
Governance Committee

May 4, 2020

Chair: Ralph Clegg

Present: Dr. Joseph Miner, Dr. Marc Babitz for Heather Borski, Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs, Jerry Edwards, Dorothy Adams, Gary Edwards, Jill Parker

Visitors: Tyler Fisher, Seyha Ros, Amy Mikkelsen, Brad Belnap, Rebecca Fronberg, Katherine Bark, Teresa Brechlin, Dean Penovich, Shari Watkins

Vote Yes: Dr. Joseph Miner, Dr. Marc Babitz for Heather Borski, Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs

Co-Chairs: Ralph Clegg & Dr. Joseph Miner

Minutes

Approve minutes from April 20, 2020 Governance meeting.

Motion to approve minutes: **1st:** Paul Patrick **2nd:** Dr. Joseph Miner

Vote Yes: Dr. Joseph Miner, Dr. Marc Babitz for Heather Borski, Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part B States/Territories Supplemental Grant Program - Tyler Fisher and Seyha Ros (handout)

- \$1,728,056 annual competitive grant application due May 29, 2020.
- Project Period is one year, September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2021.
- These are funds that were not utilized two years prior. HRSA then releases those funds for a competitive grant process to supplement current programming.
- Funds up to \$2,700,000 have been received in the past however there are less available funds this current grant cycle.
- The majority of funding requested is going to direct service to supplement medications and health insurance premium services.
- Contract increases for HIV non-medical and medical case management have been included as well as outpatient ambulatory medical services.
- Two health departments had expressed interest in applying for the RFP but neither department applied due to confusion with case management requirements.
- Salt Lake County was awarded an early intervention services contract not funded by this source.
- There have been no reductions in services to counteract the reduced funding due to utilization of rebates.

Motion to approve - **1st:** Jeff Coombs **2nd:** Dr. Joseph Miner

Vote Yes: Dr. Joseph Miner, Dr. Marc Babitz for Heather Borski, Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs

Comprehensive Suicide Prevention - Amy Mikkelsen (handout)

- This NOFO is released by the CDC for Comprehensive Suicide Prevention to target a vulnerable risk group.
- The average award is about \$700,000 per year with a \$1,000,000 ceiling per year for five years.
- This application is for \$1,000,000 per year for five years.

- The grant is structured around the CDC Suicide Preventions Technical Package of Policy, Programs, and Practices.
- Strategies outlined in this package are around community-based interventions and upstream prevention.
- The main goals are to reduce suicide rates among middle aged men and reduce non-fatal suicide attempts among adults in general.
- Most funding will go to contracting and funding in local areas and health departments to assess community gaps and identify high risk and sub populations to create local level strategies.
- Funding will also assist with upstream approaches such as the Good Behavior Game.
- A pilot study with the American Institutes for Research (AIR) is being discussed for the 20210 school year to increase the behavior game in Utah.
- The goal for the first year of the grant is to build capacity across the state to implement the Good Behavior Game as a statewide strategy.
- Housing policy and economic support updates are in progress as well as a review of housing policies to assess potential impacts on health outcomes including suicide.
- Funding is not available for research or crisis resources. Funding will be used for local health departments to target high risk populations.
- Local health departments will receive 65% of award per the funding formula.
- The remaining funding will go to the Department of Health and contracts.
- The grant and CDC require a full time Epidemiologist, a full time Behavioral Scientist, part time Communication Specialist, and part time Health Program Specialist.
- Cache County School District is currently implementing the Good Behavior Game.
- Competitive funding for additional health department projects will be available with amounts based on award.

Motion to approve - 1st: Dr. Marc Babitz for Heather Borski **2nd:** Lloyd Berentzen

Vote Yes: Dr. Joseph Miner, Dr. Marc Babitz for Heather Borski, Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs

The CDC Cancer Genomics Program: Translating Research into Public Health Practice - Brad Belnap (handout)

- This is a renewal request for year two of a three-year project period at \$540,519 per year.
- This program has been active for about six years and is a CDC funded program designed to develop best practices in education, surveillance, and policy systems environmental change approaches and health systems changes around family health history and utilizing genetic counseling services.
- The two main goals of the program are to:
 - Increase the number of people who know their family health history of cancer and can share it with a health care provider.
 - Increase the number of people referred appropriately to genetic counseling and testing.
- In year one, the focus was on:
 - Building relationships with healthcare systems offering genetic counselling services such as Hunstman Cancer Institute and Intermountain Healthcare.
 - Establishing a surveillance system for cancer genomics with The U of U, the Utah Population Database, and the Utah Cancer Registry to gather information about Utah’s population’s hereditary risks and the utilization of genetic counseling services.
- In year two, the focus will be on expanding the work on public health best practice to identify the communities with high rates of potentially genetically related cancers that are not utilizing genetic counselling services.
- Cancers focused on are breast and ovarian cancer, and lynch syndrome.
- Another focus is onboarding new healthcare systems to expand reach and build out a genetic counselling program.

- CDC awarded \$540,000 in year one and level funding is expected for years two and three.
- The program supports two FTE's, a Health Educator and an Epidemiologist, as well as a PT Coordinator.
- Over \$100,000 has been set aside for competitive applications to organizations, institutions, and systems interested in genetic counseling usage.
- Local health departments are welcome to apply.

Motion to approve - 1st: Dr. Marc Babitz for Heather Borski **2nd:** Paul Patrick

Vote Yes: Dr. Joseph Miner, Dr. Marc Babitz for Heather Borski, Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs

State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) - Rebecca Fronberg (handout)

- This is year three of a five-year grant.
- Nothing has changed from the last budget period.
- Local health department allocation is the same according to the funding formula.
- The local health departments below had an increase in funding two years ago due to priority population.
 - Salt Lake, San Juan, and Weber.

Motion to approve - 1st: Jeff Coombs **2nd:** Dr. Joseph Miner

Vote Yes: Dr. Joseph Miner, Dr. Marc Babitz for Heather Borski, Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs

MIECHV 2020 NCC Application - Katherine Bark (handout)

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- This is a non-competing continuation (NCC) award application to continue the home visiting and Parents as Teachers programs.
- Due to the sequestering of funds, the MIECHV funding which is awarded on a federal funding formula, received about \$8,000,000 cut across the federal government resulting in about a \$62,000 cut for this application.
- Utah is eligible to apply for up to \$3,162,182 over two years in MIECHV funding, as determined by the federal funding formula.
- 83.2% of funds will go to direct-service contracts of which are four local health departments and a local non-profit agency.
 - Wasatch County, Utah County, Salt Lake County, and Southeastern Utah County.
 - Non-profit Prevent Child Abuse Utah.
- The existing local health departments and implementation agencies were chosen based off of a July 2019 RFP.
- \$200,000 has been set aside for an RFP in July that local health departments and implementation agencies may apply for. The award will be based on scoring.
- Katherine Bark will send the information regarding this RFP to at least two people in each local health department.
- MIECHV and HRSA will not allow a carry over of existing funds however, because MIECHV runs on overlapping years, it is not anticipated that any funding will need to be returned or that there will be any unobligated funds.
- This gives existing grantees through the end of September 2021 to utilize their current contracted funds over the next couple of years.
- Typically, about 25% of funding is awarded for the year out of the expiring grant and 75% for the year out of the continuing grant.

- Currently there are no anticipated effects due to CODV19 at this time.
- Parents as Teachers has released specific guidance on how to implement home visitation with both virtual visits and telecommunication visits.
- HRSA has given allowances in terms of performance measures and meeting caseload capacities as well as completed visit goals.
- Sites have been doing a great job in completing Model fidelity visits and also checking in with families and tracking the work being done outside of model fidelity.
- MIECHV will not allow redirection of funds to COVID.

Motion to approve - 1st: Lloyd Berentzen **2nd:** Paul Patrick

Vote Yes: Dr. Joseph Miner, Dr. Marc Babitz for Heather Borski, Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs

Other Agenda Items:

- Follow-up on CVD19 budget review - Shari Watkins and Dr. Joseph Miner
 - Special Governance meeting scheduled May 11, 2020 to discuss decisions made offline.

Motion to table until Governance meeting May 11, 2020 - 1st: Jeff Coombs **2nd:** Dr. Joseph Miner

Next Meeting - May 11, 2020 - 12:30am - Room 401/Google Meet

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to approve - 1st: Jeff Coombs **2nd:** Dr. Joseph Miner

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