

## **WEST VIRGINIA SCIENCE AND RESEARCH COUNCIL**

### **March 23, 2020**

A special meeting of the West Virginia Science and Research Council was held on March 23, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via conference call. Attendance was as follows:

#### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Dr. Sarah Tucker  
Dr. J. Ulises Toledo  
Dr. Fred King  
Dr. Michael Norton  
Dr. Jan Fox  
Dr. Juliana Serafin  
Dr. John Maher  
Anne Barth  
Robin Sizemore for Clayton Burch  
Dr. Maura McLaughlin  
Jeff Vandall for Ed Gaunch

#### **OTHERS**

Annette Carpenter  
Angela Sundstrom  
Dr. Brandi Ettehadieh  
Dr. Sheena Murphy  
Dr. Jack Smith

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

After declaring a quorum was present, Dr. Tucker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Dr. Juliana Serafin

NSF RII Track 1- Dr. Serafin reported that although formal comments have not been made available, she has been informed by our NSF EPSCoR Program Officer that our latest Track 1 grant proposal was declined. Dr. Serafin requested feedback from all universities involved. Dr. King stated that he thought it best not to resubmit this year but to instead request a no cost extension on the current Track 1. Doing so will allow more time to determine a better white paper process. Dr. Norton and Dr. Toledo agreed. Dr. McLaughlin asked if we would stick with the same theme or pick a new theme. Without feedback, all thought it was too soon to decide. Dr. Murphy thought it best to examine projects that already have teams and partnerships.

Dr. Serafin agreed to proceed with a 12 month no cost extension. Once extended, she indicated that we can request a supplement for infrastructure only (things that might go away once a grant ends); no funds will be available for research. We will need to wait until our total balance is under \$1M before requesting a supplement.

As a result of the extension, an annual report will be due; normally, only a final report is due in the 5<sup>th</sup> year. Dr. Serafin indicated that all parties involved with the current Track 1 should be prepared to submit the report to her in April so that she could submit it to NSF by early May. She reminded all that we must address all issues from the NSF site visit. Reporting instructions for the PIs and Co PIs will be circulated soon. Comments from the declined proposal will also be circulated once they become available.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:37a.m.