

March 3, 2015
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Conference call (888) 670-3525
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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
- Todd Golde, M.D., Ph.D., University of Florida
- Jacqueline Wiltshire, Ph.D., University of South Florida
- Amanda Smith, M.D., University of South Florida
- Frederick Schaefer, M.D., Ph.D., Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida
- Mariana Dangiolo, M.D., University of Central Florida
- Clinton Wright, M.D., University of Miami
- Leonard Petrucelli, Ph.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville
- Ken Brummel-Smith, Ph.D., Florida State University, Chair (absent)
- Ranjan Duara, M.D., Mount Sinai Medical Center (absent)
- Neill Graff-Radford, M.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville (absent)

DOH Staff:

- Deanna Barath, M.P.H., Health Programs Administrator, Office of the Deputy Secretary
- 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 3:05 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. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dr. Dangiolo made a motion to incorporate the edits below and approve the January 30, 2015 Board meeting minutes:

- Identify when Dr. Graff-Radford left the meeting.
- Several Board members had agreed that given that the members of this board were selected, presumably because of their *expertise and* ongoing research activities...

Dr. R. Duara seconded the motion.

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

II. Funding Opportunity Announcement and Research Agenda Priorities

At the January 30, 2015 meeting, the Assistant Chair asked the Board to send program staff an analysis of Alzheimer's Research in Florida, involving a review of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats and to identify strategic goals for the program.

Comments were received, collated and distributed to the Board before the meeting by program staff.

Members discussed potential grant amounts, research mechanisms, and the anticipated number of grants to recommend for each mechanism:

Grant Amount	Research Mechanism	Number of Grants (with scientific justification)
\$500,000	Clinical/Translational/Consortium	2-3
\$250-200,000	Basic Science	4-5
\$100,000 or less	Pilot Studies/MD or PhD Post-Doc Fellowships	5-6

The Board discussed and identified the following types of applications for the FOA:

- **New application:** An application that has not been submitted to the program.
- **Revised application:** An application that was submitted, but not funded. These applications would need to identify areas that have been revised from the initial submission.
- **Renewal application:** An application that has been funded by the program and requested to extend project aims. These applications would need to report progress of research from the grant they are wishing to extend.

The Board requested Dr. Golde to create a draft reporting template to review at the in-person meeting. Program staff will send Dr. Golde the Department's research grant reporting template as well. This reporting template will be required for the renewal application.

The Board discussed the need to make funding recommendations so that researchers only receive one grant award per funding cycle.

While reviewing comments received and statute priorities, the Board identified the need to include additional research mechanisms/priorities for discussion: fellowships, behavioral/social, and epidemiological. Members agreed to create subcommittees for each research mechanism/priority. The Board suggested each member to be assigned to a research subcommittee to create language for strategic goals and research mechanisms. The subcommittees will meet during scheduled conference calls which the staff will set up and then present suggestions at the in-person board meeting on April 3, 2015.

Program staff reminded the Board that subcommittee meetings are considered Board meetings and must be noticed as a public meeting. Board members were asked to send comments/documents to share with other members on the subcommittees to program staff to distribute.

The Proposed Subcommittees are:

Clinical/Diagnostic: Dr. Dangiolo, Dr. Graff-Radford, Dr. Duara

Basic/Translational: Dr. Golde, Dr. Petrucelli

Epidemiological: Dr. Wright, Dr. Graff-Radford

Behavioral/Social: Dr. Wiltshire, Dr. Smith, Dr. Brummel-Smith, Dr. Schaerf

Fellowship: Dr. Doty, Dr. Golde

Dr. Golde motioned to create the proposed subcommittees. Dr. Wright seconded the motion.

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

III. Program Recommendations and Discussion

Members reviewed draft language submitted by Dr. R. Duara regarding whether or not a Board member may participate in some operational aspects of a grant or fellowship, which has been awarded to a colleague who is a close working associate of that Board member.

The Board members agreed to table this discussion until the in-person meeting on April, 3, 2015.

Some Board members commented on their concern of time, expertise and potential conflicts of interest regarding the Board's role in peer review of applications.

IV. Public Comment

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.