

# 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee to the Director, National Institutes of Health

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

## 2. Fiscal Year

2025

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee to the Director, National  
Institutes of Health

## 3b. GSA

## Committee

## No.

775

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

05/31/2023 05/31/2025

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 USC 217a

## 13. Effective Date

11/17/1962

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program

Advisory Board

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for  
this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open

0 17b. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total0

## Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

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

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Committee makes recommendations concerning program development, resource allocation, NIH administrative regulation and policy, and other specific or general aspects of NIH policy. The Committee also reviews and makes recommendations on applications for grants and cooperative agreements for research and training for projects that show promise of making valuable contributions to human knowledge. At the December 2023 ACD meeting, the committee heard presentations and discussed the following issues: UNITE Update; NIH's

Response to the Maternal Mortality Crisis; Future of Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO); Report from the ACD Working Group on Catalyzing the Development and Use of Novel Alternative Methods to Advance Biomedical Research; HeLa Genome Data Access Working Group: Data Access Requests; All of Us Update; RADx Program Overview; NExTRAC Update; and Report from the ACD Working Group on Re-envisioning NIH-Supported Postdoctoral Training. At the December 2023 meeting, the ACD voted unanimously in favor of approving HeLa Working Group pending request to use HeLa genome sequences for CRISPR single guide RNA design. Additionally, the ACD voted unanimously in favor of the report and recommendations of the ACD Working Group on Re-envisioning NIH-Supported Postdoctoral Training. In June 2024, the committee received updates from and heard discussions regarding the ACD WGD & Diversity Program Consortium Final Report; NIH BRAIN Initiative: Accelerating Discovery Toward Cures; Overview of Women's Health Research and Policies Across NIH; Establishing a Network for Research in Primary Care Settings; Investigation of Co-occurring conditions across the Lifespan to Understand Down Syndrome (INCLUDE) Project Update; Creation of ACD Working Group for CIT; Helping to End Addiction Long-term (HEAL) Initiative Update; Long COVID Update; Building and Maintaining Data Communities at NIH and Creation of AI Working Group. At the June 2024 meeting, the ACD voted unanimously in favor of creating the ACD Working Group for the NIH CIT. Additionally, the ACD voted unanimously in favor of creating an ACD AI Working Group.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its**

**membership?**

The Committee will consist of the Secretary, or designee, as Chair, who will serve as a nonvoting ex-officio member, and up to 20 members appointed by the Secretary (appointed members). The appointed members will consist of authorities who are knowledgeable in the fields of research pertinent to the NIH mission and individuals selected from the academic and private sector research community, as well as individuals selected from the general public.

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

Meetings of the full Committee will be held approximately three times within a fiscal year. During this reporting period the Committee convened two times (12/14-15/2023 and 06/13-14/2024).

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

The members of the Advisory Committee to the Director have experience, current expertise, and abilities pertinent to the NIH mission that cannot be obtained from NIH staff or from other established sources.

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

There were no partially closed or closed meetings this FY.

**21. Remarks**

Members: Currently, there are six members on the ACD. There are also 14 vacancies Ex Officio  
Members: Dr. Monica Bertagnolli, Director, NIH was appointed Ex Officio chair this fiscal year.  
DFO/Committee Decision Maker: Based on the

assignment of responsibilities within the Office of the Director, NIH, the positions of designated federal officer and the committee decision maker are held by the same person. Reports: The below working group reports were deliberated on and approved by the ACD. - HeLa Working Group pending request to use HeLa genome sequences for CRISPR single guide RNA design - ACD Working Group on Re-envisioning NIH-Supported Postdoctoral Training

### Designated Federal Officer

Lawrence A. Tabak Principal Deputy Director,  
National Institutes of Health

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
BERTAGNOLLI, MONICA	11/09/2023	01/20/2025	Director, National Institutes of Health	Ex Officio Member
			PRISCILLA CHAN AND MARK ZUCKERBERG DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS, BIOENGINEERING AND THERAPEUTIC SCIENCES, AND EPIDEMIOLOGY AND BIostatistics, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO VIRGINIA AND D.K. LUDWIG PROFESSOR OF CANCER RESEARCH, PROFESSOR OF DERMATOLOGY AND GENETIC, DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY, STANFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
BUTTE, ATUL	06/05/2022	12/31/2026		
CHANG, HOWARD	06/05/2022	12/31/2026		

DZIRASA, KAFUI	05/22/2022	12/31/2026	K. RANGA RAMA KRISHNAN ENDOWED ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DUKE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL PROFESSOR OF EPIDEMIOLOGY AND MEDICINE, MAILMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
EL-SADR, WAFAA	06/05/2022	12/31/2026	DIRECTOR AND GLOBAL HEAD OF HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH, GOOGLE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, HARVARD MEDICAL FACULTY PHYSICIANS, BETH ISRAEL DEACONESS MEDICAL CENTER	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GRAHAM, GARTH	06/05/2022	12/31/2026		
KIMBALL, ALEXANDRA	06/06/2021	12/31/2024		

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 7**

### **Narrative Description**

NIH's mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. The Advisory Committee to the Director, NIH, advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, NIH, on matters related to planning, execution, conduct, support, and evaluation of biomedical research, medical science, and biomedical communications. The Advisory Committee to the Director has addressed numerous issues in these areas including: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Initiatives; Researching COVID to Enhance Recovery

Initiative; Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H); Climate Change and Health; UNITE Initiative; Catalyzing the Development and Use of Novel Alternative Methods to Advance Biomedical Research; NIH Public Access Plan; Re-envisioning NIH-Supported Postdoctoral Training; Pandemic Preparedness and Response; Addressing Mental Health Crisis through Research; and Addressing the Public Health Threat of Post-Acute Sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 Infection.

**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 type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Cost Savings Comments**

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

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

128

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

During this reporting period there were a total of 4 recommendations made by the Committee.

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

0%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Due to the large breadth and complexity of the recommendations made by this committee, NIH staff is unable to determine which recommendations have been fully or partially implemented solely in response to this committee's activities.

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

0%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

NA

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

Information is provided to the public at each meeting. The public can view information related to the Committee through the committee's official website.

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



Checked if Applies

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

### Action Comments

The Advisory Committee to the Director, NIH, will provide advice to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary), the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), on matters related to planning, execution, conduct, support, and evaluation of biomedical research, medical science, and biomedical communications.

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

No

### Grant Review Comments

NA

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

Checked if Applies

- |                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

### Access Comments

IC Committee Management Officer 240-276-6420