

April 7, 2015  
2:00-4:00 p.m.



Conference call (888) 670-3525  
Conference code 2922384719

Biomedical Research Advisory Council  
**Meeting Minutes**

Biomedical Research Advisory Council members present:

- Daniel Armstrong, Ph.D., University of Miami, Chair
- Charles Wood, Ph.D., University of Florida
- Barbara Centeno, MD, Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute
- Paul Jacobsen, Ph.D., Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute
- David Decker, MD, Florida Hospital
- Al Latimer, BBA, Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- John Wingard, MD, University of Florida
- Penny Ralston, Ph.D., Florida State University
- Randal Henderson, MD, MBA, University of Florida
- Abubakr A Bajwa, MD, FCCP, University of Florida

DOH Staff

- Sarah Hofmeister, Public Health Research Unit
- Robert Hood, Ph.D., Public Health Research Unit

Members of the Public:

- None.

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 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. Overview of FY 2014/15 James and Esther King Research Program (King) and Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program (Bankhead-Coley) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) and FY 2014/15 Appropriations**

Staff provided an overview of the peer review process for the FY 14/15 James and Esther King Research Program and Bankhead-Coley Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to members.

The Department received a total of 175 applications:

Bankhead-Coley	116
King	59

Approved on 5/13/2015

The Department provided the council with the following appropriation table:

<b>James and Esther King funding (JEK)</b>	
Lawton Chiles Trust Fund	\$400,000
GAA amount for JEK (trust fund)	\$7,150,000
GAA amount for JEK (general revenue)	\$2,850,000
Less administrative funding (up to 15%)	(\$565,000)
<b>Total JEK</b>	<b>\$9,835,000</b>
<b>Bankhead-Coley Cancer Research Program (BC)</b>	
GAA amount for BC (trust fund)	\$5,000,000
GAA amount for BC (general revenue)	\$5,000,000
Less administrative funding (up to 10%)	(\$565,000)
McKnight Brain Institute	(\$500,000)
<b>Total BC</b>	<b>\$8,935,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,770,000</b>

## II. FY 2014/15 King and Bankhead-Coley FOA funding recommendations

Members were provided the peer review criteria and a blinded spreadsheet of the peer review results for each application before the meeting. The spreadsheet included the funding amount requested and scoring on overall impact, cancer or tobacco-relatedness, health impact, and infrastructure (if applicable) for each application. The chair reviewed the results with the members.

Dr. Wood made a motion to fund Bankhead-Coley applications that scored an average overall impact score of 2.0 or better and reduce the requested funding amount by 14%. Dr. Ralston seconded the motion.

Total votes for approval: (Total members voting: 10) Affirmative: 10 Negative: 0 Recusal: 0

Dr. Henderson made a motion to fund King applications that scored an average overall impact score of 2.67 or better and a tobacco-relatedness score of 3.33 or better and reduce requesting funding amounts equally to expend the appropriation (reduced grants by 2.35%). Dr. Wood seconded the motion.

Total votes for approval: (Total members voting: 10) Affirmative: 10 Negative: 0 Recusal: 0

**III. FY2015/16 Funding Opportunity Announcement Priorities Discussion and Vote**

Members discussed the option to publish the same criteria in the FY2014/15 FOA for the FY2015/16 FOA and allow applicants to resubmit their FY14/15 applications with revisions per the peer review evaluations. One member suggested the council evaluate applications awarded within the last 3-5 years to assess which priorities to recommend for the FY 2015/2016 cycle based on previous funded grants. Members considered this idea and asked staff to collate project titles and general audience abstracts for awarded grants in the last 5 years for the council's review at the next in-person meeting. Members agreed this evaluation will guide research priorities for the FY2016/17 FOA.

Dr. Wood made the motion to publish the same criteria in the FY2014/15 FOA for the FY2015/16 FOA and allow applicants to resubmit their FY14/15 applications with revisions per the peer review evaluations. Dr. Henderson seconded.

Total votes for approval: (Total members voting: 10) Affirmative: 10 Negative: 0 Recusal: 0

**IV. Public comment.**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.