

Arizona Biomedical Research Commission

February 11, 2010

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

Members Present:

David Landrith, Chair
Mitchell Shub, M.D.
Kenneth Lewis
Lon Owen, Ph.D.
Ranu Jung, Ph.D.
Robert Cannell, M.D.
Greg Garcia, Esq.
Joan Shapiro, Ph.D.

Assistant Attorneys General:

Ron Johnson

Others:

Jungdae Kokotov
Ashley Lopez
Brent Gendleman

Mitch Horowitz

Staff Present:

Dawn Schroeder, D.D.S.
James Matthews

The meeting was called to order at 10:39 AM by Chair Landrith. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Owen moved that the minutes of December 10, 2009 be approved. Commissioner Shub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Landrith asked Deputy Director Matthews to introduce the Arizona Biospecimen Locator (ABL) project and guest presenters. Jungdae Kokotov 5AM project manager demonstrated the system as a researcher would use the system. Commissioner Shapiro discussed how St. Joseph's Hospital will utilize ABL to enhance its banking operation. She emphasized the importance of a biospecimen bank to the research community. Ashley Lopez discussed activities undertaken by Phoenix Children's Hospital to create a compatible internal tissue collection system. She emphasized the role of ABL and the assistance of ABRC. Mitch Horowitz of Battelle talked about the effect of ABL in overcoming institutional barriers to tissue collection and availability. Brent Gendleman of 5AM shared how the innovative core of ABL is enabling others such as the Rare Disease Alliance, Lance Armstrong Foundation, and a hospital in China to expand the sharing of biospecimens within their participating institutions.

Commissioner Lewis moved that the Commission move to Executive Session in order to consider matters regarding TGen contract and negotiations and in addition to consider proposals in response to RFP10-100. Commissioner Owen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Executive Session began at 11:40 AM. The Commission returned to open session at 12:37PM.

Commissioner Owen moved that RFP10-100 proposals numbered 10-096, 10-097, and 10-100 due to their benefit to the State of Arizona be selected for award and that the Executive Secretary be instructed to enter into best and final negotiations with the principle investigators. Commissioner Shub seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Garcia moved that the multicenter collaborative translational research project titled "A Phase I Study Using Submycloablative Dosing of Intravenous Busulfan (Busulfex®) for Refractory Brain Tumors" based on scientific merit, qualified investigators, and the

application of the biomedical research to Arizona be selected for award in the amount of \$49,869 per year for three years. Commissioner Shub recused himself. Commissioner Cannell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Landrith appointed Commissioner Garcia as the second ABRC designated director to the TGen Arizona Board of Directors. Commission Owen is the ABRC TGen Board of Directors designee.

Mitch Horowitz of Battelle and the AzTransNet project updated the Commission on activities to create an Arizona cord blood bank. The Commission is partnering with Clinique the University of Colorado cord blood bank and with the InterTribal Council of Arizona to move the project forward. He also updated the Commission on the AzTransNet clinical trial workshops.

Executive Director Schroeder gave the current events report. She discussed the impact of the recent Arizona Supreme Court City North decision, declining Commission revenue, and the availability of RFP10-100 proposals.

Chair Landrith congratulated all recently confirmed Commissioners.

Commissioner Owen reported on TGen Board of Directors activities.

Chair Landrith made a call to the public.

The next Commission meeting will be Thursday April 8, 2010 at 10:00AM. Chair Landrith requested that Commissioners reserve Thursday May 13, 2010 for a possible Commission meeting depending on the availability of RFP10-100 proposal peer reviews.

The meeting adjourned at 1:14PM.

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James Matthews
Deputy Director