

September 8, 2016
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.



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Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Alzheimer's Disease Research Grant Advisory Board Members in Attendance:

- Frederick Schaerf, M.D., Ph.D., Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida
- Neill Graff-Radford, M.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville
- Leilani Doty, Ph.D., University of Florida, Chair
- Ranjan Duara, M.D., Mount Sinai Medical Center
- Todd Golde, M.D., Ph.D., University of Florida
- Niharika Suchak, MBBS, MHS, FACP, Florida State University
- Uma Suryadevara, MD, University of Florida
- Clinton Wright, MD, Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute

Public Health Research Staff:

- Teresa Mathew, MSW, MPA, Advisory Board Liaison, Biomedical Research Section
- Bonnie Gaughan-Bailey, MPA, ASQ-CQIA, Administrator, Biomedical Research Section
- Philip Cavicchia, Director of Public Health Research

Special Guests:

- Mike Mason, Office of Minority Health Director, Florida Department of Health
- Jon Manalo, Chief Financial Officer & Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of Elder Affairs

Members of the Public:

None

A quorum was present. Board members received all pertinent meeting materials. Board members participated via conference call and could actively and equally participate in the discussion.

I. Meeting Minute Approval

Meeting minutes from 5/17/2016 were approved. Dr. Graff-Radford made the motion to accept the minutes and Dr. Wright seconded the motion.

Total votes for approval: (Total members voting: 8) Affirmative: 8, Negative: 0, Recusal: 0

II. Introductions and Meeting Overview

Dr. Doty provided an overview of the meeting agenda. Board members introduced themselves. Members welcomed Dr. Suryadevara to the Board, and she introduced herself.

III. Special Presentation from Mike Mason

Mike Mason provided the Board with an overview of the work being done in the Department of Health (DOH) to address health disparities and health equity issues across the state. This presentation was requested by Board members. Mr. Mason discussed what the Health Equity Program Council is, its goals, and the socio-economic factors that influence health outcomes.

After the presentation, Board members had the opportunity to ask questions. Dr. Doty asked how the Board would get the issue of Alzheimer's disease onto the agenda for the Health Equity Program Council. Mr. Mason answered that the Council has been working to forward DOH's strategic plan, which includes an area dedicated to "Long and Healthy Life," which has the goal of decreasing the incidence of Alzheimer's disease. Bonnie Gaughan-Bailey added that the Biomedical Research Section is responsible

for this objective. Part of addressing this objective has been to establish partnerships and learn what is being done to address the issue of Alzheimer's disease across the state.

Dr. Golde mentioned that the two Alzheimer's Disease Research Centers (ADRCs) in the state have been working to address the issue of health disparities and would like to work more closely with the state in this regard. Dr. Duara said that there is an international annual MCI (Mild Cognitive Impairment) Symposium in Miami, FL with a special session on cross-cultural neuropsychological evaluations. Dr. Duara will send information to Bonnie Gaughan-Bailey and Teresa Mathew about this symposium to distribute to contacts in DOH.

Dr. Doty asked that Mr. Mason look at the definitions of health equity and health disparities used in the Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to ensure that the language used is congruent with the definitions used by DOH. Mr. Mason responded that he would be happy review the language used in the FOA. The Health Equity Program Council uses the definition provided by the World Health Organization.

Dr. Wright asked whether DOH has been working with groups in other states to track what is being done to address health disparities. Mr. Mason answered that he recently went to a meeting of the National Association of State Offices of Minority Health where attendees discussed working with federal funding sources to ensure that health disparities are address in all future FOAs.

IV. Special Presentation from Jon Manalo

Jon Manalo offered a presentation regarding the Dementia Care and Cure Initiative (DCCI). DCCI was announced by Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Sam Verghese in 2015. Tallahassee is the first community where this initiative is being tested. DCCI is working toward raising awareness and building partnerships with other agencies, and through outreach and educational events. They are also developing a toolkit for communities that will address the needs of individuals with dementia. The final component of the initiative is advocacy for research funding.

The DCCI's first step in addressing these goals was to create first a DCCI Advisory Council, to develop a local community (Tallahassee) Pilot Project Work Plan with action steps and second, to develop a DCCI Statewide Task Force made up of subject area experts, members of the government, and representatives from the Alzheimer's Disease Initiative. Recently, the DCCI developed training materials for first responders and implemented this training in Leon County. After the Tallassee Pilot program, the DCCI will expand to other areas of Florida.

Dr. Graff-Radford made the suggestion that the DCCI could include brochures on various reputable groups conducting research studies that need volunteers. Mr. Manalo responded that that would be a good addition to the DCCI website.

Dr. Schaerf commented that there is often a disconnect between what is happening in communities, and what researchers are doing. He asked if Mr. Manalo would be open to being contacted by Board members to give him ideas about how to improve the connection between the research and grassroots level activities. By request, Mr. Manalo's contact information is provided below.

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V. Discussion of Application Review

The Board briefly discussed the list of applications and was asked to identify possible conflicts of interest. Board members will also need to identify their areas of expertise. A more in-depth discussion of the review process is scheduled for the next meeting on September 20th, 2016 from 10:30-11:30AM.

VI. Dr. Wright and Dr. Golde Leaving the Board

Dr. Wright announced that he has taken a position at NIH and will be leaving the Board as of November. Dr. Todd E. Golde will continue service on the Board until mid-December 2016 to assist with the current cycle of the internal review of grants.

VII. Representative Matt Hudson's Defeat

Dr. Schaerf discussed the fact that Representative Matt Hudson was defeated by Rep. Kathleen Passidomo in the Primary Republican Senate District 28 race. Representative Hudson was the Chairman of the House Health Care Appropriations Committee and was responsible for the legislation that created the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program. Dr. Dotty asked Dr. Schaerf to draft a letter of thanks and appreciation to Rep. Hudson and forward the letter to her.

IIX. Public Comment

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.