



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chair Bonneville and Members of the AAWG

**FROM:** Geoffrey Lomax Associate Director Medical Affairs and Policy

**SUBJECT:** Draft Concept Plan Community Care Centers of Excellence

**DATE:** October 9, 2023

### Background

The mission of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) is to *accelerate world class science to deliver transformative regenerative medicine treatments in an equitable manner to a diverse California and world*. The California Stem Cell Research, Treatments, and Cures Initiative of 2020 (Proposition-14) mandates the establishment of the Community Care Centers of Excellence (CCCE) Program to promote access across the state, to clinical trials, treatments and cures arising from CIRM-funded research.

CIRM initiated a statewide needs assessment in October 2022 to inform concept plan development. The needs assessment included three regional listening sessions, a statewide workshop (in person and virtual), engaging key informants and stakeholders. CIRM has provided the AAWG with needs assessment updates and has [compiled findings](#) to inform public deliberations.

Needs assessment participants included numerous stakeholder's integral to health care access. Participants included regional and community health centers, community health workers, elected officials, and community-based organizations. Stakeholders expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to partner with CIRM to expand access to regenerative medicine. Participants suggested that making treatments widely available to California patients will require approaches attuned to social determinants that vary both geographically and within defined sub-populations. Further, operational capacities and readiness to support clinical research and make treatments broadly available to California patients also varies geographically.

### Concept Plan Development:

The draft Concept Plan is intended to be responsive to the diversity of social determinants



and operational readiness identified in the needs assessment. The aim is to establish geographically diverse and culturally responsive centers of excellence to (1) support clinical research in collaboration with the Alpha Clinics Network, Patient Support Program, California CGT Manufacturing Network and other CIRM initiatives, (2) provide career development opportunities, and (3) conduct health education, research, and engagement activities in collaboration with community-based organizations. More detailed delineation of these objectives are described in the draft Concept Plan.

CIRM is recommending an allocation of \$60.12 million for funding of six CCCE awards.

The awards will include specified budget categories:

- (1) **Core Operations:** \$32.4 million.
- (2) **Community Partnerships:** \$6.0 million.
- (3) **Facilities Funding:** \$15 million.
- (4) **Indirect Costs:** \$6.72 million

**Requested Actions:**

CIRM requests a recommendation from the AAWG to advance the draft CCCE Concept Plan to the CIRM Science Subcommittee and ICOC.