



## Work Group Meeting Notes

Work Group Name: Health/Life Sciences  
Work Group Chair: Andrew Rudnick; Alan Rosenhoch, Work Group Leader  
Meeting Date: August 30, 2011

### Work Group Members Present: (27 total)

Andrew Rudnick (Council & BNP); Alan Rosenhoch (BNE); Carolyn Powell (BNE); Connie Vari (Kaleida); Dr. Raul Vasquez (Urban Family Practice); Robert Brady (Moog Inc.); Marty Berardi (Moog Inc - w/ Mr. Brady); Greg Young (NYS Dept of Health); Dr. Kevin Watkins (Catt Co. Dept of Health); Michael Sloma (Apollo Health Care); Shelley Hirshberg (P2 Collaborative); Brian Springer (RPCI – for Dr. Trump); Bill Maggio (IMMCO Diagnostics); Don Ingalls (HealthNow); Mike Zwick (AndroBioSys); Bob Martin (Buffalo Bio Blower); Dr. Michael Cain (UB School of Medicine); Dr. Anne Curtis (UB School of Medicine)w/ Dr. Cain); Dr. Scott Zimmerman (Erie Co. Dept of Health for Dr. Anthony Billitier); Joe McDonald (Catholic Health System); Dr. Horatio Capote (Dent Neurological); Al Culliton (ECIDA); Mark Celner (Insource Healthcare Solutions); Laurie Baker (Insource Healthcare Solutions w/ Mark Celner); Christina Orsi (ESD); Howard Zemsky (Council); Bart Roberts (Regional Institute);

### Summary of Meeting:

Meeting began with an open discussion as to whether we are truly one group or two (Life vs. Health Sciences). The overwhelming majority expressed that we are one group and that these two sectors have been operating without communication, possibly to the overall detriment of the community and each sector. Therefore, the group's purpose as been defined as follows:

#### Defining Purpose of the Group:

To identify, highlight and encourage synergies and crossover between the health and life sciences. Specifically, technology developed in the life sciences should support efficient and effective delivery of care to patients in the health sciences. At the same time, the needs/problems identified in the delivery of care can and should be drivers of research & development of new products and solutions in the life sciences. Put simply: collaboration between these two sectors (through this work group) provides the best opportunity to create jobs.

The group identified potential overlap with the following Council work groups: Advanced Manufacturing, Entrepreneur/Business Development, Job Readiness, Higher Education as an Economic Driver, & Smart Growth.



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*Strategy moving forward:*

Group members and staff will be identifying existing studies and reports that will be uploaded to the Council website in an effort to 'not reinvent the wheel'. When possible, executive summaries/synopses will be uploaded, rather than the full reports.

Staff and selected (volunteering) group members will formulate a draft of major issues that could potentially be included in a strategic plan to eventually be presented to the Council. This way, the group will have substantive and specific points of discussion at our next meeting, rather than the higher level of discussion we entered into today.