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ARIZONA BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH COMMISSION (ABRC) MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

As Amended and Approved on February 21, 2013

Commissioners in Attendance:

David Engelthaler (via phone)	Iman Hakim (via phone)	Thomas Owen
Greg Garcia	Peter Kelly	

ABRC Staff and Visitors:

Tracey Sotelo	Michelle Anderson
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Absent Members:

Carolyn Allen	Wade Kartchner	Jeanette Shea
Mitchel Shub		

1. Call to Order and Verification of Board Quorum

The Arizona Biomedical Research Commission (ABRC) meeting convened via teleconference and at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), 150 N. 18th Avenue, Conference Room 565B, Phoenix, Arizona, on February 12, 2013.

A quorum being present, Commissioner Iman Hakim called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m.

2. Approval of December 5, 2012 Minutes

The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes from the December 5, 2012 meeting, none abstained.

3. Executive Director Report

Commissioner Owen presented a brief overview of the Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) meetings that he has been attending. As the ABRC designated representative, Commissioner Owen attends the regularly scheduled TGen Board Meetings, Audit & Finance Subcommittee, and the Science & Technology Subcommittee Meetings. Commissioner Owen extended TGen's open invitation to tour the facility.

Tracey Sotelo, Executive Director, updated the Commissioners on the status of contract payouts. All prior contract years are being reconciled and closed. After the discussion, Ms. Sotelo continued with the following update.

a. Letter of Support Request – NIH Grant Application

ABRC currently funds the Arizona Biospecimen Locator (ABL), a centralized, web-based biospecimen database which allows researchers worldwide to browse, query and request biospecimens stored in physical repositories at member Arizona hospitals and research facilities. As part of this project, ABRC also assists in offsetting the cost for supplies. A letter of support for a grant application is requested.

Questions by the Commission regarding funding commitments, current obligations, and contract terms were addressed. A letter will be prepared and routed to Commissioner Hakim for review and signature.

4. Old Business

a. ABRC Strategic Map

The ABRC Strategic Map is tabled. This item will be placed on the next agenda as an action item for discussion and approval.

5. Call to the Public

A call to the public was made. No public members were present.

6. Next meeting date

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.