

Meeting Summary
Nebraska Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

February 9, 2024
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (Central Time)
Virtual WebEx Meeting

Participants: Dr. Howard Fox (University of Nebraska Medical Center, for Dr. Bradley Britigan), Dr. Laura Hansen (Creighton University, for Dr. Robert Dunlay), Dr. David Owens (Columbia University), Dr. Dennis Roop (University of Colorado – Denver), Dr. Rui Yi (Northwestern University)

DHHS Staff: Sue Medinger

1. There were no changes to the agenda.
2. There were no changes to the summary of the June 2023 meeting.
3. The Committee discussed the draft Request for Applications (RFA). Sue highlighted changes in the wording regarding matching funds and the evaluation criteria. There was discussion regarding the change in the perspective of the match. As per state statute, the Stem Cell Research Cash Fund shall be used to provide a dollar-for-dollar match of funds received by institutions or researchers from sources other than funds provided by the State of Nebraska for nonembryonic stem cell research. Instead of providing a line-item budget for the RFA grant funds and matching funds, applicants will need to provide a line-item budget for only RFA funds and an attestation form to indicate the amount of funds to be received by the applicant from sources other than state funds and the sources of such funds. Laura and Howard are going to check with their legal offices on the wording in the attestation form (last page of the draft RFA). [Laura and Howard did check with their institutions and submitted a minor change to the attestation form, which is approved – see the attached.]

Rui Yi commented that he thought the change to the application evaluation information was good and liked that it aligned more with NIH's evaluation process.

4. There were no comments on researchers reports.
5. Sue explained that committee reappointments have not been made official as of yet by the Legislature. However, existing appointments will continue until the Legislature does make formal approval.
6. Sue will send optional dates for the committee's next meeting to be late May 2024.