

March 16, 2015
2:00-4:00 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:

- Ken Brummel-Smith, Ph.D., Florida State University, Chair
- Leilani Doty, Ph.D., University of Florida, Assistant Chair
- Frederick Schaerf, M.D., Ph.D., Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida
- Todd Golde, M.D., Ph.D., University of Florida (absent)
- Jacqueline Wiltshire, Ph.D., University of South Florida (absent)
- Amanda Smith, M.D., University of South Florida (absent)
- Mariana Dangiolo, M.D., University of Central Florida (absent)
- Clinton Wright, M.D., University of Miami (absent)
- Leonard Petrucelli, Ph.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville (absent)
- 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:

- Sarah Hofmeister, Research Program Analyst, Public Health Research Unit

Members of the Public:

- Jamie Garnder, House of Representatives

A quorum was not present. No decisions or votes were made during the meeting. 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. Postdoctoral Research Fellowships Subcommittee

Members: Dr. Doty, Dr. Golde (absent)

Dr. Doty provided the Board members a draft document describing priorities and criteria for postdoctoral research fellowships. Board members reviewed the document and made the suggestion to incorporate guidelines for mentors including, but not limited to: having an established track record in the area of proposed research (curriculum vitae) and documentation of availability of support for research (commitment letter). Board members agreed to include postdoctoral researchers in this next funding opportunity and to consider adding pre-doctoral students in later funding opportunities.

Board members identified that the majority of research fellowships are focused on biomedical research. Members discussed prioritizing behavioral and community based research fellowships when making funding recommendations.

Board members discussed the overall focus of the research fellowship would be to prepare and train researchers on how to competitively apply for a K award or related award. Members discussed requiring grant recipients to submit a K award or related award application as one of the final goals/outcomes of the fellowship award year..

Members discussed the percentage of professional effort for the grant recipient and the mentor. Members suggested that to help incentivize mentors to participate, there could be a 5-10%

compensation related to the mentorship. Dr. Doty was asked to look into current professional effort percentages for research fellowships.

II. Behavioral/Social

Members: Dr. Brummel-Smith, Dr. Schaerf, Dr. Smith (absent), Dr. Wiltshire (absent)

Board members discussed how the Advisory Board could help foster statewide collaborations through research funding. Members identified a need to focus on community based research, with possible research in dementia-friendly communities.

Subcommittee members agreed to send program staff information regarding the area of behavioral/social research. Once received, program staff will distribute to all Board members for their review and feedback before the next meeting on March 26, 2015.

III. Public Comment

None.

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