

Conversation between Kay Dickersin (Director of the US Cochrane Center) and Elie Hassenfeld and Alexander Berger (GiveWell) on February 19, 2013.

Note: This is a set of notes compiled by GiveWell in order to summarize several points made by Kay Dickersin in the conversation.

Summary: The US Cochrane Center continues to lack substantial funding. The \$100,000 “quick grant” made by Good Ventures in 2012 was split roughly 60/40 between supporting staff at Johns Hopkins and at UCSF.

Details:

The US Cochrane Center continues to struggle to find funding; their only current grant funding is from Good Ventures.

The \$100,000 “quick grant” made by Good Ventures in 2012 was spent roughly as follows:

- \$10,000 for the Johns Hopkins “dean's tax”
- \$36,000 was passed on to UCSF, divided between the branch of the US Cochrane Center and the HIV/AIDS group. There was some logistical difficulty in passing on the funds, and it was disbursed fairly recently.
- \$54,000 was used to support the US Cochrane Center staff at Johns Hopkins, including partial support for the coordinator, director, and an administrator.