

Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2022 12:00 – 1:00 pm

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Meeting Minutes:

In attendance: Dr. Kinney, Dr. Bidwell, Dr Mottet, Ms. Contreras, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Pace, Dr. Hasan, Dr. Zeiger, Dr. Reuter, Mr. Lord, Ms. Minnich, Mr. Dieter Raemdonck, and Mr. Spears,

I. Welcome (12:00-12:03pm) Dr. Bidwell

II. Consent Agenda (12:03-12:08pm) Dr. Bidwell

- a. Minutes from 01/14/2022
 - Approved with addition of Dr. Joanna Zeiger to the attendance
- b. RFA Launch

III. Introduction of New Staff Member (12:08-12:10pm) Dr. Kinney

- Ms. Ashley Minnich

IV. Contract Updates (12:10-12:20pm) Dr. Bidwell and Dr. Kinney

- a. DHE – moving forward with Gov. Relations Rep and MedPharm research contracts
- b. Vyripharm
 - Dr. Kinney sent out agreement to Governing Board – excited by opportunity – will provide an advanced testing lab in Chemistry Building - Vyripharm will provide required instrumentation and equipment (estimated \$1.5 - 2 million value) – after installation and validation the lab will be operated in a fee-for-service model with revenue to make this lab sustainable and some F&A for ICR and CSU Pueblo – provide the ICR as a resource for testing – provide research resources to external clients – Vyripharm made arrangements with DEA for schedule 1 license, which is in the process of being pursued
 - Dr. Reuter – how long and what are the negotiating details? Hasn't heard of a successful model yet for a DEA license with allowable exceptions.- Dr. Kinney discussed previous unsuccessful experience the ICR had in pursuing a Schedule 1 license with an exception – but at least there is a mechanism for pursuing exceptions
 - Dr. Kinney stresses that all activities will be federally compliant and DEA licensing is part of that
 - Dr. Mottet – can students work in this lab? Dr. Kinney – yes, and cannabis samples will not be stored in this lab or directly accessible to students- a safe meeting DEA requirements is available for sample storage for this application
 - Dr. Hasan – asks about testing – Dr. Kinney says facility hopefully will be testing lab for others outside of the agreement employing a fee for service model.
 - Dr. Sisley discusses testing for cannabis only (limited demand) – extractions allowed but analytical lab can't then send to researchers – must destroy material (required)
 - Dr. Kinney adds that every lot of hemp has to be tested under the new USDA rules – insufficient testing capacity within the CDA to carry this out in a manner similar to how this was being handled prior to 2022.
 - Ms. Contreras – just cautions that State Lab works with marijuana enforcement division – samples get forwarded to State – also use as regional lab if needed - CDPHE or Colo. Dept. of Revenue would handle

V. Team of Dieter Raemdonck and Amber Valdez – Gov. Rel. Rep. (12:20-12:35pm) Dr. Bidwell

a. Introduction

- Dieter is an attorney in Denver, lobbyist for 10 years – slightly more Republican (worked for Mike May) while Amber more of a Democrat – will talk with leadership members once budget is unveiled
- Pueblo delegation – There is a bit of a disadvantage with Leroy Garcia leaving – will look for opportunities to raise profile of ICR – avenue to outreach with data driven answers – would like to see ICR be site for meeting with legislatures – getting in from of them -they like to take tours, so getting them involved and then showing them the expertise
- Dr. Kinney discusses JBC topics – keeping ICR at forefront of cannabis research is support we can use and getting budget to JBC and moving forward
- Dieter will open lines of communications with legislators and stay in touch with them
- Will host pre-session meeting with Pueblo delegation – they (Dieter and Amber) would do this for the ICR as it is easiest to go through them for updates
- Hasan would like an email with names of legislators to contact on behalf of the ICR
- Dr. Zeiger asks if they intend to keep us apprised on monthly basis- Yes, will update regularly – could be opportunity for GB members to offer testimony but standing by for now
- Dr. Reuter asks if any materials are needed – Dieter will ask for these specific materials in time – Bills are the focus of legislator right now – will need fact sheets with who you are what you do and what we can do – Chad will provide this and send electronic copy to all
- Dr. Sisley suggests we host an event to build rapport – Dieter agrees that an open house meet and greet presented at the Day at the Capital would be good opportunity to host a lunch
- Dr. Sisley also likes the idea of a tour
- Dr. Bidwell agrees that funded investigators are great resource – utilize their expertise
- Mr. Pace asks if we are working with Amber or Dieter - Dieter says both will be available for meetings, testimony, and etc.
- Cinnamon – more follow-up to come!

b. Remainder of the Legislative Term (priorities and strategies)

VI. F&A Distributions (12:35-12:40pm) Dr. Kinney

- 12.5% of F&A collected on external grants awarded to ICR to come back to the ICR – the ICR to be the equivalent of a department when it comes to F&A distribution.
- Sr. Scientist responsible for this – part of his salary being funded by external sources

VII. Preliminary Budget Discussion (12:40-12:55pm) Dr. Bidwell and Dr. Kinney

a. Rough Budget Outline (fixed costs and flexible funds) – FY23

- Rough analysis and fixed costs – research covers the largest portion of the budget, then salaries, etc. – after that \$150 -\$250,000 could be used for other initiatives
- Maybe continue with lobbying support, Marketing and communications, emerging scientist awards - Board considers these uses of the flexible funds to be a high priority
- Dr. Bidwell asks for high level input from the Board – input needed for draft proposal to bring to meeting
- Dr. Sisley suggests augmenting our legislative and PR efforts and outreach – maybe combine and host events? Create bigger presence not limited to online. Board supports this as a priority.
- Dr. Mottet supports this level of elevation – suggests continued focus on involvement of students to develop next generation of researchers and supporting the Emerging Scientist and other similar programs.

- Ms. Contreras suggests CDPHE would like health monitoring study of hospitalizations due to cannabis and prioritizing public health studies– research needed to complete knowledge gap
- b. Priorities could be used for new initiatives – FY23

VII. Public Comment (12:55-1:00pm) Dr. Bidwell

- William – Hemp networking with Israel – Nirit Bernstein is top person in the field, initiatives are original, progressive and keep Colorado in the forefront especially medically
- Chad adds that Dr. Bernstein is collaborating as Co-Chair of brand new, hot off the press webinar series

VIII. Adjourn