

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 29, 2012
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 1:05 p.m.

Members Present

James Mansour, Chairman
Dr. Joseph Bailes, Vice Chairman
Cindy Brinker Simmons
Martin Hubert (on behalf of the Comptroller)
Jay Dyer (Designee for the Attorney General)
The Honorable Judge Faith Johnson
Alex Meade
Walker N. Moody
Charles Tate
Mark E. Watson, Jr.

Members Absent

Barbara Canales

Legal Counsel

Kristen Doyle

Staff Present

Bill Gimson, Executive Director
Heidi McConnell, Chief Operating Officer
Dr. Becky Garcia, Chief Prevention Officer
Jerry Cobbs, Chief Commercialization Officer
Ramona Magid, Prevention Program Director
Therry Simien, Information Technology
Randy Dowdy, Information Technology
Chris Wishard, Information Technology
Christopher Bair, Information Technology
Sandra Balderrama, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director
Yvette Jimenez, Administrative Assistant
Ellen Read, Information Specialist
Alfonso Royal, Finance Manager
Lisa Nelson, Operations Manager
Michelle Frerich, Program Manager
Norma Kernell, Administrative Assistant
Sandra Reyes, Executive Assistant

Excused Absences

Chairman Mansour read a letter from Barbara Canales requesting that her absence be excused.

Chairman Mansour requested a motion to grant the request to excuse the absence of Barbara Canales.

Dr. Joseph Bailes moved to grant the excused absence of Barbara Canales. Cindy Brinker Simmons seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Minutes

Faith Johnson moved to adopt the minutes of the January 18, 2012 CPRIT Oversight Committee Quarterly Meeting. Charles Tate seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Bill Gimson provided an update and overview of CPRIT activities from September 2009 thru March 2012.

- ***Agency Progress Report***

- ❖ CPRIT Overview of the first 2.5 years
 - Executive Director's Legislative Mandate
 - CPRIT Staffing & State Agency Staffing Comparison
 - Grants Processing Cost Savings (Contractual vs. FTE)
 - Institute Operation Cost (September 2010 – March 2012)
 - Grant Award Operation Costs ((September 2010 – March 2012)
 - CPRIT Return on Investment (ROI)
 - CPRIT Awards
 - Funding Distribution by Institution
 - Grant Application Success Rate by Institution
 - Grant Application Success Rate by City
 - Funding Distribution by Portfolio
 - Funding by Cancer Site
 - CPRIT Scholars (Approved)
 - Research Type (January 2011 – Present)
 - CPRIT Progress Examples
 - CPRIT Funds Committed and Outside Capital Attracted to Date
 - Prevention - Primary Focus Area Identified by Applicant
 - Counties Served: Active Prevention Projects (75 total, 13 Projects Serve all Counties)

- Serving Texas – Grantee Reports as of March 1, 2012
 - Education and Training: 149,061 Served
 - Clinical Service Delivery: 98,776 Served
 - Results:
 - 71,672 breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer screenings
 - 28,894 people never before screened
 - 4,977 abnormal results
 - 534 precursors detected
 - 225 cancers detected
- 2011 CPRIT Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference
- CPRIT Tobacco Policy
- Texas BioAlliance
 - Virtual Management Company (VMC) Expert Services
 - The Entrepreneur in Residence (EIR)
 - Industry Outreach
- Statewide Clinical Trials Network(CTNeT)
- Texas Cancer Plan
- Outreach to Texas
- Geography of Conversation: Twitter
- Social Media Coverage Overall – News, Blogs, Facebook, Twitter
- Looking into CPRIT’s Future: Year 2019

Bill Gimson invited the board to discuss:

- What they want to see accomplished
- What CPRIT needs to do differently to get there
- Will Texans be pleased with their investment

Board members expressed various concerns. The board requested that at the next board meeting they would like to see more information on the following:

1. Possible legislative change for Prevention in statute, increasing the percentage of money available for prevention programs
2. Money Allocation Impact – Near, Medium, and Long Term
3. Commercialization
4. CTNeT Expansion across the US
5. Robust BioTechnology Industry in Texas

Submission of Slates – Research Grant Applications Recommended for Funding

Executive Director Bill Gimson presented the research grant award slates. Mr. Gimson stated, that he had six slates for this funding period. He gave a brief description of the slates recommendations.

Chairman Mansour informed the attendees that because CPRIT Oversight Committee members play a role in the grant award process, they are subject to CPRIT's conflict of interest standards. He then requested for the record to show that no Oversight Committee member requested to be recused from considering any of the award slates being presented.

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 **Bridging the Gap: Early Translational Research Awards Award Slate.***

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

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

SLATE 4 *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Recruitment of First-Time, Tenure-Track Faculty Members Award slate.***

SLATE 5 *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Recruitment of Rising Stars Award slate.***

SLATE 6 *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Recruitment of Missing Links Award slate.***

Hearing no motion to disregard 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 Joseph Bailes and seconded by Cindy Brinker Simmons. 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. Mr. Cobbs stated that he had four slates for this funding period and gave a brief description of the slates for recommendation.

Chairman Mansour informed the attendees that because CPRIT Oversight Committee members play a role in the grant award process, they are subject to CPRIT's conflict of interest standards. He then requested for the record to show that no Oversight Committee member requested to be recused from considering any of the award slates being presented.

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**.*

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

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

SLATE 4 *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Texas Life Sciences Incubator Infrastructure Award Slate**.*

Hearing no motion to disregard this 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 Faith Johnson and seconded by Joe Bailes. 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 Cindy Brinker Simmons to authorize CPRIT to make advance payments if requested to the Research Recruitment and Commercialization Award recipients consistent with the General Appropriations Act, Article IX, Section 4.03(a). Seconded by Joseph Bailes. None opposed. Motion carried.

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

Joseph Bailes presented the names of the newly appointed members by the Executive Director to the Scientific Research and Prevention Program Committee (SRPP).

- 2 New SRPP members for commercialization
- 7 New SRPP members for research
- 3 New SRPP members for prevention

Chairman Mansour requested that the Oversight Committee approve the appointment to the Scientific Research and Prevention Program (SRPP) Committees.

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

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

Texas Cancer Plan

Chairman Mansour thanked all members who provided feedback for the plan. He informed the board that all comments and suggestions were taken into consideration and incorporated into the plan. The plan has been finalized and ready to be adopted.

Chairman Mansour called for a motion to adopt the Texas Cancer Plan as presented.

Joseph Bailes moved to adopt the Texas Cancer Plan. Cindy Brinker Simmons seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Agency Operation Report

Reports presented by Heidi McConnell, Chief Operating Officer:

- FY 2012 Second Quarter Budget Report
- FY 2012 First Quarter Performance Report
- Strategic Planning and Legislative Appropriations Request

No action required.

Board Subcommittee Membership

- Audit Committee Announcement

Chairman Mansour announced the appointment of Mark Watson to the audit committee.

No action required.

Proposed Future Meetings Dates and Agenda Items

The next scheduled meetings are as follows:

- Thursday, July 26, 2012, TMA

The Texas Medical Association (TMA) rooms have been reserved.

Chairman Mansour mentioned to the board that a poll was sent with proposed future meeting dates for after July 2012. He asked that they respond to the poll.

No action required.

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 Mark Watson and seconded by Cindy Brinker Simmons. None opposed. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Signature

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Date