

California Institute for Regenerative Medicine

#1 Overview

External Review

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Purpose of Review Process

Formal assessment by an outside panel of the 2006 plan was recommended at years three and seven. Year 1 for the plan was designated to to start July 1, 2007

- Goals of the evaluation process are:
 - Evaluate CIRM's programs against its goals
 - Assess effectiveness in moving CIRM towards meeting its goals and accomplishing its mission
 - Recommend changes in CIRM's funding priorities to ensure that CIRM is supporting the most promising advances in the field of regenerative medicine
 - Other feedback as necessary

CIRM Timeline



Proposition 71

- Approved by 59% of CA voters (2004)
- Authorized \$3 billion of State Obligation Bonds to fund stem cell research in CA (max \$300mill/yr) <6% for admin.
- Established a 29 member Board that meets in public with CIRM Management (>8 times/yr) – all final funding decisions made by Board
- Required development of medical and ethical standards



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Strategic Approach



Core Programs: Sustaining a Pipeline



"Valley of Death"

Clinical Investigation (future)

A New Institute – Allocation of funds – June 2010 Max 6% on admin and grants management



Where are we in the pipeline?



Leverage of Benefit To California

Publications, IP, expanding research sector, jobs, competitive advantage - **DISCOVERY**

> Research teams, Biotech companies, jobs - TRANSLATION

Clinical trials, cures, quality of life improvement, reduced health care costs - CLINICAL BENEFITS



Major Milestones

- 364 research and facilities grants awarded
- 53 CA Institutes/Companies with CIRM grants
- 12 new institutes and centers of regenerative medicine ~\$1 billion (\$271mill from CIRM)
- \$1.07 Billion in grants allocated
- Over 600 major scientific papers published
- 102 new stem cell researchers in California
- Two clinical trials arising from CIRM funding
- 14 Disease Teams (preclinical) awarded up to \$20mill grants aimed for IND (FDA) within 4yrs
- First Clinical RFA released for hESC derived therapy





Vision

- Maintain a strong discovery platform of basic research
- Training the next generation of stem cell scientists
- Link the best researchers globally with California
- Encourage team collaborations across institutes, state boundaries, public-private sectors
- Manage the portfolio to optimize outcomes
- Be open to new developments and embrace innovation with optimism
- Recognize excellence in basic and translational research and support their new directions

CIRM Operational Excellence





Questions to consider

- Is CIRM selecting proposals that will maximally accelerate the field?
- Does CIRM's Core Grant program offer a sufficient blend of predictability and flexibility to get the best proposals?
- Are we providing effective oversight to maximize the pace of success of individual projects and the synergy between projects?
- Which process improvements deserve the highest priority?
- Should CIRM speed up its rate of investment or reserve more funds to better take advantage of advances in the field?
- Is there something more CIRM should be doing to get effective handoff to industry?
- Should CIRM be doing more to assure Intellectual Property discovered with its funding is properly protected with patents?
- Which new initiatives under consideration (page 40 in Briefing) deserve highest priority?
- Which initiatives should CIRM engage in to mitigate potential challenges?
- Should CIRM seek added financing to extend its funding program?

