

July 17, 2017
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM



Conference call # (888) 670-3525
Conference code 5311418626

Biomedical Research Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members not in Attendance:

Charles Evans Wood

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
Kaitlyn Barningham, MPH, Biomedical Research Zika Program Specialist

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

A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 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 April 6, 2017 minutes. Dr. Decker seconded the motion. Total votes for approval: (Total members voting: 10) Affirmative: 10, Negative: 0, Recusal: 0.

II. Introductions and Meeting Overview

Dr. Armstrong provided an overview of the meeting agenda and introduced Dr. Houghten, the newest BRAC member. Dr. Armstrong also welcomed the representatives from the Live Like Bella Childhood Cancer Foundation.

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

Initial planning focused on the type of funding mechanisms and research priorities that should be included in the Funding Opportunity Announcement.

The BRAC proposed three types of grants: (1) Multicenter clinical trials for up to \$900,000, (2) Basic Science grants for up to \$250,000, and (3) Bridge grants for up to \$100,000. Dr. Armstrong called for a vote on these proposed grant types. Dr. Decker made the motion for a vote. Dr. Nowakowski seconded the motion. Total votes for approval: (Total members voting: 10) Affirmative: 10, Negative: 0, Recusal: 0.

The BRAC discussed possible research priorities for this FOA including health disparities, research infrastructure, discovery science, and epidemiological studies. Further discussion is needed to determine exact priorities for this FOA.

Department staff was asked to look into the possibility of allowing the BRAC to use funds from Bankhead-Coley to fund Live Like Bella awards. Staff discussed this issue with the Budget Director for Community Health Promotion, and were told that this would not be allowable. It is not allowable because the General Appropriation Act (GAA) listed the specific funding allocated for each of these research programs and the two cannot be combined.

VI. Public Comment

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.