

# University of Texas Health Science Center- San Antonio

## Response to Information Requested

by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Interim Charge #11: Human Stem Cell Research

March 10, 2010

**1. What kind of human stem cell research is being conducted at your institution?**

We have only one faculty member working with Human Embryonic Stem Cells. That person is working on one of the Bush-approved strains gotten from a faculty member at UTSA; the funding for this project comes from an internal grants program housed at UTHSCSA. All other scientists are working with mouse or human adult cells.

**2. How many research projects involving human stem cells are currently being conducted?**

One

**3. What is the total amount spent on these human stem cell research projects?**

Less than \$50,000

**4. How much General Revenue do you spend on all research each fiscal year?**

Last year approximately \$4.5 million of our general revenue was classified as research.

**5. How much General Revenue do you spend on human stem cell research each fiscal year?**

None

**6. What factors would need to be considered to determine how much of the total cost of these human stem cell efforts is spent on actual human stem cell research, and how much of the spending comes from state funds?**

This would be very difficult to do as modular budgets are now the norm for federally funded grants. For GR, one would also have difficulty breaking down specific categories of spending based on how the data is now kept.

**7. If the state is attempting to collect data on what human stem cell research is being funded by the state, do you have recommendations on how to achieve this?**

No