1. Approval of Minutes of June 18, 2015
   - The minutes of the June 18, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

2. Targeting Cancer Metabolism – Eileen White, PhD, Associate Director for Basic Science, Rutgers CINJ, and Distinguished Professor, Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, Rutgers RWJMS, provided an overview of her research examining the role and mechanisms of apoptosis regulation in cancer.

3. Dean’s report – Vicente Gracias, MD, Interim Dean
   The following represents the information contained in the Dean’s report which was not discussed in detail at the meeting

News
Congressman Frank Pallone visited the World Trade Center Health Clinic at the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute in Piscataway, where he called on Congress to permanently reauthorize the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. Dr. Iris Udasin, professor and director of the clinic – which is the only one in New Jersey to treat 9/11 first responders – also spoke during the press conference and presented testimony a few days later to the House Energy and Commerce Committee’s Health Subcommittee.

Congressman Leonard Lance visited the World Trade Health Center Clinic to learn more about the services provided to 9/11 first responders under the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.

The medical school recognized 22 volunteer faculty members who were nominated by colleagues, residents and students for graciously lending their time and expertise to improve training opportunities. These dedicated individuals are responsible for a considerable component of the teaching, mentoring and supervising of our students. They bring to our school an important appreciation of community service, both in their work with students and in their involvement in medical school committees.

Dr. Jan Wollack, associate professor of pediatrics, spoke with The Record of North Jersey about rare neuromuscular disorders that may run in families.

Dr. Tanaya Bhowmick, assistant professor of medicine in the division of infectious disease, spoke with several media outlets in regard to Lassa Fever.

Dr. Al Tallia, chair of family medicine and community health at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, is one of the experts who discusses The Record.

Dr. Brian L. Strom, chancellor of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, discussed his study indicating that memory loss is not a risk to people who take statins, which was recently published in JAMA Internal Medicine and covered by several media outlets, including the New York Times, CNN and WCBS News.
Mycentraljersey.com, which includes the Home News and the Courier News, published an article about RWJUH’s Amazing Saves Picnic featuring the story of Rutgers student Timmy McDonnell and his trauma/surgical team, including Dr. Vicente H. Gracias, interim dean; Dr. Rachana Tyagi, assistant professor of surgery; and Dr. Rajan Gupta, chief of acute care surgery at the medical school.

The Endocrinology Advisor reported on a study that Dr. Ramek Hunt, assistant professor of medicine, presented along with several medicine resident, at the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists conference showing that clinicians can effectively treat patients with type 2 diabetes and HbA1c levels above 9 percent with oral medications alone. The study also noted that using oral medications alone in patients with high HbA1c levels aided weight loss and better glycemic control, which are not observed in insulin-based regimens.

From the Office of Community Health

The Office of Community Health issued a report that evaluates health-related studies conducted in New Brunswick during a three-year period, and based on the data, recommends key health indicators that establishes a baseline for a shared measurement system that can be used to collect new health data for New Brunswick. The report, Measurement to Promote a Healthier New Brunswick, was published by Maria Pellerano, MA, MBA, MPH, assistant professor of family medicine and community health and Dr. Eric Jahn, professor and senior associate dean for community health, in collaboration with the City of New Brunswick, Johnson & Johnson and New Brunswick Tomorrow.

From the Office of Research

Dr. Howard Kipen, professor and interim chair, Environmental and Occupational Medicine, was awarded a $999,975, 3-year grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency entitled “Climate Change, Indoor Ozone and Vascular Function.”

Dr. Federico Sesti, associate professor, Neuroscience and Cell Biology, was awarded a $750,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to study “Oxidation of KCNB1 Channels in Aging CNS.” This three-year project is under the direction of Dr. Sesti, Dr. Janet Alder, associate professor, Neuroscience and Cell Biology, Dr. Zhiping Pang, assistant professor, Neuroscience and Cell Biology & Child Health Institute of New Jersey, and Dr. Smita Thakker-Varia, associate professor, Neuroscience and Cell Biology.

Dr. Roseanne Dobkin, associate professor, Psychiatry received a three-year $675,331 Therapeutic Pipeline Program research grant from The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research, for “Improving Access to Depression Care in Parkinson’s disease: A Telehealth Approach.”

Dr. Daniel Pilch, associate professor, Pharmacology, received a $392,654 R56 grant from the National Institutes of Health to study “Development of new antibiotics against multidrug-resistant Staphylococcus aureus.”

Dr. Alexey Ryazanov, professor, Pharmacology, will receive a $100,000 subcontract from Longevica Pharmaceuticals Inc., on a Small Business Technology Transfer R41 grant from the National Institutes of Health to study “Use of EF2K Inhibitors to Inhibit Tumor Growth and Sensitize Cancer Cells to Existing Chemotherapy Treatment.”

Dr. Ronald G. Nahass, clinical professor, Medicine, in collaboration with Rutgers’ Joseph Marcotrigiano PhD, associate professor, Chemistry & Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine, received a $374,709 grant from the Merck Investigator Studies Program for “Clinical, laboratory and molecular characterization of presumed HCV network in young suburban New Jersey heroin users.”
Dr. Paul Copeland, associate professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, received a one-year $90,825 equipment supplement from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for his studies on “Functional analysis of SBP2 and selenocysteine incorporation.”

Dr. Terri Kinzy, professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, received a one-year $30,275 equipment supplement from the National Institutes of Health for her studies of “Regulators of translation elongation factor eEF1A.”

Dr. Cheryl Dreyfus, professor and chair, Neuroscience and Cell Biology, was appointed to the New Jersey Governor’s Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism. Dr. Dreyfus was also elected to the Council of the Association of Medical School Neuroscience Department Chairpersons.

From the Office of Education

Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School students Sam Sauerwein and Arjun Patel will soon be studying at the University of Limerick Graduate Entry Medical School in Ireland. During the same time, two students from Limerick, Ceara Rice and Mike Gorentchtein, will be studying at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Coordinated by the Office of Global Health, the exchange is part of a program between Limerick, Ireland and the City of New Brunswick, which have been connected through the Sister Cities Association for 15 years.

From the Clinical Enterprise

Dr. Babar Rao, acting chair of dermatology, was part of a group of physicians and nurses who traveled to Nepal following the earthquake in Kathmandu. They provided medical care for around 1,000 patients in three villages surrounding the city, in addition to visiting Patan hospital in Kathmandu, where they were able to see the status of medical help available and consult with various specialists.

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December-January: Medicine, Cardiology and Neurology
February-May: OB and Surgery were added
Upcoming Events

August 7, 2015 - 2 PM
White Coat Ceremony
Arlene and Henry Schwartzman Courtyard
Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
One Robert Wood Johnson Place - New Brunswick, NJ

4. Old Business
None

5. New Business
Carol Terregino, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Education, provided the Council with an update on the upcoming accreditation review for the medical school.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Tillman
Office of the Dean