

**Concluding Remarks**  
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DR. TEUTSCH: Let me see if I can't summarize, then. It has been a great couple of days.

As you recall, the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice is looking at competencies for the public health workforce. Sylvia and Joseph brought this to our attention and have worked to draft a statement about the competency in the area of genetics that we would like to have included in the statement of the workforce competencies.

If you have comments we will take them now. But we have until what, the 15th; is that the date? It is due by the 15th. So we will need them presumably by the end of the week. If you have suggestions on how that is worded, please get them to Cathy.

MS. AU: They only do this every 10 years, so it is probably important for us to get some in there.

DR. TEUTSCH: So please do.

Just to pull things together, I'm constantly amazed at the productivity of this group and how much we actually get done. Just to quickly go over where we have been, yesterday Jim led us through a discussion of the Patents report and a set of not-so-easy options for us to consider. Having reviewed that and gotten some additional suggestions that I think were all very constructive, we will tidy up that report and it will be sent out for public comment hopefully in the early February time frame. Then we will have 60 days to look at that.

Then it goes back to Jim and colleagues to look at the comments we are likely to get, which we can anticipate as being plentiful. Hopefully we will get a brief feedback on that in June and we can finalize that report by October. That is great. That is a complex and important bit of work. I think as we have heard here with the \$1,000 genome and how that is going to interact with the existing patents and what should be patented, there should be lots to discuss as grist for the mill for this Committee. So that was great.

We had the update on the metrics that are being developed and the standards from NIST, from FDA, and from CDC. It is always fascinating to see what goes on down in the trenches of all of these agencies, so it is good to see all that important work that lays the ground work for the credibility of the data that all of us use.

Then, today, many thanks to Paul and all the folks who have been working so hard on trying to get us ready for the next set of issues that we need to address. I think we had a really constructive discussion and I think it went amazingly smoothly, and that is a credit to everybody's hard work up front to get this framed, get the input, and then to work through that.

Finally, we have the draft that we will be getting in final form for the incoming administration. We are ready to engage with all of them and take it along.

Most importantly, thanks to all of you, ex officio members, guests, Committee members, and particularly staff, for all of the incredible work that you do and for helping this Committee stay productive and relevant.

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Thank you, and safe travels. Have wonderful holidays. We will look forward to seeing you at our next scheduled meeting, March 12th and 13th, presumably somewhere nearby. Are you pointing here because it is here? We will be back here at the Humphrey Building.

Thanks, everyone. Safe travels.