

## Meeting Logistics

Item	Description
Date	October 6, 2020
Time	10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Location	Call-in Only
Purpose/Focus	Health Research Advisory Committee (HRAC) meeting
Notetaker	Evan Bingaman, Court Reporter, Sargent's Court Reporting Services, Inc. and Health Research Office staff, Pennsylvania Department of Health

## Attendees

### HRAC Members:

#### In Attendance

- Sarah Boateng, MHA, Executive Deputy Secretary, chair designee, Pennsylvania Department of Health
- Dwight Davis, MD, Professor of Medicine and Medical Director, Cardiac Rehabilitation Program, Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine
- Karen Wolk Feinstein, PhD, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation and Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative
- Anantha Shekhar, MD, Senior Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh
- Donna Gentile O'Donnell, PhD, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Vice President of Innovation Programs and Partnerships, Thomas Jefferson University
- Michael Parmacek, MD, Frank Wister Thomas Professor of Medicine; Chair, Department of Medicine and Director of the Penn Cardiovascular Institute, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
- Michele Masucci, PhD, Vice President for Research; Professor, Department of Geography and Urban Studies; Director, Information Technology and Society Research Group, Temple University
- Peter Tombros, MBA, Professor and Distinguished Executive in Residence, Eberly College of Science BS/MBA Program, Penn State University
- Pat Vance, retired PA state Senator, having represented the 31st State Senatorial District

#### Department of Health Staff Present:

- Meghna Patel, MHA, Deputy Secretary for Health Innovation
- Penny E. Harris, M.Ed., CAC, LPC, Director, Health Research Office
- Christopher Albright, Administrative Officer, Health Research Office
- Pamela Brown, Management Technician, Health Research Office
- Tirzah McClinton, Program Health Program Administrator, Health Research Office
- Emily Roussel, Executive Assistant to Deputy Secretary Meghna Patel

#### Public in Attendance:

- Janet Kile, Project Manager, ORAU
- Stephanie Sherwood, Section Manager, ORAU
- John Anthony, Manage Tobacco Funds, Penn State Health
- Benjamin Dannels, GreenLeaf Partners
- Mike Lane, Wojac Government Relations

## Agenda

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1	Welcome and Introductions	Sarah Boateng, Executive Deputy Secretary on behalf of Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary of Health	10:30 am – 10:40 am
2	Overview and COVID-19 Update	Sarah Boateng, Executive Deputy Secretary on behalf of Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary of Health	10:40 am – 10:50 am
3	Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes	Sarah Boateng, Executive Deputy Secretary on behalf of Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary of Health	10:50 am – 10:55 am
4	Review of the CURE Program and Updates a) Budget update b) 2019 Alzheimer’s RFA update c) 2020 COVID-19 RFA update	Sarah Boateng, Executive Deputy Secretary on behalf of Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary of Health	10:55 am – 11:15 am
5	Confirmation of the Non-formula Funds Priority for State Fiscal Year 2021-2022	Sarah Boateng, Executive Deputy Secretary on behalf of Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary of Health	11:15 am – 11:25 am
6	Open Discussion	Sarah Boateng, Executive Deputy Secretary on behalf of Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary of Health	11:25 am – 11:50 am
7	Public Comments and Questions	Sarah Boateng, Executive Deputy Secretary on behalf of Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary of Health	11:50 am – 11:55 am
8	Closing and Next Steps	Sarah Boateng, Executive Deputy Secretary on behalf of Dr. Rachel Levine, Secretary of Health	11:55 am – 12:00 pm

## Discussion

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1	<p><i>Sarah Boateng, Executive Deputy Secretary</i>, introduced herself. Committee members, DOH staff and Public attendees introduced themselves. Attendees were made aware a stenographer was present for record keeping, and to ensure minutes accurately reflect the actions and recommendations made by the Committee.</p>
2	<p><i>Sarah Boateng</i> stated the purpose of today's meeting is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 24, 2020,</li> <li>• Provide an update on CURE funds and RFAs pending, and</li> <li>• Confirm the SFY 2021-2022 non-formula priority topic.</li> </ul>
3	<p><i>Dr. Shekhar</i> moved to accept the meeting minutes of August 24, 2020. <i>Senator Vance</i> second. No discussion. No opposition or abstentions. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
4	<p><i>Sarah Boateng</i> provided a review of the CURE program and other updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Tobacco Settlement Funds have been estimated for the 2020-2021 SFY as \$44,343,000.</li> <li>▪ The amount for the 2020-2021 COVID-19 priority is estimated at \$10,187,514.</li> </ul> <p><u>ALZHEIMER'S APPLICATIONS STATUS UPDATE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The three recipients of the Alzheimer priority funding have provided final documents and their applications are in the signatory process.</li> <li>▪ The grant term per the Request for Application started June 1, 2020.</li> <li>▪ The final amount available for the Alzheimer priority was \$11,288,807. Each awardee received less than \$4M. 1<sup>st</sup> ranked received \$3,965,632; 2<sup>nd</sup> ranked received \$3,822,700; and 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked received \$3,500,475. This honored the rankings, the applicants' requests and utilized all of the funds.</li> </ul> <p><u>COVID-19 RFA UPDATE</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The COVID-19 Request for Application (RFA) has been submitted for review and approval to Procurement and Legal.</li> <li>▪ We anticipate the RFA to move quickly through that process with a goal to have the RFA posted by October 15, 2020.</li> </ul>
5	<p><i>Sarah Boateng</i> provided Confirmation of the Non-formula Funds Priority for State Fiscal Year 2021-2022.</p> <p>The COVID-19 priority replaced the Biology of Aging priority originally identified for the 2020-2021 SFY during the July 14, 2020 meeting.</p>
6	<p>There was no discussion, questions, or concerns from the Committee members.</p>
7	<p>There were no public comments or questions.</p>
8	<p><i>Sarah Boateng, Executive Deputy Secretary</i>, expressed appreciation for the Committee's time and participation and requested a motion to adjourn. <i>Dr. O'Donnell</i> motion moved. <i>Dr. Shekhar</i> second. No discussion. No opposition or abstentions. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned.</p>