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Orange County Health Department

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Biomedical Research Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Biomedical Research Advisory Council members present:

- Daniel Armstrong, Ph.D., University of Miami, Chair
- Claes Wahlestedt, MD. Ph.D., University of Miami
- Charles Wood, Ph.D., University of Florida
- Barbara Centeno, MD, Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute
- Penny Ralston, Ph.D., Florida State University
- Randal Henderson, MD, MBA, University of Florida
- Paul Jacobsen, Ph.D., Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute
- David Decker, MD, Florida Hospital

DOH Staff

- Robert Hood, Ph.D., Manager, Public Health Research Unit
- Sarah Hofmeister, Research Program Analyst, Public Health Research Unit
- Kevin Sherin, MD, Director, Orange County Health Department
- Willie Carter, Research Coordinator, Orange County Health Department

Members of the Public:

- Thomas George, MD, FACP, CCRAB Chair, University of Florida
- Heather Youmans, American Cancer Society (by phone)
- Melissa Atkinson, Rubin Group (by phone)

A quorum was present.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

I. Introductions of New BRAC appointments

The Chair welcomed two new Governor appointments: Paul Jacobsen, Ph.D., Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute and David Decker, MD, Florida Hospital.

II. Biomedical Program Update

Staff provided an annual review of program activities, and reviewed the 2014 Legislative session. The Legislature added to the BRAC's oversight a new research program involving childhood epilepsy. The Legislature revised the Cancer Control and Research Advisory Board and added a new program to encourage the development of more National Cancer Institute – designated Cancer Centers in Florida.

III. Strategic Goals and Tactics

The chair reviewed recommendations made by Department of Health leadership on the strategic goals and tactics with the members. Members agreed to incorporate the edits. Claes Wahlestedt made a motion to accept the edits and present the final version to the State Surgeon General for approval. David Decker seconded the motion.

Motion: Present the final version of the Strategic Goals and Tactics to the State Surgeon General for approval.

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

IV. Collaboration between the BRAC and the Cancer Control and Research Advisory Board (CCRAB) on Statewide Research Plan

Thomas George, MD, FACP, CCRAB chair, presented the members with an overview of CCRAB and summarized the recent changes made to CCRAB from this 2014 legislative session.

V. FY 2014/2015 Funding Opportunity Discussion

Members discussed priorities for the FY 14/15 funding opportunity. Members identified the need to make awards that would spend the total general revenue amount before June 30, 2015.

Members discussed using strategic goals as research priorities for the funding opportunity. The chair and members discussed the idea of using the following strategic goals (numbered based on the Strategic Plan):

1. Conduct research with a focus on prevention and improved treatment or care delivery that contributes to decreased deaths in lung cancer by 15%, breast cancer by 15%, prostate cancer by 20%, colon cancer by 25%, and melanoma by 15% within 10 years.
2. Develop research that contributes to reductions in deaths due to lung cancer by 30%, breast cancer by 30%, prostate cancer by 30%, colon cancer by 30%, and melanoma by 30% resulting from health disparities due to race, ethnicity, or income within 10 years.

3. Improve screening accuracy, detection of high risk subgroups, and/or improved implementation of cancer screening program that result in a 20% increase in early detection of cancer or preventable cancer within 10 years.
7. Reduce tobacco use in children and adolescents to less than 4% and adults to less than 15% within 10 years.
8. Enhanced understanding of the relationship between obesity, healthy weight, and cancer.
9. Expand upon research that improves scientific understanding of causes and subsequent impact of cancer/cancer-treatment related morbidities in other systems (e.g, cardiovascular, pulmonary, endocrine, lymphatic, CNS, reproductive, developmental).

Members reviewed strategic tactics to decide on grant mechanisms. Members discussed the need to prioritize 2 to 3 tactics. Tactics discussed were the following:

Tactics	Max Amount	Max Duration
Discovery Science	\$1,500,000	3 years
Infrastructure	\$1,500,000	3 years
Clinical Trials	\$2,000,000	5 years
Bridge	\$100,000	6 months

Members agreed to give priority to New Investigators, Team Science, and Comparative Effectiveness Research by weighting those applications.

Dr. Wood made a motion to include the goals and tactics discussed by the BRAC above in the FY14/15 funding opportunity. Dr. Henderson seconded the motion.

There was consensus that researchers conducting behavioral health research involving tobacco cessation and control should coordinate with Tobacco-Free Florida to ensure there is no duplication in efforts.

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

VI. The chair recognized Dr. Claes Wahlestedt's contribution to the BRAC since 2010 and publically expressed his appreciation on the behalf of the members of the BRAC.

VII. Public comment.
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.