For healthy mother and child they receive 175,00 kr if a case they receive 250,00 kr per file. Medical students work an average of 6 hours a week. Get approx 1 ½ - 2 years of work out of the students.

They also have a student to upgrade the server. John Villadsen – helps with the technical activities. Goes into the CPR register to complete activities. Has computer and data management skills. Started here at Skejby full time late summer. Also worked with the lifestyle project on the abstraction – reviewing the data and helping with the cleaning. John is in Skejby Mon and Tues and the rest of the week at PM17.

Quality control process – no re-review of records. They are hoping that Poul Thorson can come back to DK this summer to complete the re-review. There are no range edits or logic edits have been setup for the files. There will be quality control at some point. Last year took 15 records – and compared. Will complete again this year. Coleen suggested that Claus Svaerke may be able to assist with some of the logic edits (one of the programs he's on is winding down right now).

TO BE COMPLETED

25 maybe add'l

35 cases that they know w/CP in the western part of the country.

60 still need to abstract

COMPLETED

East 44

West 70

Cases 114

1122 finished

453 yet to be completed

1575 total CP

Unsure if they can use the CP controls for the autism abstraction. Not yet started the autism abstraction. Lars mentioned that all data will be provided to Soren K.

They also helped with the twins study – Dorthe needed information – needed the full data for her study. Info has not been electronically entered – kept in boxes. Dorthe still needs to pick up the data.

Lars – thinks an epidemiologist may be more beneficial for an ‘on-site leadership’. Coleen thinks there may be someone who’s graduating affiliated w/NANEA. Lars also mentioned there is also a very strong epi department at the hospital (dept headed by Henrik Scorensen) – department of clinical epidemiology.

According to the timeline they are to complete the CP cases and the autism cases are in the talking stages. Lars will send Coleen an electronic copy of the entire program – CP and Autism. According to the timeline it appears the controls are for both CP and Autism cases. Unsure at this point what are the Autism cases.

Coleen Boyle 1 on 1’s with Claus Svaerke and Jacob Grove took place.

Grants Documentation Discussion: Coleen Boyle and Joanne Wojcik met with key Aarhus University, DASTI, and local enforcement officers to discuss grants documentation. Staff included: Dean Søren Mogensen, Søren Kjaergaard, Jørgen Jørgensen, Lars Ove Jensen, Peter Andersen, Anne Christiansen, and Moller Madsen.

Søren Kjaergaard provided an update re Emory documentation. Søren Mogensen provided an overview of the three pieces of correspondence from CDC/PGO in question. Anne Christiansen received the first document in June /July 2008. She did a thorough accounting last year. Third letter – original on USA sized paper. Police will need to examine original documents /can’t make statement viewing copies. Potential case – forgery – fraud – and/or embezzlement (if funds were redirected/would be misuse of trusted position at this point).

At this point the crimes regarding the three documents appears to have been committed in Denmark. The police are just starting their started investigation – need to investigate DASTI, AU, Odense H. CDC documents may be needed – police will go through DASTI. If police investigate in the United States DASTI will also assist. Denmark police may send someone over to talk with Poul Thorsen.

DASTI is working on getting full report from Odense U Hospital; to get the information from Odense by Monday.

#3 – DASTI original (as close)

#1 / #2 – No original (copies)

Lifestyle Project Update - Coleen Boyle and Clark Denny met one on one with students working on the Lifestyle Project.

Change of Institution Discussion - Joanne Wojcik met with Dorthe Hejl to review the change of institution documentation. Joanne showed Dorthe where to download needed forms. Also discussed was the need to establish separate contracts and show contract detail in the change of institution package.

Wrapup Meeting at Aarhus University: Coleen Boyle and Joanne Wojcik met with Dean Søren Mogensen and Søren Kjaergaard.

Coleen and Søren M will continue to discuss needs of the projects and how to best move the projects forward towards completion.

Laboratory Analysis: Coleen Boyle and Joanne Wojcik visited the Statens Serum Institute to meet with David M. Hougaard.

David had provided a biomarker development update to CB prior to meeting. Christine (biologist) just finished her Ph.D. 6 months ago. They also hired a new biologist – Nanna Larson – will put a new markers panel for autism. Will be an inflammatory panel.

One half of panel done on dried blood spots. Currently have 20 markers of the autism panel. When the markers get mixed it take a longtime.

Hopes to have this panel in place in one year from now.

Got all of the money for last year in January 2009. Budget was for 1.2M DK – received last year. (approx \$250,000) David approx (b)(6) portion of his salary. AU provided SSI their money every few months – sent bills to Soren K directly.

The panel takes approx 3 years – more than ½ way through.

Nanna Larson had to be moved because of a lack of dollars. This is Nanna's doctoral dissertation work.

Has 900 autism samples from the biobank – Diana has the info and is writing a paper.

Fy 2009 from PT
Cost for next year
DH 20,000
Lab 60,000
Post Doc 80,000
Something 50,000

Total 210,000

Needs for FY 2010

Run the samples an add'l \$20,000 – will take one month to complete.

Coleen will identify scientific support to assist. David mentioned that he works with Bob Vogt at NCEH Coleen will talk w/ Bob Vogt re lab perspective.

David also mentioned they had run 600 CP cases – not written up. Poul Thorsen should be the first author; Poul has the data. Do not believe David H has the data. Coleen mentioned that she was aware of this paper since it is on Diana Schendel's to do list of publications. Need to expedite completion.

DASTI/Business Management/Administration: Coleen Boyle and Joanne Wojcik visited the DASTI Offices to meet with Anne Christiansen, Inge Maerkedah, Soren Munk Skydsgaard, Charlotte Elverdam, and Katja Gunnertoft Bojsen.

DASTI requested an outside audit from Odense records. To provide by 6/15. DASTI will have a follow-up meeting by 6/23. At this point it appears Odense is having a deficit also – now approx \$2-3M loss.

Pending Admin Actions

Old

FSRs not accurate – working on them
Getting Odense figures
Working on closeout documentation

New

Since June 2007
Working on accounting
Annual reports

Anne C

(b)(6)

Odense external auditor – Deloitte
Aarhus U external auditor – Price Waterhouse

Coleen will check with Aarhus University regarding who owns the data, is there an access problem. Anne C believe Aarhus University is also looking into this. AC will check back the end of June re reports.

Lifestyle Supervisor Meeting, Copenhagen University: Coleen Boyle and Joanne Wojcik met Erik Lykke Mortensen. Coleen reiterated that Paper 24 is the main paper. Ashlid on leave approx 1 year – Erik is meeting w/Ashlid on Monday to discuss gameplan. He will talk w/Ashlid to not change the order of her papers – need main info for large paper. Mette and Tina have draft papers. Erik M believes the big paper should be included as soon as possible. Erik M phone conferences – beginning again – good process. Last Year’s ATL meeting was very good. May be time to come to ATL to discuss

Coleen needs to finalize the plan now. Email may be a good way to finalize the plan and ID any outstanding issues. Sep 2009 – Meeting in DK together to discuss preliminary analyses. May be that Clark Denny and Jackie may participate in the DK meeting.

Coleen will structure the call
Data plan discussion
Discussion on the analyses

1 or 2 per call IQ
 Exec Function
 Behavior
 Processing

All should use the same analysis plan, same covariants

Webinar during calls – may be helpful. Need someone ID'd from CDC to ensure calls and tasks are tracked / noted.

FY 2009 budget

Erik's salary (small portion) plus travel for himself.

Ashlid's salary is covered by a grant. AU pays Ashlid's travel expenses directly to her.

Ashlid was an AU employee.

Actions Items:

CDC

Joanne to verify human subjects IRB(s) provided by grantee.

Joanne/Coleen to verify CDC IRB for project is one approval or each project approved separately?

Coleen to ensure there is CDC identified collaboration for the Alcohol & IQ (Hanne-Lise's) Project.

Coleen to get name of test requested by Jackie Bertrand.

Coleen to verify if Molly/CDC has completed the literature reviews (#25).

Joanne to check into the requirement for a public use data set requirement for international grants.

Coleen to send Ulrik a paper as an example comparable type published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Coleen to identify epi/scientific support for Laboratory activities

Coleen check with Bob Vogt to see if he's interested in collaborating w/laboratory folks.

CDC/Lifestyle Project – Initiate ongoing calls with Denmark scientists.

CDC/Lifestyle Project – Initiate emails to finalize data analysis/publication plan

Aarhus University

By the end of June 2009 provide change of institution paperwork to CDC/PGO.

Ulrik to provide CDC an updated papers listing.

Ulrik to get paper #24 out as soon as possible.

Identify an epidemiologist to assist with the 'onsite leadership' needed for the CP/Autism abstraction activities.

Identify the number of autism cases there are – and what is the status of this portion of the abstraction. Are they using the same controls? Appear to be based on the timeline.

Identify author to initiate writing of the CP cases laboratory analysis. Poul Thorsen has had the data for 3 years?

Identify timing for Fall 2009 collaboration meeting.

DASTI

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New Pending Admin Actions

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Provide CDC update re audit results; including providing an English copy of audits from Aarhus University and Odense Hospital to CDC/PGO.

Recommendations:

Change of Institution:

Complete Change of Institution paperwork
Provide needed reports, FSRs, and audit reports

Lifestyle Project:

Finalize analysis/publications plan
Re-Initiate ongoing phone call discussions re analysis and papers
Finalize dates for Fall 2009 collaboration meeting

Down Syndrome Project:

ID add'l epi assistance

CP/Autism Abstraction Project:

Complete CP activities and use remaining dollars to ensure appropriate QC of data. At this point do not initiate Autism abstraction activities.

Laboratory Analysis Project:

Identify epi support for analysis

Identify lab collaboration from CDC

Identify lead author for CP paper

NANEA-NCBDDD LIFESTYLE PROJECT MEETING
June 9, 2009

School of Public Health
Department of Epidemiology
University of Aarhus

Agenda

Aarhus 31 May 2009

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| 9:00-9:15 | Presentation |
| 9:15-9:45 | Summary of the project 2003-2009 (UK) |
| 9:45-12:00 | Status of the Lifestyle project <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Examples of current project – alcohol & IQ (HLFE)o Examples of current project – alcohol & behavior (ÅS)o Data cleaning process (HLFE)o List of covariates (UK)o Publication plan (UK) |
| 12:00-12:30 | Lunch |
| 12:30-14:30 | Status of the Lifestyle project - continued <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Analysis plan (JG)o Steering committee (UK) |
| 14:30-15:00 | Future projects, including diet? |

Ulrik Schiøler Kesmodel

**Brief MINUTES from the NANEA-NCBDDD LIFESTYLE PROJECT MEETING
June 9, 2009**

Participants: Coleen Boyle, Clark Denny, Hanne-Lise F Eriksen, Jakob Grove, Ulrik Schiøler Kesmodel, Tina R Kilburn, Søren Kjærgaard (until lunchtime), Åshild Skogerbø (from 10 a.m.), Joanne Wojcik

1. Summary of the project 2003-2009

Ulrik made a short historic overview of the Lifestyle project, beginning in 2001.

2. Status of the Lifestyle project

Hanne-Lise and Åshild described their projects on respectively alcohol intake, smoking and IQ (HLFE) and alcohol intake and executive functions and behavior (ÅS).

Hanne-Lise subsequently described the data cleaning process in details: Which type of errors were considered, how potential errors were identified in the dataset, how the typed, potential errors were compared with the original score sheets and questionnaires, and how actual errors were corrected. It was further described how the entire process was meticulously documented, and why this had been a long process. A list of all variables cleaned was handed out. The list of variables cleaned included relevant exposure data, outcome data needed for the papers listed in list of "Papers planned for publication in the Lifestyle project per June 15, 2008" and covariates considered relevant for the analyses. It is expected that the cleaning process will be finished and all necessary corrections made in the dataset by the end of June.

The list of potential confounders and intermediate variables included in the current draft analysis plan was discussed. All variables have been cleaned, but a family/home environment index and a child health index has not yet been agreed upon. Hanne-Lise and Erik are in charge of developing the family/home environment index. They have made a suggestion, which needs to be accepted by the rest of the group. Ulrik and Poul are in charge of developing the child health index - this work is in progress.

It was considered irrelevant to include hashish/marijuana use during pregnancy in the analyses.

Ulrik showed and explained the Publication plan from June 15 2008, which is also an appendix in the draft analysis plan. Paper 1 was received from the Scandinavian Journal of Public Health a few days before this meeting. A revised version will be submitted within a week. Because of a delay in finishing the analysis plan (see below), the subsequent initial papers expected to have been submitted earlier this year, have been delayed. It is expected that these papers will be written and submitted in the summer and autumn of this year. Papers planned to be completed in 2010 are expected to follow the original timeline. A few changes will be made in the list: Nanna is no longer part of the project group. The papers on alcohol and M-ABC will be written by Ulrik and Poul. The paper on psychometric properties of the M-ABC will not be written at this time. Because of maternity leave from the end of October, Åshild will need to change the timeline for her papers. The two papers on alcohol and executive function and behavior will have priority. With respect to Lene's papers, see below. Otherwise the timeline and authorships remain unchanged.

Jakob described the draft analysis plan. It was decided to continue the conference calls in order to finish the analysis plan as quickly as possible. We need to pay particular attention to the categorization of alcohol intake (which should follow the sample design) and the list of covariates. Clarke will arrange the first conference call, and he will attempt to make contact to relevant participants next week. Hanne-Lise, Åshild and Tina will be invited to participate in the conference calls.

Ulrik described that in 2008 it was decided as part of a set of rules for qualifying as co-author in the Lifestyle project that "in case of conflicts, decisions are to be made by the steering committee

consisting of Ulrik Schiøler Kesmodel, Erik Lykke Mortensen and Poul Thorsen". It was mentioned that the steering committee may also make day to day decisions to avoid unnecessary delay in the progress of the project. Coleen suggested that she join the steering committee as a representative of the CDC. This was agreed upon.

Ulrik described that because Lene Hvam had decided to leave the project, Poul, Erik and Ulrik had talked to Sjurður F Olsen about different ways of moving that and other projects on diet forward. A meeting among the four is being planned later this month, where different options will be discussed. Some papers may be written by any of the four, others by new PhD students. Written agreements will be made, including plans for funding.

During the meeting Coleen made it clear that the CDC expects to finish its current engagement in the Lifestyle project by July 2010, although the CDC may be interested in being involved in specific future projects.

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Denmark Grantee Autism/CP Call
November 30, 2009
8 am Eastern/2pm Denmark

12/14
Call Participants

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- ✓ Coleen Boyle, Director, Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (DBDDD), CDC
- ✓ Marshalyn Yeargin-Allsopp, Medical Epidemiologist, Chief, Developmental Disabilities Branch (DDB)
- ✓ Diana Schendel, Epidemiology Team Lead, DDB
- ✓ Kim Van Naarden Braun, Surveillance Team Lead, DDB
- ✓ Joanne Wojcik, Public Health Analyst, DDB

Denmark, Aarhus University:

- ✓ Søren Kjaergaard, Head of Institute, Principal Investigator on Cooperative Agreement
- ✓ Eric Parner, Assoc. Prof. at Dept of Biostatistics
- ✓ Carsten Obel, Assoc. Prof. at Dept of General Medicine
- ✓ Nils Anderson, Technical Coordinator

Review of Action Items from the last call (some updates provided in Carsten/Erik's document).

Action List (consolidated listing from the November 10, 2009 call):

1. **Søren and Carsten to provide an SSI update on our next call.**

Comments: Update provided below by Carsten and Eric. Søren will ensure that David Hougaard is included in future calls.

2. **Poul is requested to provide Aarhus University a copy of all permissions in his files ASAP.**

Comments: Email note from Poul 11/30/09 – "The approvals for the studies, which I have on hand, have been revealed to Carsten and Erik previously and can be found on <http://www.datatilsynet.dk/english/>. As I have stated before to Carsten and Erik, I have not been able to locate the ethical approval for the autism pilot study. I recommend that new approvals are requested just as stated in the notes from the last conference call."

3. **Carsten and Eric will be responsible for securing all appropriate permissions and data management across the project.**

Comments: Carsten and Eric provided an update below.

4. **Marshalyn will contact Peter Uldall regarding the CP registers.**

Comments: Marshalyn attempting to contact Peter.

5. **Søren, Erik and Carsten will also connect with Peter Uldall regarding the continuation for 2009 and the completion of the data collection (CP register).**

Comments: Denmark folks also attempting to connect with Peter.

6. **Aarhus University to provide an update on a future call regarding the DNBC Based Studies.**

Action List/ACTION ITEM Items (consolidated listing from today's call (November 30, 2009)):

1. **Diana will review the referenced Buttenschon paper (reference 1) and get back to the group.**
2. **Carsten will provide the Permission Committee quarterly meeting schedule for the next call.**
3. **Carsten will provide the workgroup a description of the Denmark permission process in English.**
4. **Søren will review and provide an update re the abstraction. He had thought it was ongoing.**
5. **Joanne to reattach Diana's update sheet to the next minutes.**

Comments: Joanne emailed document to group 11/30/09.

6. **Søren will send David Hougaard an invite for future calls. If the day/time does not work with David's schedule another call time will need to be identified.**

It was confirmed that the below day/time works for the call participants.

Proposed calls are from 8am-9am EST on the following bi-weekly dates through March.

December 14 (one call in December due to the Christmas holiday)

January 11, 25

February 8, 22

March 8, 22

Carsten and Eric provided the below short report for today's call (*in italics*).

Overall progress

CP registry

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If possible I'd like to get these notes out by the end of the week.

tx much

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Denmark Grantee Autism/CP Call
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8 am Eastern/2pm Denmark

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Subject: RE: Denmark Call Notes - November 30, 2009
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Coleen/Update: Coleen provided an update to the group. From her perspective it appears most of the below activities have been completed. She sees this as a very productive project. The initiation of this bi-weekly call schedule can also be seen as a second phase of the project. This will allow other CDC folks to collaborate in this project. Additional Denmark individuals may also engage in the project.

Current Funding: Currently funds are allocated for the continuation of the laboratory work (David Hougaard) and to support the analyses of the data currently in hand (support to the CP Registry and Autism activities).

Søren/Update: David H is working on some important activities at SSI. Carsten will be meeting w/David H soon to get some additional information on the project; Carsten will provide an update at our next phone call.

TO DO: Søren to provide an SSI update on our next call.

CP Registry. Søren believes that the data collection will be completed this funding period. In the future recommend we use some of the meeting time to discuss how to use this data in future analyses.

Carsten and Eric have been through quite a few discussions to understand the projects. Søren asks Poul's help to identify the 'original' permissions for these projects.

TO DO: Poul is requested to provide Aarhus U a copy of all permissions in his files.

The discussion now focused on the various projects:

CP Update

Marshalyn had talked about the number of cases yesterday. She realizes it is a small number. Initial thought would be maybe do all spastic cases (271 spastic cases).

Coleen asked if there are data dictionaries available. It was confirmed by Diana that there is a CP case control list and a variable list, which could be retrieved upon request.

A general question was asked if there were any additional analyses possible? Diana mentioned she can share information on any additional risk factors that may be worth exploring. She mentioned one area not explored at all is maternal medications received during pregnancy. Sample was on gestational age – not birth years. The sample started in 1982; the last year was 1990. Note – this information was gathered for only the eastern part of Denmark. There are cases in the western part of Denmark but they are not a part of this study.

CP registry data

Coleen asked if we needed permissions if we just wanted to just review the CP registry data. Søren is certain that the CP Registry has received approval. Per Diana they received individual approval for the cases and controls. Per Poul approval from the committee was received every year up until 2005.

Marshallyn asked about a detailed variable listing from the CP Registry. It was noted that Peter Uldall can provide this listing. Poul also stated he may have a copy. Poul also mentioned that he had also developed a code book.

CP biomarker data

Søren asked where the data are for these projects? He wants to be sure that the data are at Aarhus University and safe and to ensure that all permissions are updated and that there should be established a steering committee including members from CDC as well as Aarhus. Søren asked this question of Poul and Diana to provide a historical perspective. Carsten stated he does not have the data. It was noted that SSI manages the biological data since it falls under their responsibility. SSI has the original files at their facilities.

Coleen asked if Aarhus University has access to the case control study data? Søren is not sure right now.

Coleen believes the data should be kept secure in one place. Søren believes that the data should be kept in Aarhus University unless the permissions do not allow it. Søren wants to have the data permissions and data management organized and be secured on the Citrix server..

Permissions

Carsten mentioned that additional permissions need to be received if the western part of Denmark data would be used in additional analyses. It was noted that the original project was approved by the Denmark committee in 1991. At this point they need to request an additional approval. The permission is required from the Scientific Ethical Committee (this organization is outside of Aarhus University).

Poul mentioned the original PI (Jes Vestergaard), who has the permission to the project on inflammatory biomarkers and CP. He is currently in Norway. The permission now needs to be transferred to someone else. Poul believes the permission will be given to David Hougaard/SSI (permission transfer ongoing).

TO DO: Carsten and Eric will be responsible for securing all appropriate permissions and data management across the project.

TO DO: Marshalyn will contact Peter Uldall regarding the CP registers. Søren believes that contact is a good idea. It was also suggested that when Marshalyn contacts Peter Uldall request she also keep Carsten and Eric as cc's on correspondence to keep them in the loop.

TO DO: Søren will also connect with Peter Uldall regarding the continuation for 2009 and the completion of the data collection.

Autism Update

Autism register data

Marshalyn asked if Aarhus University can work with Danish Psychiatric Data. Poul stated that this is the registry based data regarding vaccines. Permission should already be in place from the National Board of Health since this was initiated in 1999. Marshalyn verified that we can get all new permissions for anything related to autism. Eric and Carsten will be working hard to ensure we get all needed permissions.

Danish National Birth Cohort (DNBC) Based Studies

Marshalyn had questions regarding these studies. She verified that there was no medical abstraction of the autism perinatal records. She asked what is available from the DNBC?

Carsten verified that there was no abstraction of the perinatal data (on autism). Only the CP and some of the controls are finalized and only the registry data available. All of the data in the DNBC are available.

Coleen verified that they have finished the CP abstraction and are working on the controls. Anything from the DNBC is available (interview data).

Diana asked for an update of the subcohort (control) for CP the case-control study.

Carsten and Eric report that in total 162 children with CP were selected to have their medical record abstracted, of which 127 have been abstracted. A total of 1330 controls were selected of which 1203 have been abstracted.

TO DO: Aarhus University to provide an update regarding the DNBC Based Studies on a future call – especially on the abstractions performed at Skejby Hospital - QDOCS.

Laboratory biomarker panel development:

Permissions

Diana noted that no permission is required. She would appreciate an update from David Hougaard. Carsten mentioned that they would need a permission for access to a certain patient group.

Carsten has not found the original approval for completing this study. He is looking for Poul for original approvals for the Autism studies. Poul mentioned that there were multiple studies put together in one package. Poul cannot find the original permissions. It was noted that the data protection agency approval is in place.

Carsten cannot find any permission on the biomarker study. It was noted that Kristine Svedgaard has send them a letter suggesting that this study received its permission in 2003. Poul stated that if folks are in doubt about the permissions then Aarhus University should secure new permissions.

Poul believes that there has been confusion on the permissions. Carsten believes we do not have permissions for the autism disorder case control study.

Poul suggested that Aarhus University may want to check with Kristine regarding the permissions; she may have tried to secure permission.

Other possibilities:

Marshalyn mentioned these calls will be ongoing. The tasks right now are to gain an understanding of the current status of the activities. At this point we cannot talk about what additional analyses to be completed without a more thorough understanding of the various projects.

Diana would like to talk with David regarding the panel development and regarding what analytes he's prepared. She would also like to know what samples would be available for future studies.

Søren would like an update regarding what David's next step will be regarding the use of these biomarkers.

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2009 11:27 AM
To: (DK) Kjaergaard, Soren; (DK) Obel, Carsten ; (DK) Parner, Eric; Boyle, Coleen (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD); Rice, Catherine (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD); Schendel, Diana (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD); Thorsen, Poul; Van Naarden-Braun, Kim (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD); Vogt, Robert (CDC/CCEHIP/NCEH); Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD); Yeargin-Allsopp, Marshalyn (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Cc: Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD); Green, Santrell (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD) (CTR)
Subject: RE:REVISED Denmark Call Notes - November 10, 2009 - Next Call Scheduled for November 30th (8am Eastern)
Attachments: [Untitled].pdf; [Untitled].pdf

Good Day: Attached are revised Nov 10th call notes (thank you to Carsten and Erik for updating). Also provided from Carsten and Erik is an update for tomorrow's (Monday's) call.

Agenda for Tomorrow's Call (8am Eastern / 2pm Denmark)

When: Monday, November 30, 2009 8:00 AM-9:00 AM (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Via teleconference (Eastern Standard Time)

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Review of Action Items from the last call (some updates provided in Carsten/Erik's document - attachment 2).

Action List/To Do Items (consolidated listing from Nov 10th call):

1. Søren and Carsten to provide an SSI update on our next call.
2. Poul is requested to provide Aarhus University a copy of all permissions in his files ASAP.
3. Carsten and Eric will be responsible for securing all appropriate permissions and data management across the project.
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Other Topics

Proposed future calls - 8am-9am EST on the following bi-weekly dates through March.

11/29/2009

November 30

December 14 (one call in December due to the Christmas holiday)

January 11, 25

February 8, 22

March 8, 22

Wojcik, Joanne (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)

From: Boyle, Coleen (CDC/CCHP/NCBDDD)
Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 10:41 AM
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Subject: RE: Agenda and minutes from meeting 9 June 2009

Ulrik: Thank you for summarizing our meeting so well. I will work with Clark to re-engage the bi-weekly conference calls. When I met with Erik Mortensen on Friday he emphasized the importance of finalizing the data analysis plan quickly so that the analyses could proceed in a uniform manner. Additionally, I have checked on the status of our contract with Bradley Sharpness. We are finalizing the details of the contract and he should be available to work with the project soon.

Regards,

Coleen

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Subject: Agenda and minutes from meeting 9 June 2009

Dear all,

Thank you for your contributions to our meeting last week. Please find attached the agenda and minutes from the meeting. If you have any comments, please let me know.

Best regards
Ulrik

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