

## Meeting Logistics

<b>Item</b>	<b>Spinal Cord Research Advisory Committee (SCRAC)</b>
<b>Date</b>	July 16, 2020
<b>Time</b>	9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
<b>Location</b>	Call-in Only
<b>Purpose/Focus</b>	Spinal Cord Research Advisory Committee Meeting
<b>Notetaker</b>	Michael Sargent, Court Reporter, Sargent’s Court Reporting Services, Inc. and Health Research Office staff, Pennsylvania Department of Health

## Attendees

### SCRAC Members:

#### In Attendance:

- Jacob G. Chalfin, “Jake,” Chair
- Franklin Caldera, D.O., M.B.A. Chief Medical Officer at the University of Pennsylvania Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.
- Alex Charlton, father of daughter with spinal cord injury
- Itzhak Fischer, Ph.D, Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy at Drexel University College of Medicine and co-director of the Spinal Cord Center
- Michael Boninger, MD, Professor and UPMC Endowed Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation at the University of Pittsburgh, School of Medicine
- Rory A. Cooper, Ph.D., veteran with a spinal cord injury, Founding Director of the Human Engineering Research Laboratories, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, Pittsburgh PA; FISA/PVA Distinguished Professor of the Department of Rehabilitation Science and Technology and Associate Dean for Inclusion, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, University of Pittsburgh

#### Not In Attendance:

- Benjamin Abramoff, MD, MS, Director of Spinal Cord Injury Services at the Penn Institute for Rehabilitation Medicine and Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Pennsylvania.
- Elizabeth Tyler-Kabara, MD, neurosurgeon, Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh
- Joel Winer, MD, neurosurgeon, Wellspan Health, York, PA

### Department of Health Staff Present:

- Penny E. Harris, M.Ed., CAC, LPC, Director, Health Research Office
- Pamela Brown, Management Technician, Health Research Office
- Meghna Patel, MHA, Deputy Secretary for Health Innovation
- Emily Roussel, Executive Assistant to Deputy Secretary Meghna Patel

### Others In Attendance:

- Janet Kile, Oak Ridge Associated Universities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee
- Stephanie Sheerwood, Oak Ridge Associated Universities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee

## Agenda

ID	Description	Owner	Time
1	Welcome and Introductions	Jacob Chalfin, Chair	9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.
2	Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes	Jacob Chalfin, Chair	9:50 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.
3	Review of the SCRAC Applications Procedural Overview	Jacob Chalfin, Chair	9:55 a.m. - 10:05 a.m.
4	The Tiered Approach to Grant Applications	Jacob Chalfin, Chair	10:05 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.
5	Review of the 2020-2021 Request for Application and update on priority topics	Jacob Chalfin, Chair	10:25 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
6	Open Discussion	Jacob Chalfin, Chair	10:45 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.
7	Closing Remarks	Jacob Chalfin, Chair	10:55 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

## Discussion

ID	Discussion
1	<i>Jacob Chalfin</i> , Chair, introduced himself. Committee members, and DOH staff introduced themselves. Public attendees introduced themselves.
2	<i>Dr. Caldera</i> moved to accept the meeting minutes of April 16, 2020. <i>Dr. Cooper</i> second. No discussion. No opposition or abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.
3	Review of the SCRAC Applications Procedural Overview provided by <i>Meghna Patel</i> and <i>Jacob Chalfin</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Cooper</i> made a motion to accept Appendix E, SCRAC Applications Procedural Overview. <i>Alex Charlton</i> second. No discussion. No opposition or abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</li> </ul>
4	The Tiered Approach to Grant Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Cooper</i> made a motion for tiered amounts to be increased and accept Appendix F, Tiered Approach to Grant Applications. <i>Dr. Boninger</i> second. No discussion. One abstention, <i>Dr. Fischer</i>. The motion passed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tier 1 to \$100,000</li> <li>○ Tier 2 to \$200,000</li> <li>○ Tier 3 to \$400,000</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5	Review of the 2020-2021 Request for Application and update on priority topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Caldera</i> made a motion to accept Appendix H, Request for Application (RFA) Process 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 combined State Fiscal Years funding. <i>Alex Charlton</i> second. No discussion. No opposition or abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</li> </ul>
6	Open Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Steps for the RFA: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DOH will finalize the RFA, send to Procurement, and then send to Legal.</li> <li>○ After Legal approves the RFA it will be uploaded to the DGS website, hopefully early fall.</li> <li>○ Peer Review held in the winter.</li> <li>○ January meeting committee assigning funding.</li> <li>○ June 2021 start date for grants.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
7	<i>Jacob Chalfin</i> expressed appreciation for the Department and Committee's time and participation. <i>Dr. Cooper</i> made a motion to adjourn. <i>Dr. Fischer</i> second. Meeting concluded at 10:33 am.