

September 4, 2015
2:00-4:00 pm



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

DOH Staff:

- Derek Schwabe-Warf, Public Health Research Unit
- Sarah Hofmeister, Research Program Analyst, Public Health Research Unit
- Sharon Watkins, Ph.D., Director, Public Health Research Unit
- Deanna Barath, M.P.H., Health Programs Administrator

Members of the Public:

- None

A quorum was present. Board members received all pertinent meeting materials. Board members participated via conference call and could actively and equally participate in the discussion.

I. Meeting Minutes Approval

Dr. Doty made a motion to approve the May 1, 2015, May 15, 2015 and the July 15, 2015 Board meeting minutes as presented. Dr. Duara seconded the motion.

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

II. Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC)

The Chair congratulated Board members on their recent funding from the National Institutes of Health for a new Florida-based Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC). This ADRC, named 1 Florida ADRC, includes several institutions such as the University of Florida, Mount Sinai Medical Center, University of Miami, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University and several other institutions around the state.

III. FY2015-2016 Funding Opportunity Announcement Update

Department staff provided an update to the Board on the status of submitted applications for FY 2015-2016. Staff are currently conducting a review of the submitted applications to determine

eligibility. Subsequently, staff will send the list of eligible application to the Chair for assignment of reviews. Metrics from the submitted applications are listed below. Board members discussed:

- Board members would like plain language added to the next FOA indicating that institutions, not the Department, will screen applications to ensure the correct number of applications are submitted in each priority.
- Department staff and the chair confirmed that the deadline for submission was extended from 8/31/2015 to 9/2/2015 due to the potential interruption of tropical storm Erika.
- Department staff will send out a spreadsheet for Board members to indicate the applications they have the expertise to review.
- Program staff reminded Board members to please send any ad hoc reviewer recommendations as soon as possible. Staff will be reaching out to recommend ad hoc reviewers to determine if they are able to review some of the applications. Department staff will provide Board members with template language that they can use to recruit additional reviewers about the approximate number of applications and workload ad hoc reviewers would encumber. Department staff will send a letter from the State Surgeon General thanking ad hoc reviewers for their time.

Dr. Golde made the motion to preclude Florida-based ad hoc reviewers. Dr. Duara seconded the motion.

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Metrics

Total Number of Applications: 60

Number of distinct institutions submitting applications: 18

Number of Pilot Grants: 18

Number of Standard Grants: 37

Number of Fellowship Grants: 5

Number of Grants in Each Priority Area:

- P1: 11
- P2: 32
- P3: 6
- P4: 6
- P5: 5 (Fellowship Grants)

IV. Research Agenda Discussion

- Board members discussed the pros and cons of aligning the Board's research agenda with the NIH's agenda. The pros of such an alignment would be increased chances of researchers obtaining external follow-on funding. The cons would be that this could impede research in novel areas.
- The Board agreed to divide the research agenda into two parts. The first part will address the research priorities the Board plans to fund. The second part will assess the impact of funding via quantitative measures such as national follow-up funding, number of publications produced, novel treatments submitted to the FDA for clinical trials, or the number of new researchers brought into Florida. After 5 years, the quantitative aspects of this agenda will be compiled and analyzed.
- The Board discussed requesting additional funding to cover Outside Reviewer costs in the annual report of their activities (February 2016) to the Florida Legislature.

V. Other Business

Dr. Brummel-Smith will compose a letter of appreciation for the assistance of Sarah Hofmeister who is moving onto a different Department of Health position.

VI. Public Comment

None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.