

**MINUTES OF THE
MARYLAND STEM CELL RESEARCH COMMISSION**

Tuesday, September 9, 2014
Columbia Sheraton Hotel
Columbia, MD

Action Items from September 9, 2014

- 1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY2015 RFA drafts with language modifications. The motion passed unanimously.**
 - 2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the FY2015 supplement to the CIRM collaborations.**
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Members in attendance:

Rachel Brewster
Margaret Conn Himelfarb
Diane Hoffmann
Marye Kellermann
Sharon Krag
Debra Mathews
Linda Powers
Avram Reisner, Chair
Noel Rose
Ira Schwartz
Curt Van Tassell
Bo Weisheit

Staff in Attendance:

Dan Gincel, TEDCO
Sabrina Spinner, TEDCO
Robert Rosenbaum, TEDCO

The Commission meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the May 1, 2014 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Management Report

Dan Gincel presented the Administrative Report, which focused on the following items:

A. FY2014 Grant Awards

All FY2014 grant agreements have been signed and the funds are committed. The disbursement of funds for each grant agreement is currently in progress.

B. Stem Cell Meetings

The UMB Stem Cell Center extended invitations to the Commission to attend the Stem Cell Event Dinner on September 28, 2014 from 4 pm – 7 pm. The Dinner will be held at the Apple Ford Showroom located in Columbia, MD. RSVP is required.

III. Discussion of RFAs for FY2015

Dan presented the FY2015 RFA drafts and reviewed the minor language modifications. A recommendation was made to retain the current funding amounts and the term durations for all programs this year.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the RFA drafts with the language modifications. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Collaboration with CIRM

Dan Gincel opened the discussion by providing a brief overview of the history of the CIRM joint funding initiative and included that since the inception of the joint collaborative program, MSCRF has funded five (5) CIRM collaborative awards. CIRM recently announced its change of leadership. Dan met with CIRM representatives to reconfirm their interest in the collaborative program and he addressed a few overarching concerns with the program, with particular interest of expanding the scope of joint research in an effort to uphold the respective missions and requirements of both organizations. CIRM confirmed their interest to continue the collaborative program, along with the concept to expand the scope of joint research.

The Commission reviewed the proposed FY2015 supplement to the CIRM collaborations and reached a consensus to support the initiative with language modifications. A motion was made and seconded to approve the supplement as modified. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Appointment Requirements

Dan reminded the Commission that the Stem Cell Act stipulates that Commission members continue to serve until their replacements have been appointed. Commission members who have reached the end of their appointment term are expected to continue to serve until replaced.

VI. 2014 MSCRF Symposium Update

The 7th Annual Maryland Stem Cell Research Symposium will be a one day event that will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at the Silver Spring Civic Center, located in Montgomery County, MD. The registration and abstract submission websites are open to the public. The symposium scientific committee has been assembled. The registration fee to attend the symposium is \$75. This fee will be waived for present and past Commission members. The Kellermann Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Lorenz Studer, M.D. A draft of the agenda and an event smart phone app are currently in development. Both will be available for public viewing through the MSCRF website within the upcoming weeks.

VII. Future Meeting Dates

January 7, 2015 – 2pm to 5pm (UMB BioPark, Baltimore, MD)

May 4, 2015 – 9am to 5pm (TEDCO Offices, Columbia, MD)

July 8, 2015 – 2pm to 5pm (UMB BioPark, Baltimore, MD)

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.