
Governance Committee

February 1, 2021

Chair: Janae Duncan & Lloyd Berentzen

Present: Heather Borski, Dr. Marc Babitz, Jeff Coombs, Lloyd Berentzen (partial attendance), Janae Duncan, Gary Edwards, Brian Hatch, Jerry Edwards, Jill Parker

Visitors: Kelly Oakeson, Alessandro Rossi, Cindy Burnett, Linnea Fletcher, Tonya Merton, Ginny Ambrenac

Voting Members: Heather Borski, Dr. Marc Babitz, Janae Duncan, Gary Edwards for Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs, Brian Hatch

Co-Chairs: Janae Duncan & Lloyd Berentzen

Minutes

Approve minutes from January 29, 2021 Governance meeting.

Motion to approve minutes: **1st:** Dr. Marc Babitz **2nd:** Heather Borski

Voting Members: Heather Borski, Dr. Marc Babitz, Janae Duncan, Gary Edwards for Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs, Brian Hatch

ELC AMD, PHL, and Travelers Health - Ginny Ambrenac, Kelly Oakeson, Alessandro Rossi, & Cindy Burnett (Handout)

- Additional CDC funding through December 2021. Remaining funding may be carried over.
- There are three COVID projects under this funding:
 - Advanced molecular detection (AMD) technology - \$176,000
 - Increase the amount of SARS-CoV-2 sequencing and facilitate the use of microbial genomic sequence data in response to SARS-CoV-2 and other emerging pathogens. (Requirement)
 - Funding will cover shipping and handling of primary specimens sent to CDC's in-house genomic sequencing effort, the NS3 Program, in Atlanta. (Requirement)
 - Remainder of funding will be used to purchase supplies needed to keep up sequencing efforts as well as maintain current IT infrastructure and software licensing fees.
 - Public health lab preparedness - \$515,000
 - Strengthen laboratory preparedness and response by building infrastructure.
 - Implement new technologies to expand infectious disease detection.
 - Enhance and modernize data pipelines, analysis, and reporting.
 - Building capacity through implementation of new technologies.
 - Equipment, genetic sequencing, bioinformatics capability, computer hardware, nucleic acid extraction.
 - Shipping suspect biothreat samples to reference lab for further characterization.
 - Enhancing and expanding lab information infrastructure.
 - LIMS enhancements, enhanced lab test ordering and reporting capabilities.
 - \$250,000 - Single year service contract for instruments in house.
 - \$264,000 - Purchase up to date instrumentation for next gen sequencing.
 - Travelers health - \$475,000
 - To support standardized collection, reporting, and sharing of international travel data.

- Information is received from CDC regarding traveler's on planes exposed to COVID-19.
 - Coordination with the Division of Global Migration and Quarantine (DGMQ) to assist with putting Do Not Travel orders in place.
 - Improving communication with international travelers.
 - Ensuring public health best practices at travel hubs and with travel industry stakeholders.
 - Providing guidance and oversight of public health activities at travel hubs (airports, etc.)
 - New testing site "Express Check" opened at Salt Lake International Airport to provide Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and rapid testing.
 - Testing is targeted at travelers with layovers at SLC International to ensure infected traveler's do not board next flight and have a location to isolate.
 - Funds will be used to purchase advertising to travelers entering the state regarding information about testing and quarantine and isolation options.
 - Funding will remain at UDOH to fund the following temporary positions:
 - Two Physician FTE's
 - One Research Consultant FTE
 - One part time Data Entry employee.
 - Grant will require additional staffing.
 - Funding will assist in extending the Project Director position hired through the CDC foundation currently ending in March 2021.
 - Use of the automated contact tracing system to communicate with travelers.
- There are no new activities for local health departments.
 - Traveler Health staff will support local health departments in managing non-resident travelers.
 - The lab is exploring additional funding sources to assist in funding equipment service agreements and ongoing maintenance costs.
 - Billing for infectious disease testing if the lab becomes a HIPAA covered entity.
 - Additional revenue from fees, state funding, and a surplus each year assists in instrumentation maintenance.
 - The lab also receives a \$2 million grant each year from previous ELC funding.

Motion to approve - 1st: Jeff Coombs **2nd:** Dr. Marc Babitz

Voting Members: Heather Borski, Dr. Marc Babitz, Janae Duncan, Gary Edwards for Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs, Brian Hatch

State and Physical Activity and Nutrition Program - Linnea Fletcher (Handout)

- Presenting for year four of five CDC funding to UDOH and local health departments September 29, 2021 through September 29, 2022.
- Funding amounts remain the same as previous years per funding formula.
- The State and Physical Activity and Nutrition Program (SPAN) grant 1807 focuses on active transportation, worksites, creating health environments within worksites and school settings, and healthy food access.
- CDC requires identifying priority populations and high burden areas.
 - Salt Lake, Weber Morgan, and San Juan.

Motion to approve - 1st: Dr. Marc Babitz **2nd:** Brian Hatch

Voting Members: Heather Borski, Dr. Marc Babitz, Janae Duncan, Gary Edwards for Lloyd Berentzen, Jeff Coombs, Brian Hatch

Innovative State and Local Public Health Strategies to Prevent and Manage Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke - Linnea Fletcher (Handout)

- Presenting for year four of five CDC funding to UDOH and local health departments.
- Funding amounts remain the same as previous years per funding formula.
- The 1815 core funding grant is the base funding provided to all fifty states.
- Approximately \$1 million to State and local health departments.
 - (Budget provided on handout)
- Local health departments receive funding specific to working on diabetes and will receive additional funding for hypertension.
- Funding is split evenly between diabetes and hypertension.

Motion to approve - 1st: Dr. Marc Babitz **2nd:** Brian Hatch

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Improving the Health of Americans through Prevention and Management of Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke - Linnea Fletcher (Handout)

- This \$2 million per year competitive grant is based on innovation and is not awarded to all fifty states.
- Over \$1 million of the 1817 competitive funding will primarily go to the local health departments by priority subpopulations and more heavily focused in specific high burden populations.
 - Black African Americans
 - Native American Indians
- Specific areas have been identified by local health departments within their communities.
- Activities include lifestyle change programs such as National Diabetes Prevention and Diabetes Self-Management.
- Hypertension is heavily focused on health systems, clinics, and quality improvement in getting patients identified who have uncontrolled hypertension.
- Prevention block grant is provided to the local health departments for obesity prevention and state physical activity.
- This is flat funding with no changes from previous years.
- Due to COVID-19 responsibilities, one core activity in each area has been approved towards progression of performance measures for CDC.
- Local health departments may select activities based on what their area needs as long as it is covering hypertension and diabetes.
- Remaining funds may be carried over to following year.
- New grant cycle funding amounts are unknown.
- This contract ends in September 2023.

Motion to approve - 1st: Dr. Marc Babitz **2nd:** Brian Hatch

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Other Agenda Items:

- Governance procedure for scheduling and canceling meetings.
 - Statute states governance take place twice a month and changes are at the discretion of the chairs.
 - Governance agrees that decisions to change or cancels meeting should remain with the chairs with 24 hours' notice.
 - Jerry Edwards has sent out the calendar for chairs and will reach out to current chairs prior to making changes.
 - Expedited grants may be turned in without Governance approval however, grants and budgets must appear in front of Governance prior to any spending.
- Feb 15th Governance will be moved to the 16th due to President's Day.

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Next Meeting - February 16, 2021 - 12:30pm - Room 401/Google Meet

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn - 1st: Jeff Coombs

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