

Arizona Biomedical Research Commission

May 10, 2007

15 South 15th Avenue, Suite 103-A
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Members Present:

David Landrith
Colleen Brophy, M.D.
Barbara Wuebbels, R.N.
Lon Owen, Ph.D.
Greg Garcia, Esq.
Joan Shapiro, M.D., Ph.D.
Eve Shapiro, M.D.
David Jerman (via phone)

Staff Present:

Dawn Schroeder, D.D.S.
James Matthews
Damika Brock

Absent:

Manual Modiano, M.D.

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM by Chair Landrith. A quorum was present.

Executive Director Schroeder and Chair Landrith provided a legislative update covering the final status of the autism funding directed to DES and a legislative appropriation of \$1 million to the ABRC to establish a non-embryonic stem cell repository. In response to a question from Commissioner Owen, Executive Director Schroeder responded that the repository is primarily for providing transplant tissue but will also be available for scientific research.

Commissioner Owen moved that the Commission go into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing proposals submitted in response to RFP07-100. Commissioner Garcia seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously. Executive Session began at 10:23 AM.

The Commission returned to Open Session at 11:51 AM.

Commissioner Owen moved that all proposals receiving a score of 4.70 or above be funded. Commissioner Eve Shapiro seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Wuebbels moved that the Sparks proposal be funded in order to move the project from animal study to clinical trial. The Commission has invested in the intellectual property created by the Sparks project. Commissioner Owen seconded. Commissioners Jerman and Joan Shapiro recused themselves from the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brophy moved to rank order proposals numbered 51, 75, 72, 87, and 117. These projects will be awarded if sufficient funds are available. Commissioner Wuebbels seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Nineteen proposals at the date of the meeting had not received peer reviews. Commissioner Garcia moved that each subcommittee would review and score the proposals when the peer reviews were received. The Commission would then meet at a date to be determined to award qualified proposals. Commissioner Owen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Schroeder reported that the search for a full-time Assistant Attorney General is continuing. She also updated the Commission on activities being undertaken by others to respond to the National Institutes of Health Clinical and Translational Science Award request for award. The Commission is offering the assistance of the AzTransNet initiative as well as Commission consultants from Battelle.

Executive Director Schroeder reminded the Commission that the next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday September 20, 2007.

Commissioner Landrith made a call to the public.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.

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James Matthews
Deputy Director