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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Name: Pediatric Cancer Research Trust Fund Board

Meeting Location: DPH Commissioner's Conference Room, Frankfort, Kentucky

Meeting Date & Time: January 7, 2020; 10:00 a.m.

Present:

- Jamie E. Bloyd, MPA, Pediatric Cancer Survivor Parent Representative
- Julie Brooks, KDPH, Commissioner's Office
- Angela Dearing, MD, KDPH Commissioner
- John D'Orazio, MD, UK Children's Hospital
- Janet C. Luttrell, KDPH, Chronic Disease Prevention Branch
- Devon McFadden, KDPH, Division of Prevention & Quality Improvement
- Ashok Raj, MD, Norton Children's Cancer Institute
- Heather Shaw, Survivor/Parent
- Tracey Sparks, KDPH, Chronic Disease Prevention Branch
- Judy Theriot, MD, Proxy for CHFS Secretary
- Kristy Young, American Cancer Society

Welcome and Introductions:

- Jamie Bloyd welcomed everyone in attendance and the meeting was called to order.

Action Items: None

Previous Meeting Minutes:

- The December meeting minutes were emailed to board members in advance of the January meeting for review.
- Dr. Judy Theriot moved that the minutes be approved and Dr. John D'Orazio seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by the board as written.

Action Items: None

New Business:

- FY 19/20 Unspent Funds
 - Janet Luttrell summarized how much each contract has spent thus far in FY20.
 - Dr. John D'Orazio suggested limiting grant applications to \$250,000 per year.
 - Jamie Bloyd made a motion to extend contracts of current grantees for an additional year to allow grantees time to complete their projects with their unspent funds. At the end of one year (FY21) the PCRTF board will then determine how to distribute all unspent funds.
 - John D'Orazio seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Action Items:

- *None*

Old Business:

- 2020 Legislative Session
 - Julie Brooks reported that CHFS is in conversation with the new administration regarding amending the statute. The amendment is being added to larger legislation within the Cabinet. Jamie asked if the funding request is being supported by the Cabinet. Julie will follow up with her on that item. Julie reported that Eric Friedlander is the current acting secretary for CHFS.
 - Jamie reported that she met with Governor Beshear's office to explain the vision of the trust fund. She also reported that the Governor's Office committed to maintain the \$5 million in the 2021 budget for the trust fund. Jamie encouraged an additional \$2.5 million for a total of \$7.5 million for FY21 with a priority of geographical disparities.
 - The Governor also expressed an interest in continuing PJammin at the Mansion during his term in office.
 - Child Advocacy Day will be held on January 23, 2020 at about noon.
 - Pediatric cancer and the American Cancer Society will combine their events on February 23, 2020.
 - On March 16-20, 2020, the tunnel between the Capital Annex and Capital Building will feature the faces of children diagnosed with cancer.
 - Jamie explained how the Pediatric Cancer Foundation works as a non-profit arm of the PCRTF to receive donations that are tax deductible. Some of these funds are used for social media buys, videos for legislative sessions, awareness videos, and scientific peer reviews.
- Financial Update
 - Janet Luttrell provided a written financial update in board member packets.
- Discussion of FY 21/22 Grant applications
 - There was much discussion regarding which grant applications to fund for FY21.
 - It was determined to keep the funding between the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville as equal as possible.
 - It was determined to fund the following University of Louisville projects:
 - CAR-T Therapies to Children with High-Risk Malignancies - \$1,000,000
 - GMP Facility - \$1,000,000
 - DFMO Phase 2 - \$377,000
 - Immunosuppressive Tumor Microenvironment - \$300,000
 - Psycho Social Roadmap - \$175,106
 - It was determined to fund the following University of Kentucky projects:
 - Molecular Tumor Board - \$664,604
 - MEDs for Preventing Metastases in Pediatric Osteosarcoma - \$629,000
 - Pediatric Brain and Central Nervous System Tumors - \$500,000
 - Artesunate as a Novel Treatment for Childhood AML - \$857,491
 - Dr. D'Orazio made a motion to fund the above 9 projects at 90% funding based on receiving \$5,000,000 from the state budget and that the board will consider additional projects and further funding of projects at the April 28, 2020 board meeting pending final budget approval. Jamie Bloyd seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Action Items:

- *Janet Luttrell will send out emails/letters to each applicant to inform them whether they are still being considered for funding and they the board will know more and notify them of the final decision after the April 28, 2020 board meeting. Each applicant still in the running will be asked for a budget modification at 90% funding.*

Next Meeting Date

- The next board meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2020 at 10 a.m. at the KDPH Commissioner's Conference Room, 1st Floor KDPH Building, Frankfort, Kentucky.