

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

October 29, 2010
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 1:00 p.m.

Members Present

James Mansour, Chairman
Dr. Joseph Bailes
Susan Combs, Comptroller of Public
Accounts
Jay Dyer (Designee for the Attorney
General)
The Honorable Judge Faith Johnson
Charles Tate
Barbara Canales
Phil Wilson
Joyce King
Lionel Sosa

Members Absent

Cindy Brinker Simmons

Legal Counsel

Kristen Doyle

Staff Present

William "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
Therry Simien, Information Technology Officer
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
Ramona Magid, Prevention Program Director
Yvette Jimenez, Administrative Assistant
Sandra Reyes, Executive Assistant

Excused Absences

Chairman Mansour read a letter from Cindy Brinker Simmons requesting that her absence be excused.

Joe Bailes moved to grant an excused absence to Ms. Simmons. Charles Tate seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Minutes

Lionel Sosa moved to adopt the minutes of the June 18, 2010, 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 first full year of operations:

- ***CPRIT Update***
 - Agency Progress Report
 - CPRIT First Year
 - CPRIT Year Two Start
 - CPRIT Annual Conference
 - CPRIT website
 - Report from the CPRIT Foundation - Jennifer Lustina, CPRIT Foundation Executive Director
 - Foundation update and report on the Foundation's preparations for the November Roundtable and Conference
 - Report on Prevention - Rebecca Garcia, Ph.D, Chief Prevention Officer
 - Status update for FY2011 Cycle 1 application process
 - Texas Cancer Plan revision process
 - Report on Commercialization - Jerry Cobbs, Chief Commercialization Officer
 - Overview of commercialization program progress
 - Texas Accelerator Program presentation

CPRIT Commercialization Accelerator Program

Chief Commercialization Officer Jerry Cobbs presented an overview of the proposed accelerator program to the Board. As background, he explained the three key components to successful commercialization of cancer drugs, devices and diagnostics are innovation, funding, and expertise. While CPRIT and CPRIT-funded investigators can fulfill the first two elements, Texas may lack long-term and widespread bio-science expertise and resources to help promising projects and early stage companies. The Accelerator Program will serve to help projects with great potential move expeditiously through early stage (proof of concept and early phase clinical trial) testing and prepare projects for clinical trial testing – possibly through the Statewide Clinical Trials Network (CTNeT).

Board members discussed whether a minimum investment amount would be required before industry partners were able to participate in the accelerator program.

Comptroller Susan Combs stated that Texas needs to have companies bringing money and jobs to the state to create a permanent footprint.

Charles Tate asked about who would be advising CPRIT regarding the accelerator program. Chairman Mansour asked for a motion to allow the Institute to move forward with a Commercialization Accelerator Program and delegate authority to enter into Participant Agreements to the Executive Director in conjunction with the Commercialization Advisory Committee.

Joe Bailes moved to allow the Institute to move forward with a Commercialization Accelerator Program and delegate authority to enter into Participant Agreements to the Executive Director in conjunction with the Commercialization Advisory Committee. Phil Wilson seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

After the vote, General Counsel Kristen Doyle explained that the Commercialization Advisory Committee, like CPRIT's other advisory committees, serves a consultative role to the Oversight Committee and as such is not generally involved in CPRIT contract negotiations. Members discussed whether the Commercialization Review Council, whose members are governed by conflict of interest and non-disclosure agreements, may be more appropriate to provide feedback to the Institute regarding accelerator program issues and policies.

After discussion by the board, Chairman Mansour asked for a motion to set aside the prior motion.

Honorable Faith Johnson moved to set aside the prior motion. Joe Bailes seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Chairman Mansour then asked for a motion to allow the Institute to move forward with a Commercialization Accelerator Program in consultation with the Commercialization Review Council and delegate to the Executive Director the authority to enter into Participant Agreements.

Joe Bailes moved to authorize the Institute to move forward with a Commercialization Accelerator Program in consultation with the Commercialization Review Council and delegate to the Executive Director the authority to enter into Participant Agreements. Honorable Faith Johnson seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

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

Executive Director Bill Gimson presented a list of new appointees to Scientific Research and Prevention Program Committee, adding that these men and women are esteemed experts in their respective cancer fields.

3 New SRPP members for research
9 New SRPP members for prevention
4 New SRPP members for commercialization
Total of 16 new members

Mr. Gimson requested that the Oversight Committee approve his appointments 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.

Lionel Sosa moved to approve the Executive Director's appointments to the Scientific Research and Prevention Programs (SRPP) committees. Joe Bailes seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Appointments to the Texas Conquer Cancer Advisory Committee

Chief Prevention Officer Dr. Becky Garcia presented a list of proposed appointees.

Chairman Mansour explained that Texas Administrative Code 25 Chapter 704 requires the board to appoint members of the Texas Conquer Cancer Advisory Committee and asked for a motion to approve the appointments.

Phil Wilson asked for this item to be tabled. Chairman Mansour then asked for a motion to table item.

Phil Wilson moved to table the appointments to the Texas Conquer Cancer Advisory Committee. Susan Combs seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Commercialization Advisory Committee

Chief Commercialization Officer, Jerry Cobbs presented the proposed appointees for the Commercialization Advisory Committee on behalf of Dr. Joe Bailes, Nominations Committee Chair.

Chairman Mansour explained that Texas law authorizes the Oversight Committee to create committees to advise the board on issues related to cancer and asked for a motion to create the Commercialization Advisory Committee and appoint the proposed members to the committee.

Lionel Sosa moved to approve the creation of the Commercialization Advisory Committee and appoint the proposed members to the committee. Joe Bailes seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Submission of Slates – Research Grant Applications Recommended for Funding.

Mr. Gimson introduced CPRIT's Chief Scientific Officer, Dr. Al Gilman, to present research grant award slates. Dr. Gilman reported this round of proposals were fantastic and gave a brief description of each of the three research slates CPRIT's Executive Director recommended for funding.

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. Agency

rules require the Executive Director's award recommendations to be considered by the board as a slate. Chairman Mansour explained that he will ask for motions for each award slate and if no motion to reject is heard, he will move to the next slate.

Phil Wilson asked for clarification regarding whether the vote to reject applies to the entire slate of recommendations or whether a particular grant recommendation can be individually rejected. General Counsel Kristen Doyle answered that the agency's administrative rules require that the executive director's grant recommendations be considered as a comprehensive slate and that a vote to reject would apply to the submitted slate of recommendations.

Phil Wilson asked if the reviewers have knowledge regarding a proposal's potential overlap. Dr. Gilman responded that reviewers do not specifically investigate whether a proposal is duplicative of other work by the same investigator. General Counsel Kristen Doyle followed up that all grant recipients are required to submit any information about possible funding duplication and program overlap prior to executing a grant award contract. The grant award contract prohibits grant recipients from seeking reimbursement for costs that have been reimbursed by other sources.

SLATE 1 *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **High Impact/High Risk Awards**.*

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 **Individual Investigator Awards**.*

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 **Recruitment Awards**.*

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 Joe Bailes and seconded by Judge Faith Johnson. None opposed. Motion carried.

Comptroller Susan Combs referenced the 2005 Texas Cancer Plan and asked that CPRIT keep childhood obesity on the fore front for future funding. Discussion ensued regarding the current science on the association between cancer and obesity.

Executive Director, Bill Gimson stated that CPRIT has put out RFAs for prevention and research programs that would encompass obesity-related issues. Dr. Garcia informed the board that she has a few grant applications to be reviewed that appear to address obesity issues. Board members also referred to the handout titled "Defining Cancer Prevention and Control Programs and Cancer Prevention Research for CPRIT Grants" during their discussion regarding prevention and research efforts.

Chairman Mansour thanked everyone for their input, and informed the Comptroller that he will convey her comments to the Scientific and Prevention Advisory Council.

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 Honorable Faith Johnson to authorize CPRIT to make advance payments to CTNeT, a Multi-Investigator Research Award recipient, and the Recruitment Award recipients consistent with the General Appropriations Act, Article IX, Section 4.03(a).

Seconded by Barbara Canales. None opposed. Motion carried.

Audit Sub-Committee Report

Chairman Mansour introduced Heidi McConnell, CPRIT's Chief Operating Officer, to provide an update on the Audit Sub-Committee meeting earlier in the day.

No action required.

CPRIT Foundation Board Appointments

Executive Director, Bill Gimson explained to the Oversight Committee that pursuant to the CPRIT Foundation's by-laws, the CPRIT Oversight Committee is responsible for appointing members of the CPRIT Foundation Board of Directors. The CPRIT Foundation Board has nominated Phil Wilson and Barbara Canales.

Chairman Mansour asked for a motion approving both Mr. Phil Wilson and Ms. Barbara Canales to the CPRIT Foundation Board of Directors.

Lionel Sosa moved to approve appointing both Mr. Wilson and Ms. Canales to the CPRIT Foundation Board of Directors. Honorable Faith Johnson seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Presentations

Chief Prevention Officer Dr. Becky Garcia Introduced the guest speakers:

Dr. Melanie Williams, Texas Cancer Registry
Title: Texas Cancer Registry Overview

Dr. James Goodwin, UTMB
Title: "Comparative Effectiveness Research on Cancer in Texas
(CERCIT): Development of a Statewide Data Resource"

Agency Operation Report

Reports presented by Heidi McConnell, Chief Operating Officer:

- FY 2010 Performance Report: Fourth Quarter Summary/Annual Performance Measure
- FY2010 Expenditure Report

No action required.

Proposed Future Meetings Dates and Agenda Items

Meeting Dates

The next scheduled meetings are as follows:

- Thursday, January 27, 2011
- Thursday, March 24, 2011
- Wednesday, July 27, 2011

The TMA rooms have been reserved.

Future Agenda Items

Honorable Faith Johnson suggested that the Diversity Working Group report to the Oversight Committee at the next scheduled meeting date.

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 Lionel Sosa and seconded by Honorable Faith Johnson. None opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.


Signature


Date