

PR Medical Devices Cluster Teleconference Meeting –11/08/07

Attendances:

Norma Mejías – Edwards

Jean Pierre – Essilor

Nelson Perea – PRTEC

Raúl Rodríguez – St. Jude

Mariluz Ortiz – PRDCO

David Diaz – ISO Group

Excused:

Mickey Centeno – Roche

The meeting was chaired by David Diaz, ISO Group in Mickey Centeno's absence due to a business trip. Mickey will return for the next meeting. The following topics by Teams were discussed during the teleconference:

Benchmark Team;

Gerry MariRoca – Medtronic - Team Leader
José Raúl Rodríguez will provide two persons from St. Jude
Raúl Cardona – Covidien
Ricardo Cintrón – Roche
Rafael Cruz – Medtronic
Sobeida Irizarry will provide one person from Essilor
Francisco Santiago – Stryker

News/Update

The date for the next benchmark was set as December 13.

The next planned Benchmark activities defined by the Team is.

1- December 13 – Medtronic, Villalba

Areas of interest/benchmark will be;

- Product Development/New Products
- Lean Sigma Institutionalization
- Productivity Improvements

2- January – Roche, Ponce

- Social Responsibility Program (In and Out)

Actions Required (AR)

- 1- Copy of the RUM professors' presentation posted on PRTEC website by 10/16/07. AR. N. Perea (Open)

Supply Chain Team;

Nelson Perea – PRTEC – Acting Team Leader

Sobeida Irizarry – Essilor

Jorge O’Neill – St. Jude Medical

Jorge Laboy- PRIDCO

Jerry Luna – PRIDCO

Yadira Rosa – Synovis

Marta Carrasquillo – Stryker

Elsio Negrón – Edwards

News/Update

Jean Pierre from Essilor is the new Team Leader. He will meet next week with Mickey Centeno to discuss team roles and objectives.

Action Required (AR)

- 1- Jean Pierre, Essilor to meet with Mickey Centeno during the week of Nov 12.

Education Team;

David Díaz – ISO Group - Team Leader
Wilda Torres - St. Jude
Jessica Donate - Edwards
Mayra López - Roche
Iván Baiges – RUM
María Ojeda - Medtronic
Kenneth Fernández – Stryker

News/Update

The Educational Program proposal is in final development. The meeting with the Labor Department went well; they indicated interest in expanding the program to fund and support up to 150 students; up from 100. Cluster Members will be asked in January to select participants. Program should start in February or upon funding approval. It is imperative that students fully participate in all sessions. There was also an interest by the labor department to fund a GED program. Polytechnic University is working on their Labor Department qualification, will take place in January.

Action Required (AR)

- 1- Submit proposal by Dec 7.
 - 2- Ask cluster member if there is an interest in a GED program.
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The Regulatory and Compliance Team;

Nydia Acevedo – RICOM Group – Team Leader
Other members are included in their meeting minutes.

News/Update

The FDA activity was confirmed for November, 16 at the PRIDCO facility, 4th floor conference room at 8:30 AM. Over 65 people are registered.

Action Required (AR)

1. Nydia to provide list of member to add on these minutes.

New Topics Discussed

- 1- Monthly MD teleconference meetings remain the second **Thursday** of every month at 4:00 P.M. by phone, so the next one will be December 13.
- 2- The November 30th Medical Device Event at Mayaguez was a success. Over 70 people attended from industry, government and academia. Mickey Centeno provided a MD cluster update and asked for new volunteers.
- 3- At the last meeting Kenneth brought the concern/idea that we need to promote and market the MD Cluster. We need to do a brainstorming with Nelson on how can we do it. During this meeting Mariluz Ortiz, PRIDCO MENTIONED THAT THEIR Communications office can help with marketing.
 - a. Maybe add MD Cluster to Value Proposition video
 - b. Press Conferences

AR. M. Centeno and Team leaders need to set up meeting and invite Karen and Mariluz to see how PRIDCO can help. (Open)

Next MD activities:

- **MD Teleconference in December, 13 at 4:00 PM**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M

Thanks for your usual participation!!!