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CALIFORNIA'S STEM CELL AGENCY

Advisory Task Forces

- **Prop. 14 authorizes Chair and President to appoint advisory task forces to advise the Board regarding matters within CIRM's subject matter jurisdiction, such as scientific, ethical, technical, and financial matters**
- **Because task forces are advisory only and are prohibited from reviewing or commenting upon any application for funding, members are not subject to state conflict of interest laws**
- **Prop. 14 requires CIRM to adopt conflict rules similar to working group rules**

Proposed COI Rules for Members of Advisory Task Forces

- Health & Safety Code section 125290.40(m) allows board to adopt interim regulations
 - Interim regulations remain in effect for 270 days unless earlier superseded by regulations adopted pursuant to Administrative Procedure Act
 - Allows rules to take effect immediately while allowing time for CIRM to comply with Administrative Procedure Act
- Request that Board adopt proposed COI rules for advisory task forces as interim regulation
 - Proposed rules, which are modeled on working group rules, prohibit receipt of benefit from CIRM funding and require disclosure and disqualification

Proposed COI Rules for Members of Advisory Task Forces (continued)

- Prohibition
 - Members are prohibited from deriving any direct financial benefit through a CIRM award and from acting as a PI on a CIRM award
- Disclosure
 - Members required to disclose: (1) income received from nonprofit research institutions located in California and (2) investments in public biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies that are focused primarily on stem cell or genetic research and therapy development
- Disqualification
 - Members required to disqualify if one of their financial interests is involved in the decision before the task force, unless the President determines that the need for the member's expertise outweighs any possible bias

Request for Board Approval of Interim COI Rules

- Request that Board approve interim conflict of interest rules for members of advisory task forces and authorize CIRM team to initiate rule-making under the Administrative Procedure Act
- **Proposed Motion: Approve interim conflict of interest rules for members of CIRM advisory task forces and direct CIRM team to initiate rule-making to adopt permanent regulation pursuant to Administrative Procedure Act**

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Thank You!