

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Health and Human Services		2024	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council		967	
4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	02/15/2023	02/15/2025	
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. 284a	11/20/1985	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Other Committee			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities
0	0	0	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?

Section 492 of the PHS Act states that The Secretary...shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of -- (A) applications...; and (B) biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts... This Council is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of peer review; advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and research needs and opportunities of the Institute. The National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council evaluated 1866

applications requesting \$3,878,199,804 direct costs for the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD). In addition, the Council reviewed the NIDCD's Research and Training programs, the activities of the Division of Intramural Research, and the Council Operating Procedures. The Council also advised the NIDCD regarding a large number of policy issues in its areas of responsibility.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Council will consist of not more than 18 members appointed by the Secretary (appointed members) and at least 5 non-voting ex officio members. The non-voting ex officio members will include the Secretary; the Director, NIH; the Director, NIDCD; the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (or their designees); and any additional officers or employees of the United States as the Secretary determines necessary for the Council to effectively carry out its functions. All appointed members must be eligible to serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) and will serve as SGEs as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 202. Two-thirds of the appointed members will be selected from among the leading representatives of the health and scientific disciplines (including not less than 2 individuals who are leaders in the fields of public health and the behavioral or social sciences) relevant to the activities of NIDCD, particularly representatives of the health and scientific disciplines in the areas of deafness and other communication disorders. One-third of the appointed members will be appointed by the Secretary from the general public and will include leaders in the fields of public policy, law, health

policy, economics, and management.

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

Meetings are held not less than three times each fiscal year. The Council conducted three meetings: February 2-3, May 18-19 and September 14-15. The National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council provides advice on a continuing basis on the type of scientific research programs that should be supported and on how to carry out the designated mission and responsibilities of the Institute. It also provides ongoing review of the relevance and effectiveness of the existing programs.

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

The National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of review for research grant applications; advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and research needs and opportunities of the Institute. The quality, scope, and balance of advice from this Council cannot be obtained from NIH staff or from other established sources because the membership of the Council is constituted to meet the specific requirements of the mandated mission of the Council and of the Institute.

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

The meetings of the National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council were partially closed to the public for the review of grant applications. Sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permit the

closing of meetings where discussion could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - National Scientific and Advisory Reports: The committee did not issue any reports during this fiscal year. Dr. Tucci was reappointed as chair during this fiscal year. Ruth Anne Eatock, Barbara Kelley, Dan Sanes and Ben Stowbridge were administratively extended until 11/27/2023. Dr. Lawrence Tabak's title was updated from Performing the Duties of the NIH Director to Acting Director, NIH this fiscal year.

Designated Federal Officer

Rebecca A. Miller DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES, NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
BECERRA, XAVIER	03/19/2021	01/20/2025	SECRETARY, HHS	Ex Officio Member
BECK, LUCILLE	10/01/1996	12/31/2025	DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH POLICY AND SERVICES, VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	Ex Officio Member
BOUTON, KATHERINE	08/13/2023	05/31/2026	SPEAKER, ADVOCATE AND AUTHOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
BUSS, EMILY	10/11/2021	05/31/2025	DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AND VICE CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
CHAUDHARI, NIRUPA	11/08/2020	05/31/2024	PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

DEAL-WILLIAMS, VICKI	11/08/2021	05/31/2025	CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, AMERICAN-SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
EATOCK, RUTH ANNE	07/21/2019	11/27/2023	PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
ESPY WILSON, CAROL	12/07/2020	05/31/2024	PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GOFFMAN, LISA	07/22/2019	05/31/2024	PROFESSOR AND NELLE JOHNSTON CHAIR, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GROVES, ANDREW	10/11/2021	05/31/2025	PROFESSOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSCIENCE, BAYLOE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
HILLIS, ARGYE	11/08/2020	05/31/2024	PROFESSOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
KELLEY, BARBARA	07/22/2019	11/27/2023	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION of AMERICA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LALWANI, ANIL	11/08/2021	05/31/2025	PROFESSOR AND VICE CHAIR FOR RESEARCH, DEPARTMENT OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY/HEAD AND NECK SURGERY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MERFELD, DANIEL	08/13/2023	05/31/2026	PROFESSOR, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MURPHY BREEN, LYNNE	11/08/2020	05/31/2024	VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR, CHICAGO TITLE INSURANCE COOMPANY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
NELSON, JEREMY	09/12/2021	05/31/2025	SCIENCE ADVISOR, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, HEARING CENTER OF EXCELLENCE	Ex Officio Member

SANES, DAN	06/10/2019	11/27/2023	PROFESSOR, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
STROWBRODGE, BEN	07/22/2019	11/27/2023	PROFESSOR, CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
TABAK, LAWRENCE	12/20/2021	01/20/2025	ACTING DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH	Ex Officio Member
THEMANN, CHRISTA	06/01/2020	05/31/2025	RESEARCH AUDIOLOGIST, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH	Ex Officio Member
THIBEAULT, SUSAN	08/13/2023	05/31/2026	PROFESSOR AND ASSOCIATE VICE CHAIR OF RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
TUCCI, DEBARA	11/27/2019	05/31/2024	DIRECTOR, NIDCD, NIH	Ex Officio Member
WALLHAGEN, MARGARET	11/08/2021	05/31/2025	PROFESSOR, PHYSIOLOGICAL NURSING, SCHOOL OF NURSING, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 23

Narrative Description

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Communication Disorders, on matters relating to the conduct and support of research and research training, health information dissemination, and other programs related to normal and disordered communication processes. In addition, the Council makes recommendations on applications for grants and cooperative agreements for research and research training, and other programs related to normal and disordered communication processes, including diseases and disorders of hearing, balance, smell, taste, voice, speech, and language, and may recommend projects of high programmatic relevance. This mission is met effectively during the three meetings that are held each year. Council routinely evaluates the Strategic Plan of the NIDCD, proposed initiatives, and topics of special interest, including the development of future researchers through the use of research training and career development mechanisms, and the merit of using multi-project versus single-project research grant awards. The Council provides essential advice on which research and training applications should be awarded with Federal funds, and is careful to consider the strategic and programmatic needs of the public.

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

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input 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?

32,666

Number of Recommendations Comments

The number of recommendations includes the second level review of grant applications.

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

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

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

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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 the open session of each Council meeting through reports and the Director's update. The public can view information related to the Council through the council'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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

An action of approved or recommended for grants receiving review by this Council does not infer that the grant will be or has been funded. Research grant applications submitted to NIH must go through a two-step review process that includes the initial peer review for scientific and technical merit and a second step of review and approval by a National Advisory Council that includes program relevance. In addition, prior to an award or funding being made, NIH staff must conduct an administrative review for a number of other considerations. These include alignment with NIH's funding principles, review of the project budget, assessment of the applicant's management systems, determination of applicant eligibility, and compliance with public policy requirements. After all these steps

have been completed, NIH officials make funding decisions on individual grant applications.

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 1,866
1,866

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval
\$3,878,199,804

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

Contact IC Committee Management Officer. Nanette Stephenson, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), 301-496-8693 or stephenn@nidcd.nih.gov