



Meeting Minutes

Rare Disease Advisory Council (RDAC) Academic Research Institutions Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM EST

Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Member Name	Member Seat	Present	Absent
Dr. Barry Byrne	A representative from an academic research institution in Florida, which receives grant funding for research regarding rare diseases.	X	
Dr. Divya Patel	A physician who is licensed under Ch. 458 or 459, F.S., practices in this state, and has experience in treating rare diseases.	X	
Dr. Mustafa Tekin	A representative from an academic research institution in this state which receives grant funding for research regarding rare diseases.	X	
Dr. Rajan Wadhawan	A physician who is licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 and practicing in this state with experience in treating rare diseases.	X	

Guests: Linda Ebelini

Call to Order, Member Roll Call – Casey Omeke, Florida Department of Health

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Casey Omeke. Roll was taken, and a quorum was established.

Overview of Draft Legislative Report – Casey Omeke, Florida Department of Health

Casey provided a review of the draft legislative report and the recommendations that were created during the previous subcommittee meetings.

Development of Recommendations – Council Members

Council members discussed, revised, and expanded upon the recommendations. Council members formatted all current proposed recommendations into a five-year timeline based upon expected completion time.

Subcommittee Next Steps – Casey Omeke, Florida Department of Health

The council members felt that their recommendations and five-year timeline were complete and did not require an additional subcommittee meeting prior to the upcoming RDAC meeting in April.

Public Comment – Casey Omeke, Florida Department of Health

No public comment was provided.

Adjournment – Casey Omeke, Florida Department of Health

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 PM.