
Governance Committee

December 7, 2020

Chair: Heather Borski

Present: Dr. Joseph Miner, Dr. Marc Babitz, Heather Borski, Ralph Clegg, Jeff Coombs, Jerry Edwards, Lloyd Berentzen, Janae Duncan, Gary Edwards, Jill Parker

Visitors: Linnea Fletcher, Amy Nance

Voting Members: Heather Borski, Dr. Marc Babitz, Janae Duncan, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs

Co-Chairs: Heather Borski and Jeff Coombs

Minutes

Approve minutes from November 2, 2020 Governance meeting.

Motion to approve minutes: **1st:** Lloyd Berentzen **2nd:** Dr. Marc Babitz

Voting Members: Heather Borski, Dr. Marc Babitz, Janae Duncan, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs

Building Resiliency in Communities - BRIC Project - Linnea Fletcher (Handout)

- This BRIC grant will provide additional funding through the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) to assist the sixteen State Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) recipient states and four more states to address existing efforts and high-risk populations with COVID-19.
- These high-risk populations include African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, young children, aging adults, and people with disabilities.
- Funding will assist these populations by providing technical assistance to increase nutrition security, access to safe physical activity and social connectedness.
- Funding for states that accept this grant will run through January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- The anticipated award amount is between \$200,000 and \$227,000.
 - Award amounts will be determined once the total number of states accepting is received.
- The EPICC program would use this funding to expand current partnerships for COVID-19, Violence and Injury Prevention program around social connectedness, Healthy Aging Program, as well as local health departments and community-based organizations.
- Grants to states will be required to provide at least 25% of their funding to support communities (up to 5 per state) to meet the unique needs of their priority populations.
- If Utah accepts this funding, Leavitt Partners (an NADCC partner) will provide data and information for priority populations and communities.
 - This information is anticipated within 2 weeks.
- The grant requires a state public health plan (SHIP) that includes activities to mitigate, prepare, or respond to the impact of COVID-19 to improve nutrition security; access to safe, accessible, and equitable physical activity and transportation alternatives, and social connectedness based on age, ability, racial and ethnic characteristics.
- It is a requirement to work with the Healthy Aging Program to address social connectiveness in those specific areas.
- It is also required to work with the NTAP to develop and review state-specific resiliency guides or a chronic disease/obesity paper or virtual successes on preparedness by September 30, 2021 for dissemination through December 31, 2021.
- Areas for activities include:

- Nutrition Security Outcome -
 - Working with food banks and double up food bucks.
- Physical Activity Access -
 - Community action plan to work with communities with local design for safe and equitable physical activity.
 - Demonstrate areas and demand for physical activity due to COVID-19.
 - Example, streets were shut down to widen and provide physical activity during the spring and summer months.
- Social Connectedness -
 - Provide services to the aging population by connecting them to programs in high burden areas.
- NACDD must be notified if funding will be accepted and additional information is anticipated on December 18, 2020.
- The require activities currently exist and are in progress.
- This grant will be received if the funding is accepted.
- A budget will be created from amount received and will return to governance for budget approval.
- CDC provided funding to NACDD. Leavitt Partners are contracted with NACDD.
- Example of funding usage would be assessing high burden areas to determine possible activities including safe physical activities and access to healthy foods.
- Bureaucratic burden and reporting requirements have not been provided yet.
- If funding is accepted, more information will be received 2 weeks after acceptance.

Motion to approve with return to Governance for budget approval and use funding for existing activities/efforts - 1st: Lloyd Berentzen 2nd: Jeff Coombs

Voting Members: Heather Borski, Dr. Marc Babitz, Janae Duncan, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs

Advancing Population - Based Surveillance of Birth Defects - Amy Nance (Handout)

- This is a new, competitive five-year grant application of \$369,168.
- The focus of this grant is to improve birth defect surveillance capacity including leveraging electronic health records and interoperability capacities to enhance surveillance of birth defects, improve birth defect surveillance data quality, and using birth defects data to improve health outcomes of affected populations.
- This application is for component A for Birth Defect Surveillance and Component C for Critical Congenital Heart Screening data.
- The grant outcomes identified for Component A - \$307,000:
 - Improve UBDN's surveillance capacity to provide CDC the birth defect data annually and increase the ability to respond to emerging threats to mothers and babies.
 - Establish targets for data completeness, accuracy, and timeliness to ensure data quality.
 - Increase Utah's ability to contribute to multi-state data projects increasing scientific understanding of birth defects.
 - Increase the general knowledge of birth defect prevention throughout the state of Utah.
 - Disseminate birth defect data on individuals affected by birth defects throughout Utah.
- The grant outcomes identified for Component C - \$62,000:
 - Provide quality surveillance data in a timely manner for all critical congenital heart defects.
- Overall, this project funding is to enhance the birth defect surveillance program within the state.

- Future funding may be allocated to local health departments for birth defect prevention messaging or assessing high risk areas in local jurisdictions.
- Local activities may include birth defect prevention and health education.
- Multivitamins are currently provided to WIC clinics.
- Year one funding would remain at UDOH for existing program staff time for additional responsibilities and surveillance.
- This grant is exempt, but review has been requested.

Motion to approve - 1st: Ralph Clegg **2nd:** Dr. Marc Babitz

Voting Members: Heather Borski, Dr. Marc Babitz, Janae Duncan, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs

Other Agenda Items:

- Review draft of standing order for dispensing Epinephrine and Albuterol follow up discussion.
 - Health officers prefer this to remain with the state.
 - Currently, there is not a state level standing order in place and would be managed at a local level through the local education authorities or local health departments.
 - A statewide standing order is not required.
 - Statewide orders may be signed by any physician meeting training requirements.
 - Governance decision is to move forward as is without changes and continue assessing.
- December 21, 2020 Governance tentative.

Next Meeting - December 21, 2020 - 12:30pm - Room 401/Google Meet

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn - 1st: Heather Borski **2nd:**

Voting Members: Heather Borski, Dr. Marc Babitz, Janae Duncan, Ralph Clegg, Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs