ZIKA GRANT INITIATIVE TO BE DISCUSSED AT BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL



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Tallahassee, **Fla.** — Following Governor Rick Scott's authorization of \$25 million in state funds for Zika virus research, the Florida Department of Health Biomedical Research Advisory Council (BRAC) will meet to discuss the funding opportunity announcement that will be issued for Zika research grants.

This funding will be spent for the purpose of Zika research, including:

- Expediting the development of a vaccine to prevent Zika infection;
- Long-term impacts of Zika virus on children and adults; and
- The development of innovative, cost-effective Zika testing methods.

What: BRAC Emergency Meeting to Discuss Zika Grant Initiative

When: Tuesday Sept. 27, 2016

3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: The conference call line is 1-888-670-3525; participant code is 5311418626#.

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