

MARYLAND LIFE SCIENCES ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: University of Maryland, Baltimore
220 Arch Street, 14th Floor
Baltimore, MD, 21201

Board Members and Working Group Chairs in Attendance:

Thomas Watkins (Chairman), David Edgerley, Norma Allewell, Ken Carter, Francesca Cook, Stephen V. Desiderio, Lawrence Diamond, David S. Iannucci, Philippe Jacon, Col. George W. Korch, Jr., Nina M. Lamba, Hercules Pinkney, Norka Ruiz Bravo, and Renée Winsky.

Absent Board Members:

David J. Ramsay, Janet Woodcock

Board Staff: Lawrence Mahan (DBED), Ben Wu (DBED), Jerry Parrott (HGS)

Minutes: Lawrence Mahan (DBED)

Members of the Public: Brian Levine, Tech Council of Maryland; Tinna Guigley, Maryland Dept. of Legislative Services; Brad Peganoff, UMBI, and other members of the public.

AGENDA

Chairman's Opening Remarks

- The second meeting of the Board was convened at 9:15 a.m. with a quorum present.
- Mr. Thomas Watkins, President and Chief Executive Officer of Human Genome Sciences, Inc. and Chairman of the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board (LSAB), opened the second meeting of the LSAB by welcoming board members and the public that were present.
- Board members introduced themselves, including non-board member Mr. Ken Carter, President and CEO of Avalon Pharmaceuticals, Chair of the Working Group on Capital Formation.
- The Chair expressed thanks in advance to all LSAB Working Group Chairs and group members for giving their valuable time and energy in support of the LSAB mission.
- The Chair then reviewed the day's agenda which consisted largely of preliminary reports of the working groups on the topics for consideration that they were tasked to review as an output of the November meeting of the LSAB.

Reports of the Working Groups of the LSAB

In order, the LSAB heard updates on the initial progress of the working groups as follows:

- Workforce Development & Education Programs
- Technology Transfer and Translational Research/Academic Institutions & NGOs
- Leveraging Maryland's Unique Federal Resources
- Start-up and Early Stage Pipeline Programs
- Capital Formation
- Marketing and Promotion of Maryland Globally

The Chair announced that Chuck Fleischman, former Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Digene, Inc. has agreed to chair the Working Group on Business Environment. Further updates on this working group were deferred to next meeting of the LSAB due to availability of the new chair and formation of its membership.

All groups reported on (1) members to date; (2) a summary of topics for consideration or issues that were identified that they wish to investigate in future meetings as draft recommendations to be considered; (3) any issues of perceived overlap of purpose with other working groups and coordination with the Board (if needed); and (4) groups addressed Q&A by the LSAB members at large.

The specifics of the working group presentations, along with materials presented to the LSAB, as well as all upcoming announcements can be found at the Board's new website:

<http://www.choosemaryland.org/businessinmd/Biosciences/lsab/lsab.html> - also accessible from the homepage of DBED's ChooseMaryland.org website.

Advancing Leadership – Creating Vision

Following working group presentations, the Board, led by Chairman Watkins, reviewed areas of overlap and assigned priorities. Subsequent discussion highlighted some of the challenges facing the strategic plan, including current fiscal climate, highly competitive initiatives by other states and international regions, the need for strategic as opposed to near-term views in order to define Maryland's bioscience environment over the next ten years, and how to address the diversity and trends of science and the opportunities spawned by Maryland's rich R&D efforts.

Key themes emerged: (1) the importance of stimulating and supporting entrepreneurship in the life sciences as crucial to the long-term success of Maryland's bioscience cluster, (2) the need to recognize the full wealth of R&D that is conducted in the state and connect the public and private sectors to capitalize on its proximity and concentration, and (3) the need to keep recommendations clearly articulated, meaningful, impactful, and achievable.

The Chair discussed the need for benchmark data and the Board agreed that California, Massachusetts, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania should be included, with other possibilities to include New Jersey, Georgia and Florida where relevant. The Board additionally agreed to invite Dr. Leslie Alexandre, former President and CEO of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center, to speak at the next meeting of the LSAB scheduled for March 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m. for a short break followed by a brief Executive Closed Session called pursuant to Section 10-508(a)(5) of the State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland by unanimous vote of the Board.

Next Steps

The open meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m. All working groups were tasked to meet before the next meeting of the LSAB in March 2008 and provide the outlines of draft recommendations for the Board to preview and comment before full detailed recommendations are developed for the draft strategic plan.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m.

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