

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

January 18, 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 1:00 p.m.

Members Present

James Mansour, Chairman
Barbara Canales
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

None

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
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
Jo Ann Eckert, Director of Scientific Review
Lisa Nelson, Operations Manager

Michelle Frerich, Program Manager
Norma Kernell, Administrative Assistant
Sandra Reyes, Executive Assistant

Call to Order

Chairman Mansour announced quorum and introduced the new members to the Oversight Committee, Alejandro "Alex" Meade, Walker N. Moody, and Mark E. Watson, Jr.

The new members expressed their gratitude to serve the people of Texas and the institute.

Minutes

Cindy Brinker Simmons moved to adopt the minutes of the November 2, 2011, CPRIT Oversight Committee Quarterly Meeting. Charles Tate seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Presentations

- Dr. Ray Perryman with the Perryman group gave a brief presentation on the "**Cost of Cancer in Texas/CPRIT Economic Impact**".

Report from the Executive Director

Executive Director Bill Gimson provided an update and overview of CPRIT activities from November 2011 thru January 2012.

- ***Agency Progress Report***

- ❖ CPRIT Update of Last Three Months
 - 3rd Annual Breakthrough Roundtable
 - Big Idea: Personalized Medicine
 - 2nd Annual CPRIT Conference
 - 850 Scientist, Experts and Advocates
 - Foundation Gala: Tachi Yamada Keynote
 - CPRIT Champion Award to Lt. Governor David Dewhurst
 - Cost of Cancer in Texas Increases
 - CPRIT ROI = \$2 Billion in Output
 - Every CPRIT \$1 = \$4.78 in Output
 - Every CPRIT \$1 = \$1.99 in Revenue
 - More than 14,000 jobs created
 - Interim Hearing – November 18
 - 34 CPRIT Scholars in Cancer Research
 - 9 Company Investments = \$160 Million ROI
 - 350 Grants - \$571 Million Invested in Texas
 - Proposals Submitted – 969
 - Grants Awarded – 138

- ❖ Funding Opportunities
 - Translational Research RFA
 - 46 Proposals submitted
 - Awards to be announced March 2012
 - Recruitment of Translational Researchers
 - Officially opened January 12, 2012
 - Incubator RFA
 - Vetting first round
 - 2nd round deadline is February 23, 2012
- ❖ 2010-2011
 - Prevention Progress
 - 50,000 Texans Screened
 - 27,000 Texans never screened before
 - Texas Cancer Registry co-location: May 2012
 - Incubator Awards
 - Cervical Cancer Mortality Elimination
 - FY 2012 Funding Cycles: November 2012, January 2013
- Presentation by Annette Leslie with the “Carson Leslie Foundation”
 - Announced partnership with CPRIT on a grant in memory of her son Carson Leslie the “Carson Leslie Research Grant”

Chairman Mansour expressed his feelings for this grant by saying he was excited about the partnership and message CPRIT will give.
- Report from the CPRIT Foundation - Jennifer Lustina, CPRIT Foundation Executive Director
 - Defined the CPRIT Foundation
 - Foundation Focus:
 - Event Management
 - Strategic Communications
 - Public Affairs
 - Development
 - Special Projects
 - Corporate Prevention Program
 - Cervical Cancer Initiative
 - CPRIT Foundation Breakthrough Roundtable Meeting and Annual Dinner 2011
 - CPRIT Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference 2011
 - Save the date: CPRIT Foundation Breakthrough Roundtable Meeting and Annual Dinner 2012, October 23, Austin Texas
 - Save the date: CPRIT Conference 2012, October 23-26, Austin Texas

- Report from Jerry Cobbs, CPRIT's Chief Commercialization Officer
 - Guiding Principles
 - Impact on Patient Care
 - Impact on Economic Development in Texas
 - Return on Investment (ROI) for Texas
 - Commercialization Awards
 - Company Commercialization
 - Company Relocation
 - Company Formation
 - The Accelerator Program
 - Texas Life Science Incubator Infrastructure
 - The Entrepreneur in Residence Program
 - CPRIT Funds Committed and Outside Capital Attracted to Date
 - CPRIT Funds Committed and Projected Economic Impact over a 3-Year Period

Submission of Slates – Research Grant Applications Recommended for Funding

CPRIT's Chief Scientific Officer, Dr. Alfred Gilman, presented the research grant award slates. Dr. Gilman stated that he had one slate for this funding period. He gave a brief description of the slate 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 **Recruitment of First-Time, Tenure-Track Faculty Members Award slate.***

Hearing no motion to disregard the 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 Cindy Brinker Simmons and seconded by Faith Johnson. None opposed. Motion carried.

Submission of Slates – Prevention Grant Applications Recommended for Funding

Executive Director Bill Gimson asked Dr. Becky Garcia, Chief Prevention Officer to present the grant award slates. Dr. Garcia stated that she had one slate for this funding period and gave a brief description of the slate 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 **Evidence-Based Prevention Programs and Services 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 Barbara Canales and seconded by Martin Hubert. None opposed. Motion carried.

Discussions

Barbara Canales voiced her concern about increasing applicants from Southeast Texas counties. She would like to see more applicants from this area, and questioned what message she can relay.

Dr. Becky Garcia informed Ms. Canales that CPRIT Prevention staff held an information session about the CPRIT grant application process in South Texas. Groups interested in grants from CPRIT were invited to learn about the application process. Prevention staff plans to return to the area to hold another CPRIT grant process information session.

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 Charles Tate to authorize CPRIT to make advance payments if requested to the Research Recruitment Award recipients consistent with the General Appropriations Act, Article IX, Section 4.03(a). Seconded by Barbara Canales. None opposed. Motion carried.

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

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

11 New SRPP members for commercialization
4 New SRPP members for research

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. Barbara Canales seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Nominations Committee Recommendation for Appointment to the Scientific and Prevention Advisory Council (SPAC)

Nominating Committee member, Cindy Brinker Simmons presented David S. Carlson, Ph.D. as a recommended appointee.

Cindy Brinker Simmons requested that the Oversight Committee approve the appointment to the Scientific and Prevention Advisory Council (SPAC).

Chairman Mansour explained that Texas law requires the board to appoint members to the Scientific and Prevention Advisory Council (SPAC), and asked for a motion to approve the appointment.

Faith Johnson moved to approve the Nominations Committee recommendation of the appointment to the Scientific and Prevention Advisory Council (SPAC). Barbara Canales seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Consideration of Final Rule Adoption

Chairman Mansour introduced Kristen Doyle, CPRIT's General Counsel. Ms. Doyle explained the process to finalize adoption of rule § 703.20 entitled "Certification of Tobacco-Free Policy for Entities Receiving CPRIT Funds", recommended by CPRIT's Scientific and Prevention Advisory Council (SPAC).

At the November 2, 2011 Oversight Committee meeting, the Oversight Committee approved the first step in the rule adoption process by authorizing the proposed rule be published in the Texas Register for public comment. Ten comments were received from stakeholders. All comments were positive and were taken into consideration.

The final process to approve the rule is for the Oversight Committee to consider approval of the final version of the rule, including any changes suggested by the public.

Chairman Mansour called for a motion to adopt the final rule section §703.20 as presented with today's changes, in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government code.

Faith Johnson moved to adopt the final rule section §703.20 as presented with today's changes, in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government code. Barbara Canales seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.

Texas Cancer Plan

Chief Prevention Officer, Dr. Becky Garcia presented the overview of the newly revised plan. The last plan was drafted in 2005. The current revisions are in process and will be finalized and released in 2012.

Dr. Garcia stated that CPRIT, by statute, is responsible for developing and implementing the Texas Cancer Plan. The entire state will have to bring their resources to bear to make progress. This plan should help align resources from various stakeholders in the state. The primary purpose of the Texas Cancer Plan is to guide and influence the priorities and activities in cancer research, prevention and control of all stakeholders in Texas.

The plan was included as part of the agenda packet, for the committee's review and comments. Dr. Garcia encouraged suggestions and comments to be submitted to the Prevention staff by February 17th. Once these are received, the plan will be edited and design and graphics will be finalized. A communications plan will also be developed, and the plan will be released.

No action required.

Agency Operation Report

Reports presented by Heidi McConnell, Chief Operating Officer:

- FY 2011 First Quarter Budget Report
- FY 2011 Independent Financial Audit

No action required.

