

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel

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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.
Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel	1804

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	10/01/1993		

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. 299c	12/19/1989	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Grant Review Committee

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

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 1 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Grant meeting	01/10/2025	- 01/10/2025

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

Current FY Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$2,580.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$241,000.00	\$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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$243,580.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	14.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

This committee reviews research grant proposals that require a unique combination of reviewer expertise, e.g., for complex multidisciplinary projects and new areas of study, or that require standards of review different from those ordinarily applied by standing peer review committees because of project size, or that require expedited review.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee has a fluid membership with members designated to serve for individual meetings rather than formally appointed for fixed terms of service. Membership include individuals representing the fields of health services research, including, but not limited to, basic biomedical and clinical disciplines, health care technology development and assessment, clinical, social, organizational, and information sciences.

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

Meetings will be held as necessary as determined by the Designated Federal Official (DFO), who shall approve the agenda. A government official shall be present at all meetings. Review meetings may be conducted by assembly or by teleconference or mail ballot, as appropriate. These committee meetings are essential to the continuation of AHRQ's extramural program in health services research.

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

The members of the Panel are eminently qualified to carry out the duties of the Panel by virtue of their training or experience and fulfill the peer review required set forth by legislation. Due to the diversity and the short turn around time of these reviews, i.e., ad hoc grant reviews, no other source is available to handle the reviews.

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

SEP Meetings are closed. Portion of meetings may involved review, discussion, and evaluation of individual grant applications. These applications

and the discussions of them are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications.

21. Remarks

The Agency does not currently have a website. 28 grants were reviewed in FY2025 under this Special Emphasis Notice meeting that took place on January 10, 2025. Of the 28 reviewed, 8 were recommended for consideration by the AHRQ Senior Leadership Team. However, no grant applications were funded in FY2025 from this panel. All grant meetings were held virtually.

Designated Federal Officer: Francis Chesley, Director, Office of Extramural Research, Education and Priority Populations Members

Committee Members Start End Occupation

Member Designation Alper, Brian 1/10/2025 1/10/2025 Chief Executive Officer Peer Review Consultant

Member Chui, Michelle 1/10/2025 1/10/2025 Professor Peer Review Consultant

Member Floyd, Sarah 1/10/2025 1/10/2025 Assistant Professor Peer Review Consultant

Member Gampetro, Pamela 1/10/2025 1/10/2025 Assistant Professor Peer Review Consultant

Member Gong, Yang 1/10/2025 1/10/2025 Associate Professor Peer Review Consultant

Member He, Zhe 1/10/2025 1/10/2025 Associate Professor Peer Review Consultant

Member Huerta, Timothy 1/10/2025 1/10/2025 Associate Professor Peer Review Consultant

Member Melton, Kristin 1/10/2025 1/10/2025 Professor Peer Review Consultant

Member Ramly, Edmond 1/10/2025 1/10/2025 Associate Professor Peer Review Consultant

Member Rao, Goutham 1/10/2025 1/10/2025 Professor Peer Review Consultant

Member Rogers, Michelle 1/10/2025 1/10/2025 Associate Professor Peer Review Consultant

Member Toscos, Tammy 1/10/2025

1/10/2025 Senior Research Scientist Peer Review
 Consultant Member Wang, Hsin-Hsiao 1/10/2025
 1/10/2025 Assistant Professor Peer Review
 Consultant Member Xie, Anping 1/10/2025
 1/10/2025 Assistant Professor Peer Review
 Consultant Member Yang, Francis 1/10/2025
 1/10/2025 Associate Professor PeerReview
 Consultant Member Total Committee Members:
 15

Designated Federal Officer

Jeffrey Toven Executive Officer, AHRQ

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
			Chief	Peer Review
Alper, Brian	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Executive Officer	Consultant Member
				Peer Review
Chui, Michelle	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Professor	Consultant Member
				Peer Review
Floyd, Sarah	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Assistant Professor	Consultant Member
				Peer Review
Gampetro, Pamela	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Assistant Professor	Consultant Member
				Peer Review
Gong, Yang	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Associate Professor	Consultant Member
				Peer Review
He, Zhe	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Associate Professor	Consultant Member
				Peer Review
Huerta, Timothy	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Associate Professor	Consultant Member
				Peer Review
Melton, Kristin	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Professor	Consultant Member
				Peer Review
Ramly, Edmond	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Associate Professor	Consultant Member
				Peer Review
Rao, Goutham	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Professor	Consultant Member
				Peer Review
Rogers, Michelle	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Associate Professor	Consultant Member
				Peer Review
Toscos, Tammy	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Senior Research Scientist	Consultant Member

Wang, Hsin-Hsiao	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Xie, Anping	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Yang, Frances	01/10/2025	01/10/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

The Agency offers grant funding to support projects that carry out its mission and strategic plan. The applications for funding are evaluated by this committee which assembles the appropriate scientific and technical expertise needed to render judgments about the relative merit of submitted applications. The Committee's judgments are articulated in written form and passed to the Agency decision-makers for determining which applications are to be funded.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" 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
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

NA

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

The SEP doesn't make any recommendations.

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

N/A

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

The Agency provides feedback at review meetings and through their minutes and meeting dates are posted in the Federal Register Notice 30 days before the meeting. The Federal Register Notice is accessible to the public @ www.federalregister.gov. The Agency does not currently have a website. The Agency provides feedback at review meetings and through their minutes and meeting dates are posted in The Federal Register notice 30 days before the meeting.

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 checked="" 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

NA

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 28

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 8

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$8,000,000

Grant Review Comments

N/A

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 type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other



Access Comments