

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES OF THE SPRING 2024 JOINT BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY AND CLINICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SCIENTIFIC MERIT REVIEW BOARD

The teleconference meeting was called to order by the Chair, Paula Bickford, PhD, at 3:00 PM and concluded at 4:30 PM EDT on July 9, 2024. The meeting was open to the public. A Webex meeting ID and password had been announced in the Federal Register. The meeting was held virtually on the Webex meeting platform. Dr. Bickford presided throughout the meeting. Attendees included Board members and Biomedical Laboratory Research & Development (BLRD) staff and Clinical Science Research & Development (CSRD) staff.

Dr. Michael Burgio, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the Board, conducted a roll call of subcommittee chairpersons on the WebEx call.

Subcommittee Chairs Present:

CARA	Ashutosh Shukla, MD
CARB	Abhinav Diwan, MD
ENDA	Deborah, Clegg, PhD
ENDB	Bruce Troen, MD
GAST	Laura Nagy, PhD
HEMA	Randal Westrick, PhD
INFB	Peter Williamson, MD
MHBA	Dayan Knox, PhD
MHBC	Bryan Debeer, PhD
MHBP	Nathan Kimbrel, PhD
NEPH	David Sheil-Hamad, MD
NURA	Cynthia Kuhn, PhD
NURC	Ramesh Raghupathi, PhD
NURD	Dongming Cai, MD, PhD
NURE	Paula Bickford, PhD
NURP	Karin Westland-High, PhD
NURR	Safwan Badr, MD
ONCC	Stephen Shiao, PhD
ONCE	Arun Rishi, PhD
PULM	Emily Wan, MD
SPLD	Vahram Haroutunian, PhD

Subcommittee Chairs not present:

CAMM	James Carson, PhD
DEIR	Lois Dell-Italia, MD
ENDA	Deborah Clegg, PhD
IMMA	Raymond Migrino, MD

INFA	Jack Stapleton, MD
NURB	Jeffry Petruska, PhD
ONCA	Linda Malkas, PhD
ONCB	George Simon, MD
SPLP	Christine Lovely, MD, PhD
SURG	Jeffrey Jones, PhD

BL/CS Staff Present:

Jane Battles, PhD Program Manager
Michael Burgio, PhD Scientific Review Program Manager, DFO
Alex Chui, PhD Acting Deputy Director for BLRD
Pauline Cilladi-Rehrer, MSBA Alternate DFO
Shakeria Cohen, PhD Program Manager
Carol Fowler, PhD Program Manager
Amanda Hunt, PhD Program Manager
Faiyaz Khan, PhD Program Manager
Masood Khan, PhD Program Manager
Ying-Yee Kong, PhD Program Manager
Holly Krull, PhD Acting Director for BLRD
Vetisha McClair, PhD Program Manager
Kristina Nord, MSW Clinical Trials Manager
Kimberlee Potter, PhD Program Manager
Mark Roltsch, PhD Program Manager
Jayanathi Sankar, PhD Program Manager
Arun Sharma, PhD Program Manager
Nicholas Simon, PhD Program Manager
Miriam Smyth, PhD Acting Director of CSRD

Public Participants: None

OPEN SESSION:

- I. Dr. Paula Bickford called the meeting to order.
- II. Dr. Michael Burgio led the roll call of the Board Members and BLCS staff.
- III. Service Directors' Remarks were given by Dr. Holly Krull and Dr. Miriam Smyth.
- IV. ORD Updates
 - Dr. Michael Burgio presented a review on the Transition from Services to Portfolios.
 - Dr. Michael Burgio reported the Fall 2023 cycle results.

CLOSED SESSION:

- I. Subcommittee Chairs presented the results and subsequent recommendations of their respective subcommittee meeting. Chairs not present at the meeting will be sent an email asking them to concur with their respective panel recommendations.

- II. Proposed next meeting date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 3PM EDT.
- III. Dr. Bickford adjourned the meeting at 4:30 PM EST.

/s/Paula Bickford, Ph.D.
Committee Chair
Date: July 30, 2024