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**Moderator: Tina Hunter
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Coordinator: Welcome and thank you for standing by.

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I would now like to turn the call over to Ms. Tina Hunter. Ma'am, you may begin.

Tina Hunter: Good afternoon. Thank you so much for joining us today. Today's conference call will simply be to discuss the final report for the - for congress, I'm sorry, and I am going to ask for all of the NACIE members to identify so that we can determine who is on the call and then I will turn the conference right over to you, Chairman.

((Crosstalk))

Deborah Dennison: I'm here. Dr. Dennison is here. Deborah Dennison is here.

Alan Ray: Alan Ray is here.

((Crosstalk))

Robin Butterfield: Robin Butterfield is here.

Virginia Thomas: Virginia Thomas is here.

Stacy Phelps: Stacy Phelps is on.

Sam McCracken: Sam McCracken is on.

Patricia Whitefoot: Patricia Whitefoot is here.

Tina Hunter: Thank you so much. We have eight official members present. So we can continue forward with the call. And I will turn it over now to you, Dr. Dennison.

Deborah Dennison: Thank you, Tina, and thank you, NACIE members, for calling in today. We have a very important task ahead of us and we - trying to get this approved for a while now and we do have - I hope everybody has a copy of it but - that I want to think. Patricia Whitefoot and the rest of the committee that worked on this, subcommittee that worked on this and everyone else that put forth information throughout the year and we do have a pretty lengthy report to congress that pretty much, in some ways, is the same as last year but what we did was reorganized it under three headings. And so I think we'll just start with where we were talking about of any suggestions on whether finalize, do

we have recommendations to approve it, any other changes that are needed or we'll start from there. I'll leave it open to whoever wants to chime in.

Patricia Whitefoot: This is Pat.

I'd like to just go ahead and make the motion to approve and then we can discuss because we have a quorum and I don't know what's going to happen. We've been having problems with getting a quorum. So I just want to make the motion to approve.

Robin Butterfield: This is Robin. I'll second.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. So there's a motion from - I think it was Patricia Whitefoot. I couldn't hear it. And then from the second, Robin, second the motion to approve it?

Robin Butterfield: Yes.

Patricia Whitefoot: And it was Patricia Whitefoot made the motion.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. Patricia and - okay. So there's a motion and a second. Do we have any discussion on it?

Robin Butterfield: Well, now if we can go into the review.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. So go ahead and if anyone wants to add to the review to discuss what's being approved.

Patricia Whitefoot: This is Patricia Whitefoot.

Just want to say that in the formatting, someone needs to help with the formatting just to finalize it. So I know - I think Alan Ray was the last one who did it in my...

((Crosstalk))

Patricia Whitefoot: ...formatting didn't - weren't in sync with one another. So there were challenges in putting the report together but the content is there. So if someone can do that, I would really appreciate that if it's partnered or if we have to do it.

((Crosstalk))

Patricia Whitefoot: ...would be great. Thank you.

Robin Butterfield: I just have one question around the - and I guess it is a kind of a formatting issue. We had discussed further some themes under which these recommendations would fall and I don't see the themes in there. Was that taken out and I wasn't aware of it?

Virginia Thomas: No, they're in there. This is Virginia. And I did the initial layout for Patsy and all of the themes are in there.

((Crosstalk))

Woman: ...up at the top where it's lifelong and comprehensive education.

Woman: Yes.

Woman: Our theme...

Woman: Sorry.

Woman: It sort of seems like each of those themes should have a little paragraph or something but I don't want to make more work for people.

Woman: I think it's long enough.

Woman: It's pretty interesting how it all turned out any of those things and I thought it was pretty nicely. I actually worked on a little bit. I don't know - Alan is not jumping in so I'll jump in. I kind of worked on a little bit on my own because I wanted to see - like I figured out it was a blink on the - I think they have the dates right. It was left out as we went to - all of us that went to Alaska for NIEA and at those sessions there with stakeholders. So I think I filled the date in right on that one for those periods, too, if I had the date right or not - if we have the date right.

So I've just done that link. I'm trying to look for it here. October 16th and 17th, is that the right date?

Woman: Yes.

Woman: Okay. So that was one thing that I kind of worked on. It was really hard, whatever format was used, but I just kind of - I realized that I have a - I'm on a Mac. So I didn't know if it was because it was from a - maybe a different computer. It was really hard to format those things but I did work on it and I can send what I have to the rest of the group. But I think you can go ahead and improve it and then send it to teams to get out like we did last year to get out to get signature and get it on if there's no other questions on the content. People are just talking about format, right?

Robin Butterfield: Yes, pretty much I think under - on Page 14 in their technology. There's a recommendation that they're using a rationale. And so I was wondering for consistency if we needed to add something to that one. But in terms of content, I think it's pretty solid and I think it's also remarkable given all of the thesis that people have to pick up and send to one place is that I really want to commend Patsy and the team also. It was kind of a tricky task.

Patricia Whitefoot: Thank you, Robin. I don't know how I overlooked that. The technology one.

Robin Butterfield: Yes.

Patricia Whitefoot: I'm just looking at my final.

Robin Butterfield: Yes.

Patricia Whitefoot: Yes.

Robin Butterfield: And the funding for tribe oncologists I don't know if the one above it has the rationale or if all of that is the recommendation. I think it's all the recommendation.

Patricia Whitefoot: Okay. And I can't recall who picked up the technology piece.

Robin Butterfield: Yes. I don't know, either. But those are the only things that I noticed. And then just making sure each one of those has the rationale statement clearly identified.

Patricia Whitefoot: Right.

Robin Butterfield: But that's all I have. I think it's great.

Deborah Dennison: Is somebody willing to pick up the technology piece? I can't look back.

Woman: Do we need a rationale?

Virginia Thomas: This is Virginia.

This is Virginia. And originally, when I got everybody's notes, it had Debbie Dennison down and Debbie called me and said "I know nothing about technology." So I'd let Patsy know that, you know, maybe we - maybe my notes are wrong. It doesn't add sections. So I'm not really - I don't really remember, to my note, said it was Debbie and Debbie said it's not her. So I wasn't sure who was supposed to do that.

Robin Butterfield: This is Robin. I would be happy to write up a little paragraph. I just think it's very basic, you know, even though the rest of the country seems to be pretty wired and still a lot of Indian country is not - it needs to be, you know, a high priority. It's just something as simple as that.

Virginia Thomas: Okay.

Robin Butterfield: So...

Deborah Dennison: Can you e-mail it to me, Robin? I think I got a good handle on the formatting. I've been working on it myself.

Robin Butterfield: You know, it seems Debbie now.

Deborah Dennison: What's that?

Robin Butterfield: Is it you, Debbie?

Deborah Dennison: Yes, this is Debbie. I'm sorry. I didn't identify myself.

Robin Butterfield: Okay. I can do that.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. Send me the rationale and I'll plug it into what I have. And I think all I need to do is number the pages because I reformatted onto my system here. It took me a while because it can't - it was really difficult. So I'll go ahead and do what I have and then send it out to you all and send a copy to Tina and - with a signature and...

Robin Butterfield: Yes. You cut all of the spacing issues between, like, seven and eight and then that blank page on Page 6.

Deborah Dennison: Yes.

Robin Butterfield: Yes.

Deborah Dennison: I went through that.

Robin Butterfield: Okay. Great. All right. I can do that. I'll do it today.

Virginia Thomas: This is Virginia again.

Were you talking about Number 4, the technical assistance one?

Robin Butterfield: No, Page 14.

Virginia Thomas: Page 14.

Robin Butterfield: Where it says "Technology."

Virginia Thomas: Oh, yes. That's the one that Debbie was supposed to do but...

((Crosstalk))

Virginia Thomas: ...Debbie because I have to admit, it was really hard putting all the bits and pieces together because some of you had Macs and some of you had other systems. So when I got it and, Pat, you got it, it was really hard to put this back together.

Now, Debbie had to review everything to go into her form.

Deborah Dennison: I almost think this was Teresa John's.

Virginia Thomas: Yes a lot way in Teresa. Oh god.

Deborah Dennison: That's fine. We just need to get it in there and I'll do it today.

Virginia Thomas: Okay.

Patricia Whitefoot: And I think we really needed to highlight though the remoteness of some of our reservations and our villages, you know, I think in particular the Alaska Native villages.

Deborah Dennison: Yes. And some of that's in there. But, yes, okay. I'm going to do it.

Patricia Whitefoot: Okay. Thank you.

Stacy Phelps: Can I ask a technical question on that then? So if - this is Stacy, sorry. So if we'd change our ad, then do we have to have another call to approve that - those changes and additions?

Woman: No. You know, I think we can...

Woman: We're in discussion.

Woman: Well, or...

((Crosstalk))

Woman: ...the motion is to say I move to approve with to discuss additions.

Woman: With the addition of rationale under technology, we can be specific. Or just say "The Amendment."

Woman: Yes, just...

((Crosstalk))

Stacy Phelps: Is - sorry, this is Stacy again. I mean, is somebody from the Department of Ed we do that? Or do we have to approve it and file final form as we observe it or whatever?

Tina Hunter: Hi, this is Tina. Okay. So, yes, you kind of put the cart before the horse when everyone agreed and that one piece that needs to go in there, everyone needs

to approve that piece. So can you send it in? Robin, were you putting that one piece in there?

Robin Butterfield: Right.

Tina Hunter: Can you just shoot that to everyone on e-mail or tell everyone what that one piece is going to say? You make it really short so that when you do your final vote, everyone can be voting on what is going to appear in the report.

Robin Butterfield: Right. So are you saying we can't just say we move to approve this report with the addition of language in the rationale under technology?

Tina Hunter: Well, that didn't know what the rationale is.

Robin Butterfield: Well, I - well, the rationale is going to stay - and in fact, we have - how Indian country is still not up to speed on technology given many of the remote areas where our schools reside. So it's something as basic as that.

So we're approving the substance. I don't think we have to approve it verbatim, do we? Because if...

((Crosstalk))

Robin Butterfield: ...that we're approving in the rationale is in support of that.

Tina Hunter: Okay. I didn't hear the rationale initially. As long as everyone is in agreement, I'm fine with that.

Patricia Whitefoot: And this is Patsy. We know what the rationale is.

Tina Hunter: Right.

Patricia Whitefoot: I mean, we just experienced it ourselves, you know, working on this report. We have to work really with one another and be stressed about the formatting, the inconsistencies in our formatting.

Tina Hunter: You know, absolutely but Stacy Phelps is not in that previous discussion. And I think he's the one that just asked the question.

Stacy Phelps: No, I'm just asking if we - from your guidance standpoint, if we approve it, pending that rationale, if we're able to do that, I think that's fine. I just wanted to make sure we can do that. That's all. I'm not...

Tina Hunter: Yes.

Stacy Phelps: ...saying we shouldn't. I'm just saying "Can we?"

Tina Hunter: Yes.

Stacy Phelps: So I think we all want to but can we?

Tina Hunter: Yes. Since you all are in agreement on the rationale.

Stacy Phelps: Okay, that's all I wanted to know.

Woman: Okay. This clarification then, so, Robin, can you basically put the statements together that you said and then we'll kind of know what we're approving so that we can have it on record?

Robin Butterfield: Yes.

Patricia Whitefoot: This is Patsy. I think basically the rationale is there but we just need to clarify it in second paragraph.

Robin Butterfield: Yes, it is kind of but, yes.

So as soon as we get off the call, I will use the e-mail that Deborah sent out that has our - the dial in information, get that to everybody on a PC with the actual language and that should solve the problem, right? So I'm sending it to Deborah but then I'll copy everybody else.

Deborah Dennison: That's the question that Stacy is asking. Do we need to look at it first or do we go ahead and approve it? Because we can't get back on the call...

Robin Butterfield: I think Tina just said it. It was okay that we're - there's nobody disagreeing with that rationale statement. So that would make it fine.

Deborah Dennison: Okay.

Patricia Whitefoot: Yes, and I agree with Robin. That's what I - this is Patsy. That's what I heard.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. That's fine then. So do we have any other changes or any other thoughts on any part of the report to congress that need to get submitted soon?

Woman: I call for the questions.

Deborah Dennison: Okay, all in favor, say - I guess we just - since we're all on conference call, we probably needed to take a roll call vote. So I don't know. Tina, can you call by name?

I guess we can just do - all in favor, say aye.

Woman: Aye.

Woman: Aye.

Woman: Aye.

Woman: Aye.

Man: Aye.

Man: Aye.

Deborah Dennison: Anyone oppose?

So the motion...

((Crosstalk))

Woman: Abstain.

Deborah Dennison: One abstention?

Woman: No, I'm just saying you need to ask for that.

Deborah Dennison: Oh okay. Anybody abstaining? I thought you were saying you're abstaining and I...

Woman: No.

Deborah Dennison: ...any abstention. Okay, okay.

So a motion process and we will get the rationale statement put in and I'll put it into the format I've been working on and send it off to Tina and the rest of the committee. And, Tina, you tell me if it's all - you received it and it's - it looks from my format to yours and that printed off and your signature on it.

Tina Hunter: Absolutely.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. We have one other item and that's the letter to Secretary Duncan, the recommendation to Secretary Duncan, and a committee, I would say, we need to establish another committee to get that letter out as soon as possible as well.

So any volunteers for the - to do the letter? Did we start that already? I cannot remember.

Woman: We have a draft letter.

Patricia Whitefoot: Yes. We - this is Patsy. We did and it was similar to the same letter that we have to (Lamar). The only thing...

Woman: Okay.

Patricia Whitefoot: ...that we did was just to make certain that we have this letter to the committee and then just do another one to Secretary Duncan.

Woman: Okay.

Woman: So you're asking for committee volunteer?

Woman: Yes. I would like a volunteer to head that up and the consoles that we have to - in our report to put it in a letter format. If it's already there, then I just - that I haven't been - if it's the same exact thing, I don't know.

Robin Butterfield: Well, but I think some things might be dated just like things were in our report. So we do need to take a little bit of time going through it. I'm - this is Robin. I volunteer to be on the committee.

Woman: Okay. Do you want to be the sub-chair committee? I mean, the chair of the subcommittee?

Robin Butterfield: Sure, I can so.

Woman: Okay. And then any volunteers?

Virginia Thomas: All right, this is Virginia. I volunteer.

((Crosstalk))

Patricia Whitefoot: This is Patsy. What is the timeline? Immediately?

Deborah Dennison: Well, actually, Robin - Robin, are you going to establish a timeline?

Robin Butterfield: Well, I think we want to kind of move it as quickly as we can but we aren't in a, you know, I'm just thinking that, you know, Secretary Duncan isn't going to be around for long. So I would certainly hope we could get it done - oh, I

would say maybe, you know, with school starting, I'm just saying by the end of November. How about that?

Woman: That sounds reasonable.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. So then you just need to get with Tina and you're going to do your committee chair, whatever you need to do with Virginia and who else? We're still...

Patricia Whitefoot: This is Patsy. I'll go ahead.

Deborah Dennison: Okay.

Patricia Whitefoot: I'm just busy with NIEA. But we have...

Deborah Dennison: Well, that's what I was thinking about.

Patricia Whitefoot: ...up to date - we have up-to-date information though on legislation.

Woman: Yes.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. That would be a good way to do it.

((Crosstalk))

Patricia Whitefoot: So I think I need to be on the committee.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. Anyone else?

Okay. So...

Woman: Three of you.

((Crosstalk))

Deborah Dennison: Yes. I'll be on too. This is Debbie.

Who else? Somebody else volunteer?

Okay. So, Patsy, you can get with Tina and send out the e-mail to the committee members as to how you're going to put the letter together and the dates of bidding and we'll go from there.

Robin Butterfield: You mean Robin.

((Crosstalk))

Deborah Dennison: Sorry, Patsy, I'm giving you more work.

Robin, I'm sorry.

Robin Butterfield: Can we set a tentative time or at least a range of days for our conference call to get started?

((Crosstalk))

Robin Butterfield: ...leading up to NIEA. So could we set something for after NIEA?

Patricia Whitefoot: Thank you.

Robin Butterfield: Yes. Give us a date that - so how about like the 19th or 20th of October - oh no, you probably have a board meeting on the 19th.

Is the 20th too crazy?

Woman: I'm in California for NCAI.

Robin Butterfield: Oh, okay. How about the...

Woman: The 23rd might be good.

Robin Butterfield: Twenty-third?

Woman: I'm open the 23rd.

Robin Butterfield: Okay. That works for you, Deborah?

Deborah Dennison: That works for me.

Robin Butterfield: Okay. Any time better for folks? Do you want about this time?

Woman: Yes, this time.

Robin Butterfield: Okay. So 2 o'clock, Eastern. Great.

Deborah Dennison: Yes. You know, do we need to go through anything to set that up or is it just working through you?

Tina Hunter: No, that's the subcommittee. So that's just working through me, yes.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. All right. So do we need to call for a motion or are we just in agreement?

Woman: Motion.

Virginia Thomas: We have the quorum approved of this subcommittee.

Woman: Okay.

((Crosstalk))

Deborah Dennison: A motion to approve the subcommittee. Do we have a motion to approve the subcommittee?

Virginia Thomas: I move.

Deborah Dennison: Do we have a second?

Patricia Whitefoot: Second. Patsy.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. All in favor say aye.

Woman: Aye.

Woman: Aye.

Man: Aye.

Man: Aye.

Woman: Aye.

Deborah Dennison: Any oppose?

Any abstention?

So the motion to carry to subcommittee chair...

Robin Butterfield: So, Tina, I'll get to you with the agenda and just - then you'll send out the e-mail to reconfirm it.

Tina Hunter: Wonderful. Yes.

Robin Butterfield: Okay.

Deborah Dennison: Okay. I think that concludes our meeting. And I will wait for the rationale and put them in and send it off to you, Tina.

Tina Hunter: Wonderful. Thank you.

Deborah Dennison: And the rest of the committee.

Woman: Thank you.

Deborah Dennison: Do we motion to adjourn or does that - is that necessary motion...

Woman: When is our next meeting?

Woman: That's a good question.

Woman: Yes. Do we save...

((Crosstalk))

Woman: Do we save that for the post conference or no?

Woman: Yes.

Woman: Okay.

Woman: Okay.

Woman: Do we motion to adjourn or you just go out to the public on the - with the - or what are we - what do we - what's the next step on this conference call?

Woman: We're - the conference call has ended.

Woman: Okay.

Woman: But we stay on the line.

Woman: Yes.

Woman: Okay.

Coordinator: Thank you very much. That concludes today's conference. Thank you for your participation. You may now disconnect.

Speakers, please stay on the line for the post conference.

Woman: Thank you.

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