Alzheimer’s Disease Research Grant Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

Alzheimer’s Disease Research Grant Advisory Board:
- Leilani Doty, Ph.D., University of Florida, Assistant Chair
- Ranjan Duara, M.D., Mount Sinai Medical Center
- Leonard Petrucelli, Ph.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville
- Clinton Wright, M.D., University of Miami
- Ken Brummel-Smith, Ph.D., Florida State University, Chair (absent)
- Neill Graff-Radford, M.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville (absent)
- Jacqueline Wiltshire, Ph.D., University of South Florida (absent)
- Mariana Dangiolo, M.D., University of Central Florida (absent)
- Todd Golde, M.D., University of Florida (absent)
- 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 not present. No decisions or votes were made during the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. Board members received all pertinent meeting materials. Board members participated via conference call and could actively and equally participate in the discussion.

I. Discussion of Meeting Minutes
Board members discussed the May 1, 2015 meeting minutes. Members suggested referencing the section and page numbers for edits that were approved for the FY2015/16 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA).

During the May 1, 2015 meeting, criteria for continuing applications was discussed and approved by the Board. The approved language based on the Board discussion and vote is as follows:

*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. Continuation applications must be responsive to Focus Areas listed in this FOA.*

Some of the Board members expressed concern regarding the eligibility criteria including that continuation applications must be responsive to Focus Areas listed in this FOA. It was suggested to delete “Continuation applications must be responsive to Focus Areas listed in this FOA”.

Members also suggested that Board members should start identifying ad hoc reviewers to for the FY 2015-2016 FOA to review applications in the fall.
II. Research Agenda Discussion
Program staff incorporated the Priority Areas identified in the Funding Opportunity Announcement into the template Research Agenda. Board members discuss the need to incorporate timeframes and measurable outcomes for each Priority Area in the Research Agenda. Program staff further explained that by creating this Research Agenda, it will allow the people of Florida to evaluate the return on investment and health impacts of the research funded through the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer’s Disease Research Program.

Board Members suggested that each Subcommittee should work on realistic timeframes/targets and measurable outcomes for each Priority Area identified. Program staff will request conference calls for each subcommittee to meet.

III. Public Comment

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.