Alzheimer’s Disease Research Grant Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Alzheimer’s Disease Research Grant Advisory Board:
- Ken Brummel-Smith, Ph.D., Florida State University, Chair
- Leilani Doty, Ph.D., University of Florida, Assistant Chair
- Jacqueline Wiltshire, Ph.D., University of South Florida
- Mariana Dangiolo, M.D., University of Central Florida
- Ranjan Duara, M.D., Mount Sinai Medical Center
- Neil Graff-Radford, M.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville
- Clinton Wright, M.D., University of Miami
- Neill Graff-Radford, M.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville
- Todd Golde, M.D., University of Florida
- Leonard Petrucelli, Ph.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville
- Amanda Smith, M.D., University of South Florida (absent)
- Frederick Schaerf, MD, Ph.D., Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida (absent)

DOH Staff:
- Deanna Barath, MPH, Health Programs Administrator, Office of the Deputy Secretary for Health
- Sarah Hofmeister, Research Program Analyst, Public Health Research Unit

Members of the Public:
- None

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Board members received all pertinent meeting materials. Board members participated via conference call and could actively and equally participate in the discussion.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes
Dr. Duara made a motion to approve the April 1, 2015 Board meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Doty seconded the motion.
Total votes for approval: (Total members voting: 9) Affirmative: 9, Negative: 0, Recusal: 0

II. Funding Opportunity Announcement Research Priorities
Program staff collated subcommittee priorities received and additional feedback into the draft Funding Opportunity Announcement for the Board review and discussion.
The Board reviewed the DRAFT Funding Opportunity Announcement by section. The Board made the suggested edits:

- Research Priority changed to Priority Area

- Focus Area 3.5 High priority will be given to research on: developing a valid expert diagnosis system to improve and validate diagnoses of memory disorders by health care professionals across the state. The expert system could have both electronic and human expert components.

- Focus Area 3.6 Priority will be given to applications that involve populations that have been historically underrepresented in research.
• Maximum duration to complete the grant will be up to XX.

• Board members may:
  o Provide necessary administrative assistance and advice regarding the operation of the grant or fellowship post award that does not benefit the Board member in the form of financial compensation.

• Continuation application: A continuation application must be a continuation and logical extension of a previously completed grant from the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer’s Disease Research Program. The expectation is that as a result of support from previous grant, promising findings had been produced that indicate the scientific merit of further research and development. Applicants must also provide details on how the continuing application can generate data beyond that generated in the initial funding period that will make it competitive for future funding from national organizations. Continuation applications must be responsive to Focus Areas listed in this FOA. Applications must report progress of research from the grant they are wishing to extend.

• Removed section: D. Evaluation Reports

Dr. Brummel-Smith made a motion to incorporate edits and approve the Funding Opportunity Announcement. Dr. Doty seconded the motion.

Total votes for approval: (Total members voting: 9) Affirmative: 9, Negative: 0, Recusal: 0

III. Research Agenda Discussion
Program staff will incorporate the Priority Areas identified in the Funding Opportunity Announcement into the template Research Agenda. The Board agreed to discuss timeframes and measurable outcomes to include into the Research Agenda on the next conference call.

IV. Public Comment
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.