McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) Grant Award Notice

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Subject: Inter-Institutional Pilot Program Award Notice for *Transcutaneous Vagal Nerve*

Stimulation and Cognitive Training to Enhance Cognitive Performance in Healthy

Older Adults

The Trustees of the McKnight Brain Research Foundation (MBRF) discussed the above subject proposal submitted through the Inter-Institutional Cognitive Aging and Memory Interventional Core at the Trustees' meeting on July 31, 2019.

In recognition of the importance of the Inter-Institutional Cognitive Aging and Memory Interventional Core and its complementary value to the inter-institutional collaboration, the Trustees have approved a block grant in support of the proposal.

The grant is not to exceed \$60,000 annually for a period of two years for a total not to exceed \$120,000. **The grant is not intended to provide sustaining support following the conclusion of the grant award.** The funding will be available beginning October 1, 2019, with the requirement of submission of an annual report at the end of each grant year.

For the funds to be dispersed by the MBRF, it will be necessary for the collaborating Principal Investigators at each institution to notify the corporate trustee of the MBRF regarding who has the authority to submit invoices. The MBRF will provide quarterly financial reports on the disbursements of funds to the Trustees and all those who have authority to receive funds from the account.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I express appreciation to each of you for your efforts in advancing the collaborative research in cognitive aging between the McKnight Brain Institutes leading to the understanding and alleviation of age-related memory loss.

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