

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: Sponsored Activity Agreement between the University of Michigan and The Value in Cancer Care Consortium

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 Laurence Baker is an employee of the University of Michigan (“University”) and the Vice Chair of The Value in Cancer Care Consortium (“Vi3C”). 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:

Laurence Baker, DO, a Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine-Hematology/Oncology, is the Vice Chair of a non-profit organization called Vi3C (the “Company”). The Company wishes to fund a sponsored activity entitled “Value in Cancer Care Consortium - Redman” (ORSP #17-PAF07707) in the Department of Internal Medicine-Hematology/Oncology under the direction of Dr. Bruce Redman. The purpose of the project is to provide services as the Chief Medical Officer.

Agreement Terms:

The terms of the Agreement conform to University policy. The period of performance is approximately two (2) years. The amount of funding support will not exceed \$126,611. Since such agreements are often amended, this agreement includes a provision 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. Redman to use his expertise and University facilities, as well as other University resources, to work collaboratively with the Company to provide services as the Chief Medical Officer to oversee the conduct of clinical trials supported by Company.

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 Value in Cancer Care Consortium.

Respectfully submitted,

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

S. Jack Hu  
Vice President for Research

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