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AGENDA ITEM 10
Consideration of Amendments to GWG Bylaws

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Purpose

- Amendments intended to:

  (1) update bylaws since last amendments in 2013; and

  (2) conform bylaws to CIRM 2.0 process.

Significant Changes

- Clarify GWG's role in overseeing the progress of funded projects.
- Engage the Patient Advocate Members of the GWG in a more active capacity by inviting a Patient Advocate Member to serve as a reviewer on each application.
- Modify the scoring system for clinical applications submitted in response to PA 15-01, 15-02, and 15-03.

New Scoring System for 2.0 Applications

- Goal of the new system is to obtain clear direction about whether to fund a proposal, send it back to the applicant for refinement and resubmission, or recommend against funding.
- Pursuant to this system, Scientific Members would assign a score of 1, 2, or 3, as signified below, to each application:
  - ✓ A score of “1” means that the application has exceptional merit and warrants funding;
  - ✓ A score of “2” means that the application needs improvement and does not warrant funding at this time, but could be resubmitted to address areas of improvement; and
  - ✓ A score of “3” means that the application is sufficiently flawed that it does not warrant funding, and the same project should not be resubmitted for review.

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- CIRM team will tally the numbers of scientific members who assigned a score of 1, 2 and 3, respectively, and will present that information for each application to the entire GWG.
  - ✓ If a plurality of members has assigned a score of 1 or 2, then that score will constitute the recommendation of the GWG, e.g.:

    Score 1 = 8 votes

    Score 2 = 6 votes

    Score 3 = 1 vote

    Application placed in Tier 1 (recommended for funding)

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- ✓ If eight or more members have assigned a score of 3, then that score will constitute the recommendation of the GWG, e.g.:

  Score 2 = 6 votes

  Score 3 = 9 votes

  Application placed in Tier 3 (not recommended for funding)

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- ✓ If there is no plurality and there is a numerical tie between two or more scores, then any member of the GWG may make a motion to break the tie by assigning the application to Tier 1, 2, or 3, e.g.:

  Score 1 = 7 votes

  Score 2 = 7 votes

  Score 3 = 1 vote

  If a member moves that the application be assigned to Tier 2, and a majority of the GWG members (including Patient Advocates) approve the motion, then the application will be assigned to Tier 2. All members of the GWG may make and vote on these motions.

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- ✓ If a plurality of scientific members, but fewer than eight, have assigned a score of 3, then any member of the GWG may make a motion to assign the application to Tier 2 or 3, e.g.:

  Score 1 = 2 votes

  Score 2 = 6 votes

  Score 3 = 7 votes

  If a member moves that the application be assigned to Tier 2 and a majority of the GWG members (including Patient Advocates) approve the motion, then the application will be assigned to Tier 2 (not recommended for funding at this time but may be resubmitted).

- The CIRM team will present the GWG recommendations to the Board, along with the distribution of scores among the three tiers.
- Recommendation: Approve amendments to GWG Bylaws.

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