

January 20, 2017
1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.



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 Members in Attendance:

- Leilani Doty, PhD, University of Florida, Chair
- Ranjan Duara, MD, Mt. Sinai Medical Center
- Frederick Schaerf, MD, PhD, Neuropsychiatric Research Center of Southwest Florida
- Niharika Suchak, MBBS, MHS, FACP, Florida State University
- Uma Suryadevara, MD, University of Florida
- Jacqueline Wiltshire, PhD, University of South Florida, Assistant Chair

DOH Staff:

- Bonnie Gaughan-Bailey, MPA, ASQ-CQIA, Administrator, Biomedical Research Section
- Will Crowley, Biomedical Research Section
- Teresa Mathew, MSW, MPA, Advisory Board Liaison, Biomedical Research Section
- Dinithia Sampson, PhD, Advisory Board Liaison, Biomedical Research Section

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. Introductions and Meeting Overview

Dr. Doty provided an overview of the meeting agenda. Board members introduced themselves.

II. Meeting Minute Approval

Meeting minutes from 9/20/2016 were approved with one correction to capitalize the letter "B" in "Board". Dr. Schaerf made the initial motion to accept the minutes and, both, Drs. Wiltshire and Duara seconded the motion. Total votes for approval: Total members voting: 6) Affirmative: 6, Negative: 0, Recusal: 0

III. Program Update

a. Membership

Mrs. Gaughan-Bailey informed the board that three (3) applications were received for the vacant board positions. One (1) applicant has been interviewed and the other two (2) applicants will be interviewed within the following week. She will resend the email announcements for applications to fill the vacant board seats. The Board also discussed whether a physician can be considered as a neuroscientist. It was stated that a physician with a MD/PhD may self-identify into either category. It was stated that outlining the positions may be best to specify instead of self-identification. Dr. Schaerf was tasked to identify each category for clarity.

b. Grant Execution

A total of twenty-seven (27) grants were awarded. All Terms and Conditions should be signed and turned in by the close of business today. All grants will enter the review process for execution.

c. Annual Report

The Board discussed the Annual Report submission and suggested the corrections listed below:

1. State that total funding was "\$5 million plus \$36,000 of unspent funds from the previous year"
2. Update the roles and titles of the Board Members
 - a. The Board members are to forward their updated roles and titles to Dr. Sampson to update.
3. Include the number of institutions awarded
4. Indicate that funding increased from \$3 million to \$5 million on page 9
5. Move figure 6 to the newly added Appendix A and move figure 7 to the newly added Appendix B
6. Move recommendations to page 9 after "Programmatic Goals"
7. Include a summary sentence on the purpose of each study for each grant detailed in the report

The Annual Report was approved with the pending edits. Dr. Suchak made the initial motion for approval with the pending edits and Dr. Suryadevara seconded the motion. Total votes for approval: Total members voting: 6) Affirmative: 6, Negative: 0, Recusal: 0

Dr. Doty requested that the updated report be sent with her cover letter for the Board to share with her any additional feedback that they may have.

IV. Discussion of Feedback on the Research Agenda

Ms. Mathew and Dr. Sampson informed the Board of the metrics parameters outlined in the second (2nd) paragraph on page 4. The Board discussed their concerns on this matter and stated that epidemiological studies are expensive and that more money and time would be needed to perform this type of research. It was suggested that the FOA should be sent to all chairs of epidemiological studies throughout the state to increase application submissions and awards in this area. The Board suggested the amendments listed below:

1. Remove this paragraph on page 4 since it is unrealistic
2. Remove the first two sentences on epidemiological studies under "Focus Area 4.1-Health Disparities" on page 8

The amendments to the Research Agenda were approved. Dr. Duara made the initial motion and Dr. Shaerf seconded the motion. Total votes for approval: Total members voting: 6) Affirmative: 6, Negative: 0, Recusal: 0

V. Public Comment

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.