



Arizona Biomedical Research Commission

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ARIZONA BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH COMMISSION (ABRC) MEETING MINUTES Thursday, April 12, 2013 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Carolyn Allen	Greg Garcia (via phone)	Iman Hakim – Chair (via phone)
David Engelthaler (via phone)	Wade Kartchner	Peter Kelly
Thomas Owen - Co-Chair	Jeanette Shea	Mitchell Shub

ABRC Staff and Visitors:

Don Herrington	Jim Humble	Will Humble
Wendy Snyder	Gloria DeShazer	Tracey Sotelo

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 415C, Phoenix, Arizona, on April 12, 2013.

A quorum being present, Commissioner Iman Hakim called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

2. Approval of February 21, 2013 Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the February 21, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Shea requested that Section 3b, ADHS Chief Financial Officer Report be revised to include “The Commissioners requested further information regarding clarifying funding and its impact on issuance of future grants.”

The Commission approved the minutes, with the change, none abstained.

3. Guest Presentations

a. Will Humble, ADHS Director

Director Humble presented a Special Service Award to Commissioner Allen whose last date of appointed service is April 30, 2013. Commissioner Allen will transition to a volunteer capacity as Director Humble’s Special Advisor on Commission activities. She’ll continue to attend some commission meetings and will be involved in community invitations with the Flynn Foundation, and activities regarding the Biomedical Roadmap.

b. Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium – Eric M. Reiman, M.D.

Dr. Reiman provided a brief presentation/overview of the Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium activities and underscored the importance of continued support.

4. Executive Director Report

Tracey Sotelo, Executive Director, updated the Commissioners on the upcoming meeting on May 10, 2013 and the possibilities of future presenters. The Attorney's General Office has been contacted regarding the Commissioner questions posed in prior meetings. After the Discussion, Ms. Sotelo continued with the following updates.

a. Cord Blood

Ms. Sotelo has met with the Carondelet St. Joseph's Hospital and the Tucson Medical Center about the possibility of expanding the Arizona Public Cord Blood Program into Tucson. Tracey also met with a 3-year old boy who is pending a bone marrow or cord blood match. The University of Colorado – ClinImmune Labs, the cord blood bank, has offered to provide a presentation or be on site to answer any question on the program.

The Commissioners want to study this program in more depth and have requested to review this program information thoroughly at the next meeting.

b. Arizona Biospecimen Locator (ABL)

Ms. Sotelo discussed the current status of this program and the collaboration efforts of the Arizona Biospecimen Consortium.

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5. Discussion and Action Items

a. Commissioner Thomas (Lon) Owen's collaboration with TGen

Commissioner Owen attended the TGen Board Meeting in February and shared how TGen has obtained funding and has had great success in its diversified research interests. The commissioner is on the Science and Technology and the financial oversight committees for TGen.

b. Discuss ABRC funding direction and grant application priorities

Discussion item tabled.

6. Call to the Public

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

7. Next meeting date – May 10, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42p.m.