

August 14, 2017
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM



Conference call # (888) 670-3525
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Biomedical Research Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Daniel Armstrong (Chair)
Richard Nowakowski (Vice Chair)
Stephen Gardell
Barbara Centeno
Allison Eng-Perez
Susan Vadaparampil
John Wingard
Charles Evans Wood
Abubakr Bajwa
Richard Houghten

Board Members not in Attendance:

David Decker

CCRAB Members in Attendance:

Christopher Cogle (Chair)

Department of Health Staff:

Bonnie Gaughan-Bailey, MPA, ASQ-CQIA, Administrator, Biomedical Research Section
Teresa Mathew, MSW, MPA, Advisory Council Liaison, Biomedical Research Section
Jennifer Drake, FCCM, Government Analyst II, Biomedical Research Section

Live Like Bella Childhood Cancer Foundation:

Raymond Rodriguez-Torres, Chairman, Live Like Bella Childhood Cancer Foundation Board of Directors
Nicole de Lara Puente, CEO, Live Like Bella Childhood Cancer Foundation
Dr. Guillermo De Angulo, Live Like Bella Childhood Cancer Foundation Scientific Advisory Board

Oak Ridge Associate Universities:

Janet Kile, Senior Project Management Specialist
Robert Angel, Section Manager

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.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

Dr. Armstrong called for a vote on the prior meeting minutes. Dr. Nowakowski made the motion to approve the July 17, 2017 minutes. Allison Eng-Perez seconded the motion. Total votes for approval: (Total members voting: 10) Affirmative: 10, Negative: 0, Recusal: 0.

II. Introductions and Meeting Overview

Dr. Armstrong led the BRAC through the suggested edits to the DRAFT Live Like Bella FOA and opened the discussion for the BRAC to comment on the draft.

III. Discussion of FY 2017-2018 Live Like Bella Initiative Funding Opportunity Announcement

The BRAC examined the research priorities and voted to keep the research priorities from the Bankhead-Coley FOA with minor edits. Dr. Armstrong called for a vote. Dr. Nowakowski made the motion to approve the research priorities with the edits to language suggested during the meeting. Dr. Houghten seconded the motion. Total votes for approval: (Total members voting: 10) Affirmative: 10, Negative: 0, Recusal: 0.

The BRAC discussed the maximum duration of each mechanism of support. The BRAC reached a consensus of four years for Multicenter Clinical Trials, three years for Discovery Science, and six months for Bridge grants. Dr. Armstrong called for a vote. Dr. Nowakowski made the motion for the vote. Dr. Bajwa seconded the motion. Total votes for approval: (Total members voting: 10) Affirmative: 10, Negative: 0, Recusal: 0.

The BRAC discussed the restrictions regarding the number of LOIs that could be submitted by a single researcher to the Live Like Bella Pediatric Cancer Initiative. The members also discussed whether or not researchers would be allowed to apply to Bankhead-Coley, King, and Live Like Bella. The BRAC came to a consensus on changes to the language regarding duplicate applications and overlap limits.

Dr. Armstrong called for a vote to accept the FOA pending the edits suggested during the meeting. Dr. Houghten made the motion to vote. Allison Eng-Perez and Dr. Nowakowski seconded the motion. Total votes for approval: (Total members voting: 10) Affirmative: 10, Negative: 0, Recusal: 0.

VI. Public Comment

Dr. Trucco at the University of Miami asked if the FOA would allow for clinical trials that included individuals up to 30 years old. Dr. Armstrong responded that if it was regarding a cancer that was primarily considered a pediatric cancer, expanding the trial to include a wider age range would be permissible. However, if the trial did not involve any children, then that would likely not be allowed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.