

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Sponsored Activity Agreement between the University of Michigan and the Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Outcome Collaborative

Action Requested: Authorization to enter into Agreement

Preamble:

A statutory conflict of interest situation was identified by the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects while reviewing the Proposal Approval Form which then triggered a review by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. A plan for management of the possible risks associated with the conflict of interest was then developed and approved by the Board and agreed to by the parties involved.

This proposed sponsored activity agreement (“Agreement”) falls under the State of Michigan Conflict of Interest Statute because Professor Caren Goldberg is an employee of the University of Michigan (“University”) and the Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Outcome Collaborative (“CNOOC”). The law permits such an Agreement provided it is disclosed to the Board of Regents (“Regents”) of the University of Michigan and approved in advance by a 2/3 vote.

Background:

Caren Goldberg, MD, a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics - Cardiology, is the Co-Chair of the Steering Committee of the non-profit organization called CNOOC (the “Company”). The Company wishes to fund a sponsored activity entitled, “CNOOC – P4C Central Neurodevelopment Database Collaboration” (ORSP #19-PAF03331) in the Department of Pediatrics - Cardiology under the direction of Dr. Michael Gaies. The purpose of the agreement is to support the effort involved in managing the data and working with other cardiac networks’ data core personnel to create analytic datasets for the CNOOC analytic core.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the Agreement conform to University policy. The period of performance for the project is approximately two (2) years. The amount of funding support will not exceed \$75,000. Since projects are often amended, this agreement includes provisions for changes in time and scope. University procedures for approval of these changes will be followed and additional conflict of interest review will be done as appropriate.

Impact of the Agreement:

The Agreement will support an effort by Dr. Gaies to use his expertise and University facilities, as well as other University resources, to work collaboratively

with the Company to provide a database including analytic datasets from member institutions for research.

Recommendations:

This matter has been reviewed and approved by the Medical School Conflict of Interest Board. In light of this disclosure and our finding that the Agreement was negotiated in conformance with standard University practices, I recommend that the Board of Regents approve the University's entering into this Agreement with the Cardiac Neurodevelopmental Outcome Collaborative.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Hu', is positioned above the typed name.

S. Jack Hu
Vice President for Research

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