

RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 17, 2018

Time: 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Place: Conference Room A324

Members present: Chair: Jeff Burgess, Melanie Bell, Kacey Ernst, Doug Taren, David Marrero, Jaimie Boehmer, Kristen Pogreba-Brown, Aminata Kilungo, (Admin: Suzanna Trejo) **(Absent:** Cyndi Thomson)

Presenter: Kristen Pogreba-Brown and Aminata Kilungo

1. Presentation of previously proposed RFP

- a. RFP: Request for proposal
- b. RFP was for funding from the Gates Foundation
- c. Kristen brought in a newly revised document for review, focused more on the research concept
- d. Project has 4 Co-PI's, trying to determine who would be the best PI
- e. Project details:
 - i. Focusing on campylobacter – multiple species
 - ii. Vaccine?
 1. In development for poultry
 - a. Trials have only been conducted in the USA
 - iii. Target?
 1. Whole genome sequencing of different species
 - iv. Hypothesis?
 1. They are still working on it
 - v. Kristen wants to take more of a One Health (environmental health study) approach rather than an EPI study
 - vi. Does malnutrition play a role?
 - vii. Observation study/perspective cohort
- f. Requests from Gates Foundation
 - i. Letter of interest only at this point

2. Comments from Committee

- a. How are we answering the big picture?
- b. What is the specific transmission in these communities?
- c. What are the overarching goals?
 - i. Show that the team can do it
 - ii. Show “why” your team
 1. Focus on uniqueness of assembled team
 2. It's an innovative idea and approach to this type of problem
 - iii. Added the tracer study
 1. Allowed them to show in real-time how the trace moves
 - iv. Create a new table showing the different sampling
 - v. Provide a map

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3. Discussion of RAC Concept Review – Committee discussion only

- a. This was more of a review of a research concept(s) versus AIMS page review
- b. Jeff asked the committee what are their thoughts of RAC reviews focusing on this type of review?
 - i. Melanie: No, would not like to continue this in the future
 - ii. Doug & David: Yes, wouldn't mind continuing these types of reviews if the PI finds it useful
 - 1. Note: Kristen and Aminata did find the review helpful according to comments after the review took place

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Jaimie – Helped Kristen get in touch with someone on main campus to assist with writing and submitted this proposal to the Gates Foundation
- 2. Suzanna – send out possible dates for regular monthly meeting time and dates

REMINDER: *** Next meeting: August 13, 2018