

Approved January 8, 2018

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

Monday, November 6, 2017
TEDCO Offices,
Columbia, MD

No Action Items

Members in attendance:

Margaret Conn Himelfarb
Diane Hoffmann
Sharon Krag
Debra Mathews, Vice Chair
David Mosser, Chair
Linda Powers
Avram Reisner
Ira Schwartz
Bo Weisheit

Staff in Attendance:

Dan Gincel, TEDCO
Amritha Jaishankar, TEDCO
Sabrina Spinner, TEDCO

Guest Presenters:

Amy Patterson, M.D., Chief Science Advisor, NIH
Anirban Basu, Sage Policy Group

The Commission meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

I. Guest Presentations

Amy Patterson, M.D., Chief Science Advisor, NIH gave a presentation on regenerative medicine provisions of the 21st Century Cures Act.

Mr. Anirban Basu, Sage Policy Group, presented the drafted results of the Funds economic impact assessment. The final results will be shared with the Commission and will be announced through a press release. In addition, some of the resulting information will be included in the annual report to highlight the economic benefits and value of the Fund.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the September 11, 2017 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Executive Director Report

A. Commission Member- Update

Dr. Marye Kellermann resigned from the Commission. Dr. Gincel thanked Dr. Kellermann for her invaluable service to the Commission and will contact the Speaker of the House of Delegates for her replacement.

B. FY2018 RFAs

The FY2018 RFAs were released for all funding programs and are accessible online through the MSCRF website. The application deadline is January 18, 2018, by 5:00 p.m.

C. FY2019 State Budget

Mr. Wasilisin and Mr. Davis met with State budget officials to discuss TEDCO's FY'19 State budget allocation. They are currently scheduling one-on-one legislative meetings prior to the FY2019 budget hearings. More info will be provided as it becomes available.

D. Ninth Annual MSCRF Symposium

The ninth Annual MSCRF Stem Cell Symposium was integrated with the TEDCO Entrepreneur EXPO Conference at the Hilton Baltimore Hotel, October 25, 2017. The event was a great success that attracted over 850 registered attendees. The stem cell track was conducted in parallel to EXPO programming. The conference featured many speakers, showcased life science, stem cell, and technology sectors, promoting collaborations between professionals in these industries.

E. Stem Cell Meetings

Dr. Gincel, Dr. Jaishankar, and Commission Vice Chair, Dr. Mathews are traveling to speak at the 2018 World Stem Cell Summit, January 22 – 26, 2018, Miami, FL.

F. Future Commission Meeting Schedule

The Commission meetings will be held the first Monday of every odd month. The meetings will be held at TEDCO (Columbia, MD) from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. If the scheduled meeting day falls on a holiday, the meeting will be rescheduled for the following Monday.

- January 8, 2018 (12pm -2pm) *lunch will be provided*
- March 5, 2018 (2pm – 5pm)
- May 7, 2018 (9am – 5pm)
- July 2, 2018 (2pm – 5pm)
- September 2018 - TBD
- November 2018 - TBD

IV. Post-Doctoral Fellowship Discussion

Dr. Gincel performed an assessment on the Post-Doctoral program to measure the success of the program since its inception in 2008, to determine if the vision and overall goals to advance stem cell science are being accomplished, and to assess its economic impact and value within Maryland. The resulting information showed that out of 110 post-doctoral fellowship awardees (2008-2015), 69 remained in Maryland, 25 are not in MD but are associated with various institutes and organizations within the U.S., 10 are international, and 6 are unknown. The results showed that the program has attracted to, and retained many stem cell researchers in, Maryland and within the U.S. Many of the MSCRF-funded post-docs were able to advance their careers/studies after the completion of the funded research. Overall, the assessment has proven the program to be a great success.

The monthly post-doc round table sessions have been very successful. To date there has been 3 sessions and the 4th is scheduled for Wed. November 13, 2017. Dr. Gincel will keep the Commission updated on the progress.

V. Discussion on Program Policies

Dr. Gincel opened the discussion by providing a brief overview of some of the common inquiries potential applicants have made regarding the Fund's existing policies, in particular, funding multiple awards or clinical trials to the same company, and or same researcher within the same funding year or in general. Through discussion, there was a consensus to adhere to the existing decision criteria for MSCRF applications and to evaluate the applications on their scientific merit.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.