

Breast Cancer Research Council Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2022: Council Funding Meeting

Members Present: Abigail Arons, Ana Navarro, Angelique Richardson, Chris Meda, Clara Omogbai, Phyllis Howard, Rati Fotedar, Sharon Pitteri, Svetlana Popova, Tasha Stoiber, Ujwala Rajgopal, Yamini Ranchod

Members Absent: Colleen Carvalho, Melanie Smitt, Michele Atlan,

Staff: Katherine McKenzie, Lisa Minniefield, Mhel Kavanaugh-Lynch, Senaida Poole, Sharima Rasanayagam

Guests: Carmela Lomonaco

Programmatic Review Committees met to discuss funding recommendations.

Abigail Arons did her Meet-a-Member Presentation and we recognized outgoing members at lunch.

I. Call to Order: Rati called the council to order at 1:37 pm.

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

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

III. Cycle 28 Funding: Mhel presented the resource allocation, reviewing the available funding and explained how the funds are allocated. The representatives from the two review 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. All the grants that council approved to be funded were able to be funded.

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

Mhel informed the council that she's been in contact with some advocates for ovarian cancer research. They would like to see some of CBCRP's funding go to ovarian cancer research and for us to loosen our language to allow it. We are not ready to make any language changes but will allow them to apply for funding. This topic will be revisited in future to take a look at changing the language in our calls to include ovarian cancer.

IV. Cycle 29 Draft Call for Applications: Katie presented a brief overview of the Call. If the council has edits to the Call, including any edits from the ovarian cancer discussion, they were asked to send them to her by 6/15.

V. PBC Programmatic Review (Primary Prevention and Local Level Needs): Sharima presented an overview of the two initiatives and the scoring criteria. She then presented the preliminary scores from each application. The group discussed each application, and they gave their final scores.

MOTION: Rati moved (Ujwala seconded) to fund the one application from the Local Level Needs Initiative. The motion passed with one abstention.

MOTION: Abigail moved (Clara seconded) to fund four applications from the Primary Prevention Initiative. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Priority-Setting Committee Report: Sharon presented on the work the committee has done to date for priority-setting. They reviewed and refined the mission statement and looked at eight of 10 program and started generating some data collections questions. Once the questions are finalized, the program will do research to gather data to answer the questions to see how well the priorities are being met. The committee wanted to look at the two remaining goals which fall under the program goals of collaborations and disparities and underserved and accessibility. Sharon presented information on the program goal around collaboration, the goal on disparities, underserved, and the recently added accessibility. They also discussed the data collection questions California Specific and Capacity Building.

MOTION: Ujwala moved (Phyllis seconded) to approve the program goal on Collaboration. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rati moved (Clara seconded) to approve the set of data questions for California Specific. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Phyllis moved (Rati seconded) to approve the data collection questions for Capacity Building. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Director's Report: none

VIII. Announcements: none

Rati adjourned the meeting at 4:58 pm

**Tuesday, July 19, 12-1 pm Zoom
Follow Up Meeting: Policy RFQ**

Staff: Lisa Minniefield, Mhel Kavanaugh-Lynch, Sharima Rasanayagam

Members present: Sharon Pitteri, Phyllis Howard, Clara Omogbai, Chris Meda, Michele Atlan, Rati Fotedar

Members absent: Ana Navarro, Abigail Arons, Svetlana Popova, Ujwala Rajgopal, Tasha Stoiber

Sharima 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. He 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.