

# Indiana Spinal Cord & Brain Injury Research Fund Board

## Meeting Agenda

October 16, 2025 5:00 pm

Neurosciences NB Room 100 (next to Goodman Hall)

**Parking Instructions:** Park in the Neuroscience Center parking garage at 362 W 15th St. After parking, enter the IU Health Neuroscience Center from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the garage. Walk towards the east end of the building, pass the information desk, pass Sonny's Bistro, and enter the Neurosciences Research Building (NB) near the eating area just outside of Sonny's. Upon entering NB, the conference room is on your right.

### I. Attendees

#### Board Members

1. Henry Feuer – *Chair* in person attendance
2. Janeen Earwood unable to attend
3. Michael Freeman did not attend
4. Kira Hudson did not attend
5. Sheryl Katta-Charles did not attend
6. Bruce Lamb in person attendance
7. Wade Lange in person attendance
8. Sachin Mehta – virtual attendance
9. Ross Nelson - virtual attendance
10. Whitney Pratt did not attend
11. Howard Zelaznik in person attendance

#### Supporting Staff:

1. Brian Busching, IDoH in person attendance
2. Lisa Weedman, IDoH virtual attendance
3. Julie Driscoll, Indiana CTSI in person attendance

### II. Agenda Topics

#### 1. Approval of March 2025 Minutes – All

- Dr Feuer, Board Chair took roll call for attendance and opened the meeting with March meeting minutes review.
- Mr. Lange made a motion to approve the minutes and Dr. Lamb seconded. Dr. Feuer took roll call and all members present (physically and virtual) approved the minutes.

#### 2. ISCBIR Chair Voting - *Brian Busching*

Mr. Busching indicated that there was one nomination for Board Chair. He distributed ballots and then collected them from the four in person members. Dr. Mehta and Ross Nelson were asked to email their votes for Dr. Feuer's Board Chair position to Mr. Busching. Mr. Busching announced that Dr. Feuer was unanimously approved as Chair for the 2026 Board year.

#### 3. ABT Subcommittee Update –*Wade Lange*

- New review document
- New marketing strategies
- Discussion on potential for revising the Statute as it pertains to ABT
- Mr. Lange presented suggested changes to the ABT RFA. The goal was to make the RFA less prescriptive and more broadly available to new services and prospective organizations.

#### ○ Consider milestone-based grants to ensure progress

#### **AGREED:**

- Language allowing cognitive therapy should be included as it would be beneficial and within the definition of ABT
- The name of the RFA should change to be more inclusive
- The RFA should keep the same dates/cycle

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**To be Determined:** Responsible parties to review progress reports

## **ACTIONS:**

- Mr. Busching to check with the IDOH Office of Legal Affairs to see if grants must be awarded if no applications are deemed meritorious based on statutory intent of funds and grants
- Mr. Busching to distribute the Trauma System Development RFA to Board members for awareness
- Ms. Driscoll to assist in scheduling ABT meeting with Drs. Feuer, Mehta and Mr. Lange, Mr. Freeman & Mr. Busching the last week of October or the first week of November

## **4. Discussion: How to Demonstrate Value of ISCBIR Funding – Henry Feuer**

- Dr. Feuer read his progress report synopsis. Although there have been many advancements in the research topics: visual cortex research, pain, hypoxia, etc. and they are close to a biomarker for concussions, advancements are incremental.
- Board needs to demonstrate value and ROI through media publications and successful advancements

### **AGREED:**

- Request grantees to submit summary during closeout
- Send progress report ask from Board following grant conclusion

**ACTION:** Ms. Driscoll to distribute the current impact survey and closeout survey

## **5. Updates – Brian Busching**

- IDOH Office of Legal Affairs – input regarding legislation
  - Mr. Busching indicated that the Board could serve in an advocacy role and make recommendations to IDOH for any revisions to Statute.
- Conference
  - Board discussed options for moving forward. The IDOH has limited conference resources.
    - To offset that Dr. Lamb offered to provide some of IUH's event planner's time to assist.
    - External partners could also help solicit sponsorships for the conference

**AGREED:** Value would be in a physically attended conference.

**ACTION:** Mr. Busching to follow up with Dr. Mehta and Wendy Waldman at BIAA to determine if a combined conference and assistance would be possible and/or explore other avenues of approach (potential partners)

- University of Evansville ABT inquiry
  - Mr. Busching shared he received guidance from the IDOH Office of Legal Affairs and they determined that the inquiry/program would be eligible to apply for and receive a grant from the ISCBI Board.

**ACTION:** Ms. Driscoll will communicate with the University of Evansville investigator

## **6. Next Meeting? – All**

**ACTION:** Ms. Driscoll to set up in meeting in March to be sure RFAs are ready for posting