
Governance Committee

May 11, 2020

Chair: Dr. Joseph Miner

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

Visitors: Cindy Burnett, Lynn Meiner, Janae Duncan, Ginny Ambrenac, Shari Watkins, Robyn Atkinson

Voting Members: Dr. Joseph Miner, Heather Borski, Paul Patrick, Ralph Clegg, Gary Edwards for Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs

Co-Chairs: Ralph Clegg & Dr. Joseph Miner

Minutes

Approve minutes from May 4, 2020 Governance meeting.

Motion to approve minutes: **1st:** Gary Edwards for Lloyd Berentzen **2nd:** Paul Patrick

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

ELC Cares Supplemental Funding - Cindy Burnett (handout)

- This funding is supplemental given through the Epi Laboratory Cooperative agreement due May 25, 2020.
- The notice of award for \$7,157,125 has already been received for 24 months of activities.
- The award period is April 2020 through March 2022.
- If there are remaining funds available, this may be extended to July 31st, 2022.
- The primary purpose of funding is for surveillance, contact tracing, lab testing, updating informatics systems, improving electronic laboratory and electronic case reporting, hospital associated infections, and infection control assessments related to COVID in long term care facilities.
- \$1,500,000 was awarded through state money and allocated for contact tracing.
 - That funding has since been moved to CARES funding and will be distributed to local health departments. Tracking and tracing costs have been moved to this grant.
 - CARES funding has been discussed with local health departments and will be reviewed on the final agenda item.
- \$1,500,000 from this budget has been allocated for Current Response Efforts and may not be used for future activities.
- Suggested Budget breakdown:
 - \$1,518,081 for the Epidemiology DREAM program for surveillance and contact tracing. This includes funding for a contact tracing team and Epi training.
 - \$910,556 for the Utah Public Health Laboratory to support serologic and PCR testing for the next 24 months as well as the mobile testing teams.
 - \$650,504 for Health Care Associated Infections to support the ICAR assessments as well as responding to outbreaks in healthcare facilities.
 - \$867,507 for Informatics to support electronic laboratory and case reporting and building systems.
 - \$1,710,072 has been proposed for local health departments to support one FTE in each local health department for about 18 months to work on COVID activities.

- The \$1,500,405 already distributed may support the remaining 6 months.
- Epi Execs have reviewed this grant and the budget was built to accommodate the recommendation for the local health department capacity.
- Per the CDC, they are hopeful that this will become a project within ELC and will be ongoing for more than 24 months dependent on the economy.
- Allocated funds may be redirected if needed.
- The \$1,710,072 was determined by estimating the state level Epidemiologist II wage of about \$27 per hour with an estimated fringe of about 55% at 31-32 hours for 18 months.
- The proposal was to distribute funds equally therefore the length of funds may vary by local health department due to specific wages and fringe for Epidemiologists.

Motion to approve - 1st: Paul Patrick **2nd:** Jeff Coombs

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

BOLD Public Health Programs to Address Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias - Lynn Meinor (handout)

- This three-year grant award is the first funding from CDC targeted specifically for Alzheimer’s disease.
- A 30% match is required and met by \$250,000 in ongoing state funding received last year.
- Two types of awards will be issued; Core Capacity and Enhanced.
- This application is for the Enhanced award of \$
- To apply, the health department must have an infrastructure currently in place, have clear priorities established, and have an active coordinating council and leadership support for the activities.
- This award will fund two positions:
 - A 0.75 Epidemiologist to perform data analysis and surveillance activities.
 - A Health Program Specialist to work within health systems in Utah to deliver the interventions specifically to healthcare professionals.
- \$285,000 will be contracted out to area agencies on aging that are eligible to apply as well as local health departments and CBO’s able to fulfill the delivery of evidence-based interventions.
- Contracts will go through an RFP specifically for interventions that have been outlined in the Healthy Brain Initiative per the roadmap developed by CDC and the Alzheimer’s Association.
- Funding will also be used to increase the public awareness campaign, the Age Well website, established to talk about brain health and to encourage the public to discuss memory concerns with physicians.
- The two positions along with the 60% contracted amount equals \$494,000
- The state match has not been built in the budget, it is currently contracted out to the Center for Alzheimer’s Care Imaging and Research (CACIR) at the University of Utah for family consultations as well as the Alzheimer’s Association to provide additional support groups in the state.
- There is also a contract with Comagine to work within healthcare systems within the state to provide provider education.
- The above-mentioned contracts already exist within the state to contribute to the match.
- AAA’s and local health departments will be notified of the RFP via letter and ULAKES.

Motion to approve - 1st: Ralph Clegg **2nd:** Paul Patrick

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

Other Agenda Items:

- Follow-up on COVID-19 Funding Discussion - Shari Watkins
 - The general funding originally appropriated to UDOH and the locals has been reallocated to be used for the match to apply for FEMA reimbursement.
 - The state will receive \$20,000,000 in general funds appropriated in the last general session and the legislature has informed the governor's office that there will be no additional general funds appropriated.
 - All of the original funding will now be CARES funding.
 - \$1,500,000 tracking and tracing funds have been moved to the new ELC grant and \$2,300,000 has been secured for local health department distribution bringing the total distribution to \$12,800,000.
 - The local health officers have come up with a tentative distribution methodology that will be sent to Shari Watkins in writing for the remaining funds.
 - The local health officers have voted that the \$6,400,000 in the public health emergency preparedness federal funding will go to the state.
 - Ralph Clegg motions that the additional \$6,400,000 funding for the public health emergency preparedness grant be appropriated to UDOH with \$12,800,000 from various sources going to local health departments.

Motion to approve the additional \$6,400,000 funding for the public health emergency preparedness grant be appropriated to UDOH with \$12,800,000 from various sources going to local health departments - 1st: Ralph Clegg 2nd: Paul Patrick

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

Next Meeting - June 1, 2020 - 12:30am - Room 401/Google Meet

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to approve - 1st: Gary Edwards for Lloyd Berentzen **2nd:** Ralph Clegg

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