

## **Breast Cancer Research Council Meeting Minutes**

**May 19, 2023: Council Funding Meeting**

**Members Present:** Abigail Arons, Clara Omogbai, Phyllis Howard, Rati Fotedar, Sharon Pitteri, Svetlana Popova, Bryan Goldner, Erika Bell, Michele Atlan, Salma Shariff-Marco, Amanda Heier, Ujwala Rajgopal

**Members Absent:** Abigail Arons, Chris Meda

**Staff:** Katherine McKenzie, Lisa Minniefield, Mhel Kavanaugh-Lynch, Senaida Poole, Sharima Rasanayagam

**Guests:** Nathalie Zamora (DEI recipient presentation)

**I. Call to Order:** Clara called the council to order at 10:08pm.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** The council reviewed the minutes from the April meeting.

MOTION: Michele moved (Sharon seconded) that the council approve the April minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Cycle 29 Core Funding:** Mhel presented the resource allocation, reviewing the available funding and explained how the funds are allocated. Katie reviewed the council's procedures for selecting which grants to fund. The council discussed their rationales for their scoring, viewed the scientific scores and made recommendations for funding. Council members also designated the Faith Fancher and Tax Check-Off awards. The group had a thorough discussion on the grants that were selected to be funded. All the grants that council approved were able to be funded.

MOTION: Rati moved (Phyllis seconded) to fund all the grants that were recommended for funding. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. DEI Supplement Recipient Presentation:** Nathalie Zamora presented on her experience working with a PI which was funded by The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion supplement.

Ujwala did her Meet-a-Member Presentation, and we recognized outgoing members at lunch.

**V. Program Initiative Funding:** Sharima led the discussion for the Local Level Needs, Early life Exposures, and Biomonitoring applications. The group had a lengthy discussion for each proposal and their scoring rationale.

MOTION: Clara moved (Ujwala seconded) to fund the Local Level Needs grant. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Michele moved (Bryan seconded) to fund the Early Life Exposures grant. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Phyllis moved (Ujwala seconded) to fund the Biomonitoring grant. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. Cycle 30 Draft Call for Applications:** The council ran out of time to discuss and vote on the Call. Katie will email the group requesting their approval.

**VII. RFPs: Immigration, Chemicals Mixtures, and Many Pathways to Cancer:** the council ran out of time to discuss and vote on the RFPs. Lisa will schedule a short Zoom meeting in July to discuss and vote on the proposals.

**VIII. Priority-Setting Action Items Debrief:** NA

**IX. Director's Report:** NA

**X. Announcements:** none

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

**Follow up Conference Call 10-12**

**July 11, 2023**

**RFPs: Immigration, Chemicals Mixtures, and Many Pathways to Cancer:** the council met via Zoom to discuss and vote on the Immigration, Chemical Mixtures, and Many Pathways RFPs. The group discussed each proposal and suggested edits. They approved the release of the three RFPs once those changes were applied.