

July 15, 2015  
2:00-4:00 p.m.



Conference call (888) 670-3525  
Conference code 2922384719

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
- Amanda Smith, M.D., University of South Florida
- Frederick Schaerf, M.D., Ph.D., Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida
- Leonard Petrucelli, Ph.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville
- Neill Graff-Radford, M.D., Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville
- Leilani Doty, Ph.D., University of Florida, Assistant Chair (absent)
- Ranjan Duara, M.D., Mount Sinai Medical Center (absent)
- Clinton Wright, M.D., University of Miami (absent)
- Jacqueline Wiltshire, Ph.D., University of South Florida (absent)
- Mariana Dangiolo, M.D., University of Central Florida (absent)
- Todd Golde, MD, Ph.D., University of Florida (absent)

DOH Staff:

- Sharon Watkins, Ph.D., Director, Public Health Research Unit
- Sarah Hofmeister, Research Program Analyst, Public Health Research Unit

Members of the Public:

- Angela Devaney, Naples Community Hospital

A quorum was not present. No decisions or votes were made during the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 2:10 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. Meeting Minute Approval**

Meeting minutes were not approved because a quorum was not present. The meeting minutes from 5/1/2015 and 5/15/2015 will be on the agenda for approval for the next scheduled meeting.

**II. Research Agenda Discussion**

Board members reviewed the draft research agenda template provided by program staff. This draft template was created based on the Biomedical Research Advisory Council's (BRAC) 2014 Research Agenda and priorities identified in the FY2015-16 Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). It was discussed and suggested that each of the priority areas should be expanded to include all of the focus areas for each priority that are listed in the FOA. Additional suggestions to expand on within the Priority areas were the following:

- Priority Area 3: Stimulate a consortium of clinical and basic centers to conduct high quality clinical research studies.
- Priority Area 4: Develop research on epidemiologic, pathologic and clinical studies that improve our understanding of acquired neurodegenerative and vascular disorders that result in cognitive impairment and dementia and how these affect Floridians.
  - Develop research that contributes to reductions in morbidity and mortality in AD patients.
  - Develop research that contributes to the quality of treatment and care for AD patients with health disparities due to race, ethnicity, and income.

Board members asked program staff to incorporate the additional suggestions from the conference call and all of the focus areas as listed in the FY2015-16 FOA into the draft research agenda. Staff will also send the BRAC's Research Agenda as a reference.

Board members expressed concern regarding the uncertainty of realistic timeframes/targets to measure success for each of the Priorities. Board members agreed that timeframes/targets would differ for each priority. It was suggested that each member would work on creating realistic timeframes for priorities they helped create for the FOA. Members will send information to program staff to distribute to members for feedback. Program staff will request conference calls for members to discuss.

### **III. FY2015-2016 Funding Opportunity Announcement**

Program staff reminded Board members to please send any ad hoc reviewer recommendations as soon as possible. Ad hoc reviewers would be voluntary and free from any conflicts of interest.

### **IV. Public Comment**

A member of the public expressed their interest in the activities of the Board and looked forward to joining future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.