Advisory Committee of the Regenerative Medicine Research Fund

Special Meeting Tuesday, October 18, 2016

A special meeting of the **Regenerative Medicine Research Fund Advisory Committee** (the "Committee") was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at the office of Connecticut Innovations, 865 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

<u>Call to Order</u>: Noting the presence of a quorum, Mr. Wurzer called the Advisory Committee meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Committee members present: David Wurzer (acting Chair); Ronald Hart, Ph.D. (by phone); Christopher Heinen, Ph.D. (by phone); James Hughes, Ph.D. (by phone); Diane Krause, Ph.D. (by phone); Daniel Devine (by phone); Rosalba Sacca, Ph.D. (by phone).

Other Attendees: Phil Siuta (CI); Ariel Drew (CI); Leslie Larson (CI); Whitney Brown, Ph.D. (CI).

2016 Funding Award Update

Mr. Siuta stated that the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) has approved \$10M of the \$16M that was requested by Connecticut Innovations (CI) to support funding of awards made from the Regenerative Medicine Research Fund (RMRF) through FYE June 30, 2016. He stated that there is a delay in OPM's approval process for the FY 2016 RMRF award cycle, and the \$6M has not yet been received. Per OPM, it is anticipated CI will receive the \$6M for the FY 2016 awards by December, 2016. As a result of the funding delay, Mr. Siuta recommended the Committee and CI delay execution of legal documents for the FY 2016 awards until the \$6M has been received by CI from OPM. A discussion ensued.

Ms. Drew informed the Committee that a special meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks to review and approve the final 2017 RFP documents. As discussed by the Committee in previous meetings, the 2017 RFP process will follow the same timeline as previous years, with an anticipated release date of mid-November, 2016, and a deadline for submission of mid-December.

Adjournment:

Upon a motion made by Dr. Heinen, seconded by Dr. Hart, the Advisory Committee members voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at 10:18 a.m. VOTE: 7-0-0 (In favor: Heinen, Hughes, Sacca, Devine, Hart, Krause, Wurzer).

Respectfully Submitted,

David M. Wurzer, Acting Chair Connecticut Innovations