

**Illinois Department of Public Health
Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
April 16, 2009**

Attendance:

Members

David Bennett, MD
Tom Berkshire
Jerome Epplin, MD
Dennis McManus, MD
Christopher Randolph, Ph.D.
Darby Morhardt, MSW
Donald Pearson, MD
Larry Lindahl, MD
Sharon Roberts, RN, BSN, NHA, MA
John M. Smith
Erna Colborn
Jan Cichowlas, Ph.D., JD
Rhonda Clancy, IDPH

Guests

Tom Ala, MD, SIU
Greg Bellaver, SIU
Bob Struble, SIU
Greg Kyrouac, SIU
Rindi Reeves, Egyptian AAA

Handouts: agenda, December 15, 2008 meeting summary, Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund (ADRF) score/rank forms, and FY 2010 timeline.

Welcome and Introductions— The Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee (Committee) met on April 16, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Sangamon/Prairie Conference Rooms, Southern Illinois University, School of Medicine. Rhonda Clancy thanked the group for their efforts to review FY2010 ADRF applications and asked the group if they liked the new electronic submission and review process. All Committee members responded that they did prefer the electronic method. Each member introduced themselves.

Approval of December 15, 2008 Advisory Committee Meeting Summary—A motion was made and seconded to approve the summary.

Update on available funds—Rhonda reported that there were a total of 17 applications received by the Illinois Department of Public Health (Department). Of those, three were not eligible for further review due to flaws in their application content. A total of 14 applications were reviewed March 5, 2009 by the Peer Review Panel. Rhonda also reported that there is approximately \$350,000 to fund FY10 ADRF grants; therefore, more applications than in the past years could be funded in FY10. The group discussed that they would prefer to fund only "worthy" grants even if the entire \$350,000 was not expended. The remaining funds could roll-over to be considered for next year's grants.

There was a question and discussion regarding increasing the amount of each award from \$30/35,000 to \$50,000. This would require a revision of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules Administrative Code. Rhonda agreed to share this request with Department management.

[NOTE: Since the 4/16/09 meeting, Rhonda has submitted this request to the Division Chief, who has discussed it with the Deputy Director. Status will be updated as received.]

Discussion of applications--A motion was made and seconded not to conduct further Committee review on four applications (of 14), due to poor scores and comments from the Peer Review Panel, unless requested by an Committee member. A total of 11 applications were discussed by lead reviewers and other Committee members.

Reports from lead reviewers-- Each of the 11 remaining FY10 ADRF applications were reviewed and discussed with individual application scores recorded by each member on their score/rank form. As each application was discussed, any member(s) with a conflict of interest left the room. After all of the applications were reviewed, members completed their score/rank forms before submission to the Department. Review forms were collected.

Completed score sheets—Rather than submitting electronically to Rhonda by Tuesday, April 21st, each member preferred to submit at the end of the meeting.

Committee membership—Rhonda reported that three nominees for vacant Committee positions were submitted in October 2008, and had not yet been confirmed. [NOTE: Since the 4/16/09 meeting, Rhonda has received confirmation on the three nominees. Names were shared with the Committee.)

FY 2011 time line—The timeline for FY11 was shared with the group.

The next meeting will be on December 10, 2009 from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM, location TBD.

The Committee was thanked for their assistance and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.