

**OPERATIONAL SUB-COMMITTEE**  
**of the Regenerative Medicine Research Fund**  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, November 26, 2019

A regular meeting of the Regenerative Medicine Research Fund (RMRF) Operational Sub-Committee (the "Sub-Committee") was held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at the office of Connecticut Innovations, Inc. ("CI"), 865 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, Connecticut.

**Call to Order:** Noting the presence of a quorum, the Sub-Committee meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m.

Sub-Committee members present: Ronald Hart, Ph.D. (by phone); Rosalba Sacca Ph.D.(by phone).

Sub-Committee members absent: Mark Tomishima, Ph.D.

Other Attendees: Isolde Bates (UConn, by phone); Whitney Brown CI by phone); David Wurzer (CI); Leslie Larson (CI); Allison Bonds (Yale, by phone); Jennifer Johnson (UConn, by phone).

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Wurzer, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, and acting Chairperson and Secretary of the meeting, asked the Sub-Committee members to consider the minutes from the October 22, 2019 Sub-Committee meeting.

**Upon a motion made by Dr. Sacca, seconded by Dr. Hart, the Operational Sub-Committee members voted unanimously in favor of adopting the minutes from the October 22, 2019 meeting.**

**Operational Action Item:**

**No-Cost Extension:**

The Sub-Committee members considered approval of the following no-cost extension and rebudget request.

15-RMB-YALE-06 Lu

**Upon a motion made by Dr. Hart, seconded by Dr. Sacca, the Operational Sub-Committee members voted unanimously in favor of approving the no-cost extension and rebudget request for 15-RMB-YALE-06 Lu.**

**Other Business:**

UConn representative Ms. Johnson provided the Sub-Committee with a status report and an operational plan (see attached) in conjunction with the P.I., Craig Nelson, being put on administrative leave for 16-RMB-UCONN-04 Nelson, as requested by the Sub-Committee. Mr. Wurzer indicated that he had a high level of regard for Dr. Michael Lynes who will provide onsite supervision of the graduate students. Ms. Johnson confirmed that Mr. Nelson has permission to use University resources to provide input to the project while on administrative leave. After reviewing the additional information provided by UCONN, including oversight of the project, as outlined, the Sub-Committee indicated it had no objection to continuing the funding as originally agreed upon.

**Adjournment:**

**Upon a motion made by Dr. Hart, seconded by Dr. Sacca, the Operational Sub-Committee members voted in favor of adjourning the meeting at 12:12 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,



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David M. Wurzer  
Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer  
Connecticut Innovations, Inc.,  
Acting Chairperson

# UConn

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

November 15, 2019

Connecticut Innovations  
865 Brook Street  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067

RMRF Committee:

Re: Assistance Agreement: 16-RMB-UConn-04  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Craig Nelson  
Project Entitled: "A Catalog of Cell Types in the Early Organogenesis Embryo — A Single Cell. Lineage Map, Phase 1"

I am writing to provide additional information in follow-up to the e-mail submitted by Matthew Cahill on September 26, 2019 regarding Dr. Craig Nelson's administrative leave and to request your permission on the University's plan for continuing the project under Dr. Nelson. While on administrative leave, Dr. Nelson is continuing to lead, supervise the students and direct the project, "A Catalog of Cell Types in the Early Organogenesis Embryo - A Single Cell. Lineage Map, Phase 1" funded by Connecticut Innovations.

Dr. Nelson may not be on campus without prior approval while on administrative leave. Dr. Nelson is fully engaged by email and videoconferencing with the graduate students on his research team, and there has been regular exchange of data and manuscript materials as they proceed with the experimental goals of the Connecticut Innovations project. Dr. Nelson is directing the design of ongoing experiments, managing the interpretation of data, and leading the discussion of how their data relates to data from other research groups. In this, he is bringing his expertise in developmental systems and bioinformatics analysis to bear on these issues. Dr. Michael Lynes will be included in all communications as a requirement of this arrangement. He will also assist with any onsite supervision of the graduate students working on this project as requested by Dr. Craig Nelson.

Dr. Nelson is the only person with the complete overview of the research project. He also has unique skills and expertise that are required for certain phases of the project.

**Although there are other investigators with roles in the project, they are experts in subsections of the broad scope of the project. With the technology available to facilitate communications between Dr. Nelson and his team and the nature of this project,** the University is not pursuing naming another Principal Investigator to take over the project while Dr. Nelson is on administrative leave.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with you any questions you may have.

**Sincerely,**

**Jennifer M. Johnson**  
**Associate Director of Award Management and Accounting**