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ADVISORY COMMITTEE
of the Connecticut Bioscience Innovation Fund
Minutes – Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 24, 2018

A regular meeting of the **Connecticut Bioscience Innovation Fund** (“the Bioscience Fund”) **Advisory Committee** (the “Committee”) was held on January 24, 2018, at Connecticut Innovations, Inc., 865 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, CT.

Call to Order: Noting the presence of a quorum, Mr. McCooe, Chairperson of the Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Committee members present: Peter Farina, Ph.D. (by phone); William LaRochelle, Ph.D. (by phone); Charles Lee, Ph.D. (by phone); Haifan Lin, Ph.D.; Matthew McCooe; Alan Mendelson; Kevin Rakin (by phone); Catherine Smith, Commissioner of the CT Department of Economic and Community Development; and Jon Soderstrom, Ph.D. (by phone).

Absent: Yvonne Addo, Deputy Commissioner DPH; and Seth Feuerstein, M.D.

Staff Attending: Whitney Brown (CI); Amanda Hayward (CI); Heidi Marshall (CI); Pauline Murphy (CI); Jamie Rinaldi (CI); Daniel Wagner (CI); and Carrie White (CI).

Other Guests: Murat Gunel, M.D. Yale University

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. McCooe asked the Committee members to consider the minutes from the December 20, 2017 regular meeting.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Lin, seconded by Mr. Mendelson, the Advisory Committee members voted unanimously in favor of adopting the minutes from the December 20, 2017 meeting as presented. (Ms. Smith was not present for the vote).

Connecticut Microbiome Initiative Co-Marketing Proposal:

Mr. McCooe presented the revised Connecticut Microbiome Initiative (CMI) Co-Marketing proposal including input and combined efforts from Yale University, The Jackson Laboratory, and University of Connecticut. He stated that the CMI will establish Connecticut’s leadership in microbiome innovation and business development, providing the opportunity for sustained economic expansion in the decades to follow. A discussion ensued.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Mendelson, seconded by Dr. Lin, the Advisory Committee members voted unanimously in favor of approving the Connecticut Microbiome Initiative Co-Marketing proposal. (Mr. Lee abstained from the vote).

The CT Precision Medicine Initiative (CT-PMI):

Mr. Rakin dropped off the call and was not present for the discussion.

Dr. Hayward gave a brief introduction regarding The CT Precision Medicine Initiative (CT-PMI). She then introduced Dr. Murat Gunel who gave a brief overview of the proposal.

The presentation was followed by a question and answer session with Dr. Gunel and the Advisory Committee.

Noting a potential conflict of interest, Dr. Lin left the room and Dr. Soderstrom left the call, both were recused from the subsequent Advisory Committee discussion of The CT Precision Medicine Initiative (CT-PMI) proposal.

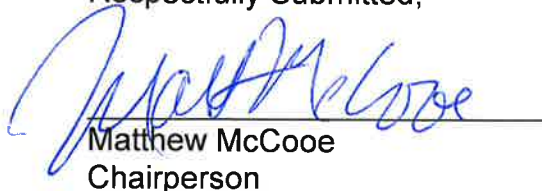
A discussion ensued and subsequently concluded with the Advisory Committee asking Dr. Gunel to provide additional follow-up information.

Other Business: There was no other business.

Adjournment:

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Mr. Mendelson, the Advisory Committee members voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the meeting at 11:40 a.m. (Dr. Lin and Mr. Rakin were not present for the vote).

Respectfully Submitted,


Matthew McCooe
Chairperson