

NATIONAL PROCESSED RASPBERRY COUNCIL
Research Committee
Teleconference

July 3, 2013, 11:00 a.m., PDT

Committee Members Participating:

<input type="radio"/> William Beadle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adam Enfield
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Christensen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sukh Kahlon
<input type="radio"/> Jon Cotton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erin Thoeny
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Dhaliwal	

Others Participating:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Krugman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Coy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Skilton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leigh Selby

x = present o = absent

GOAL: Obtain Committee approval for research program and budget narrative.

MEETING DELIVERABLES:

A. Establish Quorum

The meeting was called to order by Adam at 11:01 a.m. A quorum was established. Adam opened by stating that the Research Plan Narrative was well put together and provided a good focus for this year's research.

B. Narrative Overview

Tom Krugman was asked to review the projects being recommended for funding, and how the proposals were obtained. Tom stated that a request for proposals went out to current Washington Red Raspberry Commission (WRRRC) researchers and their colleagues last Fall. Of the proposals received, three were inter-related (Crozier, Del Rio, Gill), and were being recommended for funding as part of the FY 2014 budget because they would provide much needed information on bio-availability and bio-mechanisms of action in the areas of diabetes, cardiovascular disease and colonic cancer. The fourth project (Juma) being recommended for FY 2014 funding would address osteoporosis issues and utilize human patients. The other potential research projects for which proposals were received have merit but were not being recommended for funding at this time, and instead may be considered for potential funding in a future fiscal year.

Rob felt the projects had good focus and reinforced existing work. He thought that proposed studies utilizing human studies were very positive but suggested that any projects dealing with metabolic syndrome should be re-considered prior to funding. Sukh agreed that these

were good foundation studies but wanted to make sure there is scientific oversight to ensure that the projects are directed at the proper diseases. Leigh noted that at the recent Berry Health Benefits Symposium, proposed research studies had been reviewed by Raspberry Roundtable participants including Howard Sesso (Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard University), Karen Collins (American Institute of Cancer Research spokesperson), and Britt Burton-Freeman (Illinois Institute of Technology) and were appropriate for further study.

Michael asked about the relationship each researcher had with the WRRRC. Tom Krugman responded that Crozier had worked on projects for the WRRRC in the past, with Del Rio and Gill serving as co-collaborators in his lab. Juma had been recommended by Navindra Seeram whom the WRRRC has funded in the past.

Finally, Tom K was asked to explain the "Program Management and Services" section of the narrative. Tom said that this included direct costs attributable to the Research program.

C. Committee Action

With no further discussion or questions, Adam asked for a motion to approve the FY 2014 Research Plan Narrative as presented. Rob moved and Michael seconded approval of the Narrative. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Other Business

Rob asked that Leigh be invited to the November meeting to participate in the discussion on health research. Tom K. noted that the approved budget should support Leigh's participation in the November meeting and that she would be invited.

Sukh suggested that the Committee consider recruiting one or more persons with a medical background to join the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other Committee business, the call adjourned at 11:46 a.m. PDT.