

Breast Cancer Research Council Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2021: Council Funding Meeting

Members Present: Abigail Arons, Michele Atlan, Rati Fotedar, Sharon Lum, Dolores Moorehead, Ana Navarro, Sharon Pitteri, Svetlana Popova, Tasha Stoiber, Joan Venticinque, Veronica Vieira

Members Absent: Colleen Carvalho, Chris Meda, Clara Omogbai, Melanie Smitt, Ujwala Rajgopal

Staff: Nick Anthis, Mhel Kavanaugh-Lynch, Katherine McKenzie, Lisa Minniefield, Senaida Poole

Guests: Gina Bartlett (CBI), Shyrea Thompson, Julia Brody, Sue Fenton, Ross Brownson, Susan Braun

I. Call to Order: Ana called the council to order at 12:06 pm.

II. Approval of Minutes: The council reviewed the minutes from the April meeting.

MOTION: Joan moved (Michele seconded) that the council approve the April minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Batch 2 Concept Papers: Gina gave a brief introduction for the upcoming presentation and introduced the members of the Steering Committee (SC) to continue the presentation. Shyrea provided an overview of PBC, introduced the rest of the committee members attending the call, and provided brief review on the focus areas and process. She also gave a high-level overview of the concept papers and funding proposal. The SC members presented the three concept papers, *Fundamental Causes of Health disparities*, *Environmental Contributors*, and *Population-Level Prevention Interventions*. Mhel provided a detailed budget explanation and then there was time for questions and discussion from the council.

MOTION: Veronica moved (Abigail seconded) to approve all of the concept papers as presented and their budgets to move forward. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Programmatic Review: CBCPI Industry and Immigration RFP/RFQ and PBC: Nick presented the two Immigration proposals and presented the scientific and programmatic review scores. The council discussed their scoring rationale, and they made changes to their scores based on the discussion. He also presented the Immigration RFP/RFQs that consist of four research team proposals and two convener applications. Victoria presented on the overall immigration outreach data that was collected. She presented the overall process including the methods used to collect the data

MOTION: Sharon Pitteri moved (Michele seconded) to fund the first Industry proposal presented. The motion passed with six yeses' and four abstentions.

MOTION: Michele moved (Dolores seconded) to approve funding for the Immigration Convener (Redman). The motion passed

unanimously.

MOTION: Joan moved (Abigail seconded) to fund three of the four research teams with the contingencies that were discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Cycle 27 Funding: Mhel presented the resource allocation, reviewing the available funding and explained how the funds are allocated. The representatives from the Community Impact and the Clinical, Prevention & Biological Sciences committees each detailed their groups' applications and recommendations for funding. Council members also designated the Faith Fancher and Tax Check-Off awards.

The group had a thorough discussion on the grants that were selected to be funded. There were varying views for how many grants to fund if the program wanted to save funds for the following cycle.

MOTION: Michele moved (Sharon Lum seconded) to fund all of the grants that were recommended for funding in both review committees. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Chair/Vice Chair Election: Rati was nominated to be the Chair of the council and Colleen was nominated for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Veronica moved (Joan seconded) to elect Rati for Chair and elect Colleen as Vice Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. DEI Committee: Mhel provided a brief update that the committee discussed instituting a diversity supplement to be available to all current CBCRP grants. They could apply for to add a student to their project. The money they would receive is for that student. The staff agreed to draft up a proposal, providing some recommendations about the type people and how much time and money would be allotted. The proposal will then be brought back to the committee

VIII. Cycle 28 Draft Call for Applications: Katie presented an overview of the Call to include the newly added info that was not in last cycle's call. If the council has edits to the Call, they were asked to send them to her by 6/30. No other action was requested.

IX. Proposal for New Policy Initiative Model: See below in 'follow up meeting' notes

X. Director's Report: Mhel said some lovely things about our outgoing members: Sharon Lum, Joan Venticinque, Dolores Moorehead, and Veronica Vieira.

XI. Announcements: none

Ana adjourned the meeting at 4:57

Wednesday, June 16, 1-2pm Zoom
Follow Up Meeting for Proposal for New Policy Initiative Model

Staff: Nick Anthis Lisa Minniefield, Mhel Kavanaugh-Lynch

Members present: Sharon Lum, Sharon Pitteri, Dolores Moorehead, Clara Omogbai, Chris Meda, Joan Venticinque, Veronica Vieira, Michele Atlan, Rati Fotedar

Members absent: Ana Navarro, Colleen Carvalho, Melanie Smitt, Abigail Arons, Svetlana Popova, Ujwala Rajgopal, Tasha Stoiber

Nick started the meeting providing a brief overview of the Policy initiative, the members of the PRAG, and the four projects that have been funded under the Initiative. He went over the challenges obtaining research teams and how CBCRP wants to propose a new model for the Initiative. The proposed a new model for the Initiative that instead of relying on pre-vetted research teams would feature competitions open to anyone in California to apply for each project. He also highlighted the five key elements of the new model.

The alternative to the proposed model would be to continue using the current model; however, the PRAG recommends the council to approve the new Policy Initiative. If approved, the program will aim to release the first funding call under the new model sometime in later 2021.

MOTION: Michelle moved (Chris seconded) to approve the new Policy Initiative as proposed and discussed. The motion passed unanimously.