RUTGERS Cancer Institute of New Jersey

Associate Directors Monthly Meeting MINUTES RUTGERS HEALTH

MEETING DATE/TIME	Monday, July, 9, 2018 / 1 – 2 pm				
EXECUTIVE OWNER	Eileen White				
EXECUTIVE NOTE TAKER	Allison Warzala				
ATTENDEES		Present		Present	
	Andrew Evens		Steven Libutti		
	Shridar Ganesan	X	Sharon Manne	X	
	Howard Hochster	X	Linda Tanzer	X	
	Yibin Kang		Allison Warzala	X	
	Anita Kinney	Х	Eileen White	X	
	Edmund Lattime	Х			
INVITED GUESTS					

AGENDA TOPICS		
TOPIC	DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION
Deputy Director's Report (White)	• Post CCSG full day retreat: Thursday, 11/29/18	
Area report: Cancer Prevention, Control & Population Research (Manne)	 See slides attached Much discussion around Princeton Consortium and how to find opportunities to maximize collaborative population-based research 	
Area report: Translational Research (Ganesan)	 RBHS CTSA Scored well (low 20s) and will probably be funded D. Foran contributions were instrumental Will provide resources for biomedical informatics infrastructure Sequencing needs The Rutgers Clinical Genomics Laboratory (RCGL) has terminated operations Clinical-sequencing of solid tumors will be performed by outside vendors, e.g., Foundation Medicine, NANT-GPS Clinical-sequencing of hematologic tumors (myeloid panel: Genoptix (primary data available, D. Foran et al. would have to create a pipeline for it) Research Sequencing continues to be available through the Shared Resource, as well as through Genewiz, ORIEN, University of Colorado Sequencing Consortium with validated in-house assays (available for clinical application after FDA approval) Over the coming months we will be assessing genomics needs (e.g., long read, single cell, CTDNA, other bespoke sequencing), where we are going over time with instrumentation, and best way to manage research and sequencing 	

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	• Discussion of Hirshfield study sample collection - there was an issue with plasma collection - OHRS and BRHS will be consulted to gain clarity	RUTGERS HEALTH S. Ganesan to follow up and report back				
	• Princeton Consortium - S. Ganesan will be holding a meeting with genomics investigators					
	 Computational group at PU operating in parallel with RU 					
	 S. Ganesan anticipates increased interest in our data warehouse 					
	• E. White anticipates increased interest in access to tissue, as well, for sequencing, etc.					
Area report: Translational Research (con't)	Model generation					
	 Currently performed by individual investigators 					
	 PDX generation: Zloza, Pine, Hirshfield / Ganesan, Liu 					
	 Organoid: Sabaawy, Verzi 					
	 New informative patients (acquired resistance, exceptional responders) being done <i>ad hoc</i> at present (Ganesan, Mehnert) - 3 to 4 opportunities per year 	L. Tanzer will get information on CCSG				
	 Funding for PDX generation will be explored - perhaps via the pilot project mechanism 	pilot award funding available that could potentially be used for this and will bring				
	 Central PDX/Organoid generation could be performed in BRS 	to next Research Leadership Council meeting				
New business (10 min)	ACS Grant					
	 RFA out, currently have 4 applicants (3 basic science, 1 population science) 					
	 S. Manne surfaced issue around restrictions on applicants limiting potential pool 	E. Lattime will revisit options with ACS				
Next Meeting: August 13, 2018, 1 – 2 pm; Dave Edwards will be updating us on Foundation activities; next in presentation rotation: Ned & Linda, will confirm one for August						