

## **BREAST CANCER RESEARCH COUNCIL**

**March 16, 1996**  
**Dunfey Hotel - SFO**

### **PRESENT**

**Members:** Lisa Bailey, Chris Benz, Susan Claymon, Bill Comer, Pat Fitch, Patti Ganz, Marco Gottardis, Debbie Johnson, John Link, Carol MacLeod, Andrea Martin, Carol Pulskamp, Susan Shinagawa, Carol Voelker, Bonnie Wheatley

**Staff:** Larry Gruder, Mhel Kavanaugh-Lynch, Mary Kreger, Annette McCoubrey, Walter Price

**ABSENT** None

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 a.m.

Dr. Marco Gottardis was introduced as a new Council member.

Solicitation of nominees for scheduled Council seat vacancies was discussed. A question arose as to whether only new nominations should be considered when a scheduled vacancy arises, or whether previous nominations should also be considered.

### **MOTION:**

**Council member Ganz moved that if an unscheduled opening for any representative occurs during the year, individuals will be appointed from the previous list of nominations. For scheduled appointments, new nominations will be sought and only these new nominations will be considered. Council member Voelker seconded this motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.**

The Council then went into closed session for the remainder of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

## **I. BASELINE - WHAT WE FUNDED IN CYCLES I AND II**

### **A. WHAT**

Etiology  
 Pathogenesis  
 Prevention  
 Early Detection  
 Innovative Models of Care  
 Innovative Treatment Modalities

### **B. HOW**

Research Project Awards  
     \$300,000   3 yrs.  
 IDEA  
     \$50,000    1 yr  
 ITAMOCA (Innovative Treatment and Models of Care Awards)  
     \$200,000   2 yrs  
 New Investigator Awards  
     \$225,000   3 yrs  
 Post-doctoral Fellowships  
     \$70,000    2 yrs.  
 Sabbaticals  
     \$50,000    1 yr  
 Training Program

## **II. SUMMARY FROM ADVISORY MEETING**

### **A. WHAT TO FUND:**

#### 1. Prevention:

- long-term study of girls (etiology, risk factors)
- diet and exercise re: ovarian function
- preventions targeting higher-risk women
- underserved/grass-roots-focused exercise
- prospective studies for modifiable risk factors (inc .environment)

2. Basic Science
  - mechanism of transformation from normal to malignant
  - basic biology of preneoplastic lesions
  - role of BRCA1 + BRCA2 in normal plus abnormal cells
3. Treatment
  - innovative treatment strategies (biol. modifiers)
  - biological therapy phase one (1) trial with novel techol. and delivery systems
  - pre-phase I experimental therapeutics
4. Alternative and Complementary Medicine
  - planning grant for alt. + comp. methods/measures
  - alt. + comp. treatment study and collaboration b/n alt + conventional researchers +clinicians.
5. Miscellaneous
  - info. technology
  - economic, social, legal, psychological issues of genetic testing
  - managed care impact on prev./screening, etc.
  - retrospective study thru Registry on risk factors
  - behavioral studies in Prev./E.D. in underserved

### **III. SUMMARY OF COUNCIL=S PLAN FOR CYCLE III**

#### **A. Mechanisms**

1. C.I.R.C. (Community-Initiated Research Collaboration)
  - concept paper (call for them in broad areas, i.e. Prevention)
  - Competitive Review of concept papers
  - Planning grant of \$50-\$75 K for one year
  - in Cycle 4 - Compete for big CIRC grant (\$300 K per year for 3 years, with guaranteed set-aside; plan on 2 big CIRC=s in Cycle 4))
2. T.R.C. (Translational Research Collaboration)
  - Planning grant of \$50-\$75 K for one year (no concept paper required)
  - in Cycle 4 - Compete for big TRC (\$500 K per year for 3 years, with guaranteed set-aside; plan on 4 TRC=s in Cycle 4)

- offer extra points in the review process for collaborations which include industry
3. RFA=s for Research Project Awards
    - 3-year grants in specific areas; amount of grant to vary by research area
    - for Cycle III, offer RFA=s in 2 areas:
      - basic breast biology at the Cellular and Molecular Level (expect \$100 K per year for 3 years, but only advertise total available)
      - prevention and risk identification/reduction (expect \$150K per year for 3 years, but only advertise total available)
    - in Cycle IV, an RFA in psychosocial and behavioral research will be offered
    - offer extra points for collaboration and for including underserved or ethnic minorities.
  4. Innovative Treatment and Models of Care Awards
    - same as offered in Cycle II, for treatment-related research
    - investigator-initiated
    - offer extra points for collaboration and for including underserved or ethnic minorities.
  5. Investigator-Initiated Awards (in same general, broad areas used in Cycles I and II)
    - IDEA awards in 2 levels, both with shorter applications
      - higher-risk - \$50 K for one year
      - less risky (more pilot data) - \$75 K per year for 2 years
    - Postdoctoral Fellowships (same as Cycles I and II)
    - Training Grants (on alternate years only; not to be offered in Cycle III, but will be offered in Cycle IV)
    - offer extra points for collaboration and for including underserved or ethnic minorities.

**Projected Resource Allocation for Cycle III**

**\$14 mil (10 mil direct costs)**

	<b>AMOUNT PER GRANT</b>	<b># OF AWARDS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>CIRC Planning Grants</b>	<b>\$50 - \$75 K</b>	<b>15*</b>	<b>1,125,000*</b>
<b>TRC Planning Grants</b>	<b>\$50 - \$75 K</b>	<b>10*</b>	<b>750,000*</b>
<b>RFA Awards</b>			
<b>Breast Biology</b>	<b>\$300 K</b>		<b>1,500,000</b>
<b>Preven/Risk Reduc</b>	<b>\$450 K</b>		<b>2,000,000</b>
<b>Postdoctoral Fellows</b>	<b>\$70 K</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,050,000</b>
<b>IDEA I</b>	<b>\$50 K</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>500,000</b>
<b>IDEA II</b>	<b>\$150 K</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1,500,000</b>
<b>ITAMOCA</b>	<b>\$200 K</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,600,000</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>10,150,000</b>

\* may be revised downward

**MOTION**

**Carol Voelker moved that the above plan be approved in its entirety. Carol MacLeod seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

## Planning Committees

- I. CIRC=s
  - Lianna
  - Jacque
  - Bonnie
  - Andrea
  
- II. TRC=s
  - Marco
  - Susan S.
  - John
  - Debbie
  
- III. Breast Biology RFA
  - Chris
  - Carol
  
- IV. Prevention/Risk Reduction RFA
  - Lisa
  - Pat
  - Susan C.

*The End*