

2023 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors of the NIH Clinical Center

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human
Services

2. Fiscal Year

2023

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors of the NIH
Clinical Center

3b. GSA

Committee No.

225

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

02/11/1998

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 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total

Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a.

Open

0

17b. Closed

2

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

NIH Peer Review of Intramural
Laboratories/Programs

Start

11/14/2022 - 11/15/2022

End

NIH Peer Review of Intramural
Laboratories/Programs

04/24/2023 - 04/25/2023

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel		
Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
18a(2). Personnel		
Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel		
Pmts to Federal Staff	\$188,528.00	\$192,662.00
18a(4). Personnel		
Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$6,631.00
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	\$3,288.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$9,536.00
18d. Total	\$196,128.00	\$219,717.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.70	0.70

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

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. NIH works toward that mission by

conducting research in its own laboratories. Section 402 (b)(9) of the Public Health Service Act states that “the Director, NIH...shall assure that research at...the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492.” Section 492(b) states that the “Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health.” This Board assesses the quality of the Clinical Center’s intramural research programs, evaluates the productivity and performance of our research physicians and scientists, and reviews necessary administrative functions for the operation of a highly effective intramural research program. The Board is composed of scientific and medical experts, all nationally recognized in their field of study and clinical practice. The Board provides indispensable evaluation and advisory functions in the management of the Clinical Center’s intramural research programs.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board consists of outstanding authorities knowledgeable in the sub-specialized fields of clinical medicine. The advisory role of the Board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the laboratories, assesses the research in progress and evaluates productivity and performance of staff scientists.

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

The Board generally meets twice annually, to evaluate one or more Clinical Center Departments during each visit, and for the peer review of research activities on a rotating basis as required by the PHS Act. The Board met two times during

FY23 to review the research programs of the Rehabilitation Medicine Department, and the Bioethics Department. - November 14-15, 2022: Agenda: To review and evaluate the Rehabilitation Medicine Department, presentations, interviews and reports (4 recommendations) - April 24-25, 2023: Agenda: To review and evaluate Department of Bioethics Presentations, Interviews and other business of the Board (4 recommendations)

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

This Board is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each Clinical Center Department requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not readily available without bias from within the NIH staff or from other U.S. Government resources.

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

The meetings of the Board were closed for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Clinical Center, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. The DFO and Committee Decision Maker positions are held by the same individual based on assigned duties within the Clinical Center. Members: In FY 2023, Chairperson Dr. Kari Nadeau was reappointed an additional 1 year, continuing as Chair, with term ending 6/30/2024. Dr. Vasken Dilsizian, a member of the CCBSC, was also reappointed for an additional 1 year, term now ending 6/30/2024. Dr. David Hackney resigned on 3/3/2023. Dr. Kari Nadeau changed affiliations in FY23, to Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Dr. Reshma Jagsi changed affiliations in FY23, to Emory University. Reports: This committee did not produce any reports during this fiscal year.

Designated Federal Officer

RONALD D. NEUMANN Deputy Scientific
Director, Clinical Research

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
ABRAHAM, ROSHINI	03/17/2019	06/30/2023	Associate Chief, Nationwide Children's Hospital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DILSIZIAN, VASKEN	09/15/2019	06/30/2024	Professor of Radiology & Medicine, University of Maryland	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
HACKNEY, DAVID	03/27/2022	03/03/2023	Professor, Harvard Medical School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
JAGSI, RESHMA	02/13/2022	06/30/2025	Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology, Emory University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

NADEAU, KARI	09/15/2019	06/30/2024	John Rock Professor and Chair, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
NJOKU, DOLORES	03/13/2022	06/30/2025	Professor and Chief, Washington University in St. Louis	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SOUTHWICK, FREDERICK	04/28/2019	06/30/2023	Professor, University of Florida	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

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. NIH works toward that mission by: conducting research in its own laboratories; supporting the research of non-Federal scientists in universities, medical schools, hospitals, and research institutions throughout the country and abroad; helping in the training of research investigators; and fostering communication of medical and health sciences information. Section 402(b)(9) of the Public Health Service Act states that the NIH Director, "shall ensure that research conducted or supported by the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492..." Section 492(b) states that the "Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the National Institutes of Health." The mission of the Board of Scientific Counselors is to assess the quality of the Institute's intramural research programs and to evaluate the productivity and performance of intramural scientists and shall also, as requested by the NIH Director, undertake peer review of extramural funding applications as required by section 492 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

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 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?

43

Number of Recommendations Comments

Generally, four recommendations are received from each review. The significant ones are

then subsequently addressed by the CC Scientific Director. Also, during these departmental BSC reviews, members of the Scientific Director's team sought advice about improving the research programs of the investigators forward via planning personnel and space allocations, and projecting research budgets for the next several years.

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 resulting from closed Board of Scientific Counselors meetings is subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The public can view information on NIH Intramural Research Reports found on the NIH Intramural Research Sourcebook website located at the <https://oir.nih.gov/sourcebook/intramural-research-communications-resources/annual-reports-bit>

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 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

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the BSC in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. The agency annually provides feedback to the Board on the status of prior recommendations and interventions.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

Although grant reviews are included in the duties of this Board, there were no grant reviews performed during this fiscal year.

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 type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Contact Designated Federal Officer.