

**PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
PATIENT ADVOCATE STIPEND FOR SERVICE ON WORKING GROUPS**

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill No. 1064 authorized CIRM to provide a stipend, in lieu of a per diem, to Patient Advocate members of the Working Groups to compensate them for their extraordinary commitment of time to CIRM. After negotiations with the Governor's Office, the Board amended its bylaws on August 18, 2010, to establish parameters for this compensation.

The Board's bylaws permit the Board to compensate the Patient Advocate members of the Grants Working Group and the Vice Chair and Co-Chair of the Facilities and Standards Working Groups, respectively, as follows:

The Board may establish a daily consulting rate for ICOC members of the Grants Working Group (excluding the Chair and the statutory Vice Chair of the Board) and the ICOC co-chairs of the Standards Working Group and the Facilities Working Group for the time spent by the ICOC members of the working groups in service on the working groups, provided that:

1. The Board determines, on an individual basis and at a public meeting, that the ICOC member's service on the working group requires an extraordinary commitment of time;
2. The daily consulting rate for the ICOC member does not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the daily consulting rate established for scientific members of the Grants Working Group; and
3. Total compensation to an ICOC member for his or her service on a working group shall not exceed \$15,000 per year unless the ICOC approves an exception at a public meeting.

REQUEST

In order to implement this policy, we propose that the Board:

1. Make a determination that service by each of the Patient Advocate members of the Grants Working Group (excluding the Chair and the statutory Vice Chair of the Board), and by the Vice Chair and Co-Chair of the

Facilities and Standards Working Groups, respectively, requires a substantial commitment of time;

2. Set the Patient Advocate stipend rate at 75% of the daily consulting rate for scientific members of the Grants Working Group;
3. Authorize the Chair of the Governing Board, after consulting with the Scientific Staff, to determine the number of days required for preparation and participation in a particular grant review for the Vice Chairs and regular Patient Advocate members of the Grants Working Group for purposes of calculating the stipend for service on that review panel, and reduce the stipend proportionally relative to the total time required if a member is only able to participate in a portion of the review meeting;¹
4. Authorize the Chair of the Governing Board, after consulting with staff, to determine the number of days required for preparation and participation in a particular meeting for the Vice Chair of the Facilities Working Group and the Co-Chair of the Standards Working Group for the purposes of calculating the stipend for the Vice Chair and Co-Chair of the Facilities and Standards Working Groups, respectively, for that meeting, and reduce the stipend proportionally relative to the total time required if a member is only able to participate in a portion of the meeting; and
5. Apply the \$15,000 annual cap on stipends on a fiscal year basis, unless the Governing Board approves an exception at a public meeting.

¹ Thus, a regular Patient Advocate member of the Grants Working Group would be eligible to receive 75% of the daily compensation paid to a regular Scientific member of the Grants Working Group and the Patient Advocate Vice Chairs would be eligible to receive 75% of the daily compensation paid to the Review Chair.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a motion:

(1) determining that service by each of the Patient Advocate members of the Grants Working Group, and by the Vice Chair and Co-Chair of the Facilities and Standards Working Groups, respectively, requires a substantial commitment of time; and

(2) adopting the proposed policy, as set forth above, for implementing the stipend.***

***** In order to avoid even the perception of a conflict, counsel recommends that the Patient Advocate members of the Grants Working Group, the Vice Chair of the Facilities Working Group, and the Co-Chair of the Standards Working Group abstain from participating in this discussion, unless they plan to waive the stipend.**