

MINUTES
Oversight Committee Quarterly Meeting
Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas

Thompson Auditorium, 1st Floor
Texas Medical Association
401 W 15th Street, Austin, Texas

March 24, 2011
1:00 p.m.

James Mansour, Chairman, announced a quorum and called the Oversight Committee Quarterly Meeting of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (Institute) to order at 1:10 p.m.

Members Present

James Mansour, Chairman
Dr. Joseph Bailes
Cindy Brinker Simmons
Martin Hubert (on behalf of the Comptroller)
The Honorable Faith Johnson
Charles Tate
Barbara Canales
Phil Wilson

Members Absent

Lionel Sosa
Joyce King
Jay Dyer (Designee for the Attorney General)

Legal Counsel

Kristen Doyle

Staff Present

Bill Gimson, Executive Director
Heidi McConnell, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Alfred Gilman, Chief Scientific Officer
Dr. Becky Garcia, Chief Prevention Officer
Jerry Cobbs, Chief Commercialization Officer
Ramona Magid, Prevention Program Director
Robert Parkhurst, Information Technology
Sandra Balderrama, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director
Alfonso Royal, Finance Manager
Jo Ann Eckert, Director of Scientific Review
Lisa Nelson, Operations Manager
Michelle Frerich, Program Manager
Yvette Jimenez, Administrative Assistant
Sandra Reyes, Executive Assistant

Excused Absences

Chairman Mansour read two separate letters, one from Joyce King and the other from Lionel Sosa requesting that their absences be excused.

Chairman Mansour requested a motion to grant the requests to excuse the absences of both Joyce King and Lionel Sosa.

Faith Johnson moved to grant the excused absences for Ms. King and Mr. Sosa. Barbara Canales seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Minutes

Cindy Brinker Simmons moved to adopt the minutes of the January 27, 2011, CPRIT Oversight Committee Quarterly Meeting. Joseph Bailes seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Report from the Executive Director

Executive Director Bill Gimson provided an update and overview of CPRIT activities for the last two months.

• CPRIT Update

- CPRIT Snapshot of Last Two Months
 - Annual Report
 - Cost of Cancer/Economic Impact
 - 2012-13 Budget
 - CPRIT Outreach
 - ACCC & UAC Meeting Updates & read thank you letter from ACCC board
 - Commercialization Strategy Sessions
 - Website Update (Youtube, Twitter, & Facebook)
- Diversity Work Group Update
 - Met February 18, 2011
 - Reaching out to minority Chamber of Commerce Groups, Medical groups, and Women Networks
- Report from the CPRIT Foundation - Jennifer Lustina, CPRIT Foundation Executive Director
 - New Board of Directors
 - Nick Serafy
 - Bob Wingo
 - Foundation Partnership with CTNeT
 - Event / Meetings Update (Corpus, El Paso, Austin)
 - Legislative Session Update
 - Cancer Awareness Day
 - CPRIT November Conference Week
 - Roundtable & Annual Dinner

- Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference

Appointments to Scientific Research and Prevention Program (SRPP) Committee Members (Research, Prevention, and Commercialization Members)

Chairman of the Nominations Committee, Joe Bailes asked Chief Commercialization Officer, Jerry Cobbs to present David Shoemaker as a new member appointed by the Executive Director to Scientific Research and Prevention Program Committee (SRPP).

Dr. Bailes requested that the Oversight Committee approve the appointment of David Shoemaker to the Scientific Research and Prevention Program (SRPP) Committees.

Chairman James Mansour explained that Texas law requires the Oversight Committee to take action to approve the Executive Director's appointments to the SRPP committees.

Charles Tate moved to approve the Executive Director's appointment to the Scientific Research and Prevention Programs (SRPP) committees. Cindy Brinker Simmons seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Nominations Committee Recommendation for Appointment to the Advisory Committee on Childhood Cancer (ACCC)

Chairman of the Nominations Committee, Joe Bailes presented Daniel C. Bowers, M.D. as recommended appointee.

Dr. Bailes requested that the Oversight Committee approve the appointment to the Advisory Committee on Childhood Cancer.

Chairman Mansour explained that Texas law requires the board to appoint members to the Advisory Committee on Childhood Cancer and asked for a motion to approve the appointment.

Cindy Brinker Simmons moved to approve the appointment of Daniel C. Bowers to the Advisory Committee on Childhood Cancer. Faith Johnson seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Announcement on Appointment to the University Advisory Committee (UAC)

Chairman Mansour announced the appointment of David S. Carlson, Ph.D. to the University Advisory Committee (UAC) as the TAMU System representative, replacing Dr. Brett Giroir.

Presentations

- Jacqueline Northcut, with Texas BioAlliance gave a brief presentation and update on the “**Entrepreneur In Residence (EIR)**” Program

- Dr. Stephen L. McKnight, Ph.D. with University of Texas Southwestern presented “Betting on excellence – Why CPRIT will change the landscape for biotechnology opportunities in Texas”

Texas Life Science Incubator Program Presentation

Chairman Mansour invited Chief Commercialization Officer, Jerry Cobbs to present the Texas Life Science Incubator Program to the board. Jerry Cobbs explained that the board’s authorization to approve a release is needed to proceed with this program. Applications received in response to CPRIT’s Request for Applications (RFA) for the Incubator Program would be reviewed by the Commercialization Review Committee (CRC). The CRC would then submit their final recommendations to the Executive Director.

Mr. Cobb’s Texas Life Science Incubator Program presentation included the following points:

- Help to establish programs and infrastructure for biomedical entrepreneurship in Texas
- Enhances commercialization opportunities
- Develops new Texas-based cancer related companies and technologies
- Incubator Components
 - Regulatory
 - Legal
 - Contract Research Organization
 - Mentoring
 - Partnership with academic institution (medical and business schools)
- Request for Applications
 - Release ASAP
 - Commercialization review
 - Award recommendations – July/ October 2011

Chairman Mansour opened the floor for comments and questions from the board. Board members discussed the structure of the incubator, the decision-making process at the incubator for potential projects, and reimbursement/reporting requirements.

Members discussed a Program Management Committee function similar that used by the Statewide Clinical Trials Network potentially working for the Incubator Program.

Based on the discussion, Chairman Mansour proposed a motion to add the “Texas Life Science Incubator” to the Economic Development Subcommittee recommendations adopted by the Oversight Committee at its August 2009 open meeting.

Dr. Joseph Bailes moved to approve adding the “Texas Life Science Incubator” to the August 2009 recommendations of the Economic Development Subcommittee. Cindy Brinker Simmons seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Submission of Slates – Commercialization Grant Applications Recommended for Funding

Executive Director Bill Gimson asked Jerry Cobbs, Chief Commercialization Officer to present the grant award slates. Jerry Cobbs stated that he had one slate for this funding period and gave a brief description of the Company Commercialization slate recommendation.

Chairman Mansour advised that Texas law requires the Oversight Committee to follow the Executive Director's funding recommendation unless two-thirds of the Oversight Committee members vote to disregard the recommendation.

SLATE 1 *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Company Commercialization Award Slate**.*

Hearing no motion to disregard this slate, Chairman Mansour called for a motion to delegate contract negotiation authority to the Executive Director and the General Counsel and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contracts on behalf of the Institute.

Motion was made by Phil Wilson and seconded by Dr. Joseph Bailes. None opposed. Motion carried.

Submission of Slates – Research Grant Applications Recommended for Funding.

Mr. Gimson introduced CPRIT's Chief Scientific Officer, Dr. Alfred Gilman, to present research grant award slates. Dr. Gilman stated that he had four slates for this funding period. He gave a brief description of each slate recommendation.

Chairman Mansour advised that Texas law requires the Oversight Committee to follow the Executive Director's funding recommendation unless two-thirds of the Oversight Committee members vote to disregard the recommendation.

Chairman Mansour called for separate votes on each slate

SLATE 1 *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Multi-Investigator Award**.*

Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.

SLATE 2 *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Shared Instrumentation Award**.*

Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.

SLATE 3 *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Individual Investigator Award**.*

Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.

SLATE 4 Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **CPRIT Scholars in Cancer Research Award**.

Hearing no motion to disregard any of the slates, Chairman Mansour called for a motion to delegate contract negotiation authority to the Executive Director and the General Counsel and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contracts on behalf of the Institute.

Motion was made by Dr. Joseph Bailes and seconded by Cindy Brinker Simmons. None opposed. Motion carried.

Presentation of Slates – Prevention Grant Applications Recommended for Funding.

Mr. Gimson introduced Dr. Becky Garcia, Chief Prevention Officer to report on prevention activities and present the slate of funding recommendations.

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Hearing no motion to disregard this slate, Chairman Mansour called for a motion to delegate contract negotiation authority to the Executive Director and the General Counsel and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contracts on behalf of the Institute.

Motion was made by Phil Wilson and seconded by Faith Johnson. None opposed. Motion carried.

Advance Authority

Chairman Mansour introduced Heidi McConnell, CPRIT's Chief Operating Officer, to address the issue of advance authority with regard to certain grant awards.

A motion was made by the Dr. Joseph Bailes to authorize CPRIT to make advance payments to the Recruitment Award recipients and Company Commercialization Awards consistent with the General Appropriations Act, Article IX, Section 4.03(a). Seconded by Faith Johnson. None opposed. Motion carried.

Agency Operation Report

Reports presented by Heidi McConnell, Chief Operating Officer:

- FY2011 Expenditure Report
- Audit Sub-Committee Update
 - No findings by Grant Thornton financial group on recommendation for grants management

No action required.

Proposed Future Meetings Dates and Agenda Items

Meeting Dates

The next scheduled meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday, July 27, 2011

The TMA rooms have been reserved.

Public Comment

Chairman Mansour called for public comments. None were submitted.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Mansour called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Phil Wilson and seconded by Cindy Brinker Simmons. None opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Signature

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