California Precision Medicine Advisory Council Fall Meeting Minutes, Part 1 November 10, 2020

Agenda Item #1 Call to Order

The meeting began at 10:01 a.m. PST.

Agenda Item #4 Update from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research

Update from Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). Delivered by Kate Gordon, Director of OPR. The Governor's Office is focusing on equity through several agency structures and choices for deputy secretaries, especially as it plans recovery from the coronavirus. The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) recently adopted a racial equity resolution, and its seven member agencies have committed to the resolution's practices in hiring and operations. OPR, SGC, and California Volunteers also all have participants in the Capitol Collaborative on Race and Equity (CCORE). Many other agencies participating in CCORE are developing Racial Equity Action Plans (REAPs). Ms. Duron stressed that it's very important for policymakers to reach into the communities they want to benefit. Dr. Muir said the California Department of Public Health recently developed an equity metric for the county COVID tiering system.

Agenda Item #2 Introductions of Council Members and Staff

Council members present

Nadine Burke Harris; Ysabel Duron; Oliver Keown; Kenneth Kim; Clara Lajonchere; Fatima Muñoz; Hakan Sakul; Hakan Schultz; Keith Yamamoto

Council members not present

Bonnie Maldonado

Governor's Office of Planning and Research staff present

Shannon Muir; Julianne McCall; Megan Varvais; April Booth; Aiyana Emigh Cortez; Gloria Kim

Drs. Lajonchere and Yamamoto provided opening remarks.

New council member Dr. Samar Muzaffar introduced herself.

Agenda Item #3 Accept minutes of the previous meeting

It was MSC to accept the August minutes by Dr. Kim and Ms. Duron; with unanimous roll call vote. Dr. Schultz was not present for this vote.

Agenda Item #5 Present and discuss plan for projects and workgroups, including fundraising/institute

Dr. Muir introduced the draft plan for launching the CPMAC's upcoming projects and workgroups. There will be two workgroups, each focusing on a separate topic area: Integrating social, behavioral, biological, and discovery data into health (the social determinants of health/SDOH group); and equitable consent frameworks for engaging communities as partners in research and clinical care (informed consent group).

The projects have not been planned. Dr. Muir stressed that each workgroup focus on goals and outcomes, and that any activities carried out should be in service of those goals. For example, events like symposiums should not be considered a final work product.

Council members shared their experiences within the topic areas and suggestions for structuring the projects.

Agenda Item #6 Public Comment

The council received public comment from James Stewart, a patient advocate with Americans for Cures and a district activist for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He suggested identifying patient groups and connecting them with researchers to better understand patient needs.

Agenda Item #7 Wrap up and next steps

To prepare for Part 2 of this meeting, CIAPM staff will send a survey for council members to indicate their level of interest in the workgroups.