

ABOUT THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (ICOC)

The Board of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) is governed by 35 dedicated Californians representing patients, researchers, and the biotech industry whose passion and commitment has guided CIRM since its inception. These board members serve on six subcommittees and on four working groups that provide recommendations to the board regarding CIRM funding, ethical standards, and facilities.

SUBCOMMITTEES – *Consist of members of the Board only*



APPLICATION REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE (ARS)

The ARS is composed of the members of the ICOC from biotechnology institutions and patient advocates. They review the Grants Working Group's recommendations for research funding and makes decisions on applications for research funding.



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IP) & INDUSTRY SUBCOMMITTEE

Develops intellectual property policies and regulations and engages industry as a partner to advance CIRM's mission and to protect the interests of the State of California in CIRM-funded research.



GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Reviews language and makes comments upon policies related to management of the ICOC and CIRM.



COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Provides information to the general public and to community leaders on the progress of the agency in meeting its mission.



FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Develops and provides guidance on policies and strategies for CIRM bond financing, CIRM's budget and internal controls, and the ongoing analysis of CIRM's economic impact.



SCIENCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Responsible for considering and recommending policies relating to CIRM's scientific programs.

WORKING GROUPS – *Consist of members of the Board and outside experts*



ACCESSIBILITY & AFFORDABILITY WORKING GROUP (AAWG)

Provides recommendations to the ICOC to examine, develop, and assist with the implementation of financial models to enhance the accessibility and affordability of treatments and cures arising from CIRM-funded research.



FACILITIES WORKING GROUP

Makes recommendations on standards to the ICOC for applications and awards for facilities funding for nonprofits institutions in California.



GRANTS WORKING GROUP (GWG)

The Grants Working Group (GWG) is responsible for evaluating the scientific merit of all applications submitted to CIRM and provides funding recommendations to the ICOC.



STANDARDS WORKING GROUP

Makes recommendations on scientific, medical and ethical standards pertaining to stem cell research and on compliance of adopted standards, as well as on modifications to standards.