

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Health and Human Services	2025
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Advisory Council	183

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	06/15/2024	06/15/2026	

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
42 U.S.C. 290aa-1	07/10/1992	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Advisory Council (NAC) accomplishes its purpose through advising, consulting with and making recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, SAMHSA, concerning activities and policies related to the SAMHSA's programs and policies. During this reporting period, two meetings were held hybrid . One meeting was held in February 2024 and one was held in August 2024. The February 2024

National Advisory Council meeting included discussion around updates and lessons learned from the joint meeting of councils; consideration and approval of the meeting of August 2023; recap and lessons learned discussions; presentations and discussion on the Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC); Homelessness; Release of the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP), and 988; and public comments. The August 2024 SAMHSA National Advisory Council meeting included discussion around updates and lessons learned from the joint meetings; consideration and approval of the February 2024 minutes. It also included a presentation and discussion on Older Adults by the Policy Lab Director; a presentation and discussion on Workforce by the CSAP Director; followed by the following program updates: Legislative updates from the Office of Legislative Affairs; Office of Management, Technology and Operations by the OMTO Director; Budget, and Credentialing efforts by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer; and Public comments. These meetings were open to the public and an opportunity for public discussion was made available. The recommendations and issues deliberated by the council are considered by the chair for future possible recommendations to the Secretary, and feedback is offered by the chair at subsequent meetings.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership of the SAMHSA NAC consists of 12 voting members appointed by the Secretary. Nine of the members are leaders in health disciplines (including public health and behavioral and social sciences) relevant to the substance abuse and mental health activities of the agency.

Three of the members are from the general public (i.e., leaders in the fields of public policy, public relations, law, health policy economics or management). The SAMHSA NAC also has nonvoting ex-officio members - the Secretary of HHS; the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (or the designates of such officers); the Chief Medical Officer of SAMHSA; the Directors of the National Institutes of Mental Health; the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and such additional officers or employees of the United States as the Secretary determines necessary for the SAMHSA NAC to effectively carry out its functions. Appointments are made by paying close attention to experience and expertise as well as equitable gender representation, race/ethnicity representation, and geographic distribution. All Council members participate fully in policy and program development, each bringing their unique perspective.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Due to the Council's mandated function of providing guidance to the agency regarding programmatic policies and priorities, the Council met twice during this reporting period. The meetings are relevant to SAMHSA because they provide an opportunity for the Agency to secure the professional expertise necessary to accomplish its mission and maintain the public trust.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Council is composed of professional and

public members who provide advice on all aspects of SAMHSA's activities related to substance abuse and mental health services. The direction, scope, balance and emphasis of the advice received from this group of experts cannot be obtained from SAMHSA staff or from other established sources, because the membership of the Council is constituted to meet specific requirements of the mandated mission of the SAMHSA NAC.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

No Reports required for FY 2024

Designated Federal Officer

Carlos R. Castillo DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Atherall, Tina	08/05/2022	11/30/2026	Social Worker, PsychArmor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bailey, Rahn	11/10/2020	11/30/2025	psychiatrist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Becerra, Xavier	03/22/2023	03/31/2027	HHS Sec	Ex Officio Member Regular
Delphin-Rittmon, Miriam	06/25/2021	06/30/2025	Assistant Sec for Mental Health and Substance Use	Government Employee (RGE) Member
Gandotra, Neeraj	06/30/2020	06/30/2025	SAMHSA, Chief Medical Officer	Ex Officio Member
Gordon, Joshua	03/22/2023	03/31/2027	NIMH	Ex Officio Member
Howard, Laura	11/30/2019	11/30/2025	Secretary, KS DCF	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Johnson, Andre	08/05/2022	11/30/2026	psychologist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Keatley, JoAnne	08/05/2022	11/30/2026	Social Worker	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Koob, George	03/22/2023	03/31/2027	NIAAA	Ex Officio Member
McGuire, Marsden	03/22/2023	03/31/2027	VAffairs	Ex Officio Member
Neal-Walden, Tracy	11/30/2019	11/30/2025	psychologist Cohen Veterans Network	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rabadan-Diehl, Cristina	11/10/2020	11/30/2025	Pharmacy/Scientist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rodriguez-Fraticelli, Francisco	11/30/2019	11/30/2025	President, Coalicion de Coaliciones	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Szew, Sophie	08/03/2023	08/30/2027	Youth leader	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Volkow, Nora	03/22/2023	03/31/2027	NIDA	Ex Officio Member
Warren, Barbara	11/30/2019	11/30/2025	psychologist, Director, LGBT Program and Policies, Mount Sinai Hosp	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Yue, Cynthia	08/03/2023	08/30/2027	Youth leader	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 18

Narrative Description

SAMHSA's mission is to lead public health and service delivery efforts that promote mental health, prevent substance misuse, and provide treatments and supports to foster recovery while ensuring

equitable access and better outcomes. SAMHSA envisions that people with, affected by, or at risk for mental health and substance use conditions receive care, achieve well-being, and thrive.

Although no formal recommendations were made in FY 2024 as a body, SAMHSA's National Advisory Council members played a critical role in advising the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use on the Agency's Strategic Priorities and Guiding Principles, and the importance of considering cultural perspectives in developing evidence-based practices, and offered support to serve as spokespersons for SAMHSA's initiatives and programs. SAMHSA's Strategic Plan can be found at this URL: <https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/strategic-plan>.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
Over \$10,000,000
Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

Council recommendations and suggestions may lead to savings over time. However, the savings may not be realized for years and are difficult to determine.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

55

Number of Recommendations Comments

Between FY 1994 and FY 2024, the SAMHSA National Advisory Council produced 55 recommendations. Recommendations include advocacy for supported housing and employment; using evidence based programs that reduce recidivism in the criminal justice system; continued involvement with Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the interagency council to address barriers, such as employment and housing; integration of children's health services into schools and participation with the Education Department in its Promising Neighborhood program; further support of prevention programs; establishing school-based mental health services; and deliberations on a consensus definition of trauma. Although no formal recommendations in FY 2024, members encouraged SAMHSA to continue its current mission and work.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

75%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

During the life of the Council, approximately 75% of its recommendations were fully implemented by the agency, such as the development and implementation of search options that identify interventions developed and implemented primarily by or for a minority population within the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs (NREPP) database, implemented in 1997. The NREPP was discontinued in January of 2018, and SAMHSA moved towards Evidence-Based Practice implementation efforts through targeted technical assistance and training in affected communities. Other recommendations included changes in the SAMHSA program and principles priorities; an increase in the interaction between SAMHSA, the three National Institutes of Health

advisory councils, the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Department of Justice with respect to substance abuse and mental health issues; the inclusion of individuals with dual diagnoses to be included in the ONDCP's strategic goals and objectives; the identification of a set of steps to reduce stigma and discrimination; the development of cultural competence standards and performance measures; the provision of targeted communications to SAMHSA's constituents and the public to promote the Agency's mission and its activities; a decision to address the needs of children in welfare reform measures; and an increase in collaboration between the pharmaceutical industry and primary care physicians regarding psychotropic drug prescriptions.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

25%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

During the life of the Council, approximately 25% of its recommendations were partially implemented, because of restrictions imposed by legislative/fiscal/programmatic concerns and/or superseding Agency priorities.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Agency provides feedback to the members in the SAMHSA's Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use report to the Council, which is presented at each meeting. The Agency ensures that complete meeting minutes are prepared and circulates them to the members for clearance and for approval at the next official meeting. The public can access the meeting minutes in the SAMHSA Website. Status reports on actions by the Agency on matters that have come before the Council are provided at Council meetings. Summaries of information may be sent to Council members. Communications from SAMHSA staff to SAMHSA NAC members may include: issue papers, fact sheets, press releases, reports and other documents. Council members also have access to senior management and technical experts, when needed.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities



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| Reallocated resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

The SAMHSA NAC did not review grants.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

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| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

N/A