

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Health Services Research Initial Review Group

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Health Services Research Initial Review Group

3b. GSA

Committee No.

894

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
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No 06/15/1990

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?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 299c-1 Section 922 of PHS Act

13. Effective Date

12/19/1989

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Grant Review Committee

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. 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	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

This Committee reviews research grant applications for scientific and technical merit. Its recommendations are advisory to the Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and to the appropriate advisory councils.

20b. How does the Committee balance its

membership?

Membership includes physicians and non-physicians--the latter representing the fields of psychology, sociology, nursing, dentistry, biostatistics, economics, operations research, hospital administration, survey research and measurements, children care, health status, and policy analysis. Special interests of the physicians include primary care, neonatal care, epidemiology, pediatrics, quality assurance, health promotion, and ethics. These professionals, specialties, disciplines, and interests are representative of those involved in the research grant applications reviewed.

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

This committee consists of five study sections and they meet three times a year in keeping with the practice of Public Health Service study sections to review research grant applications. The meetings are scheduled a full year in advance, are coordinated with three deadlines for submission of applications and 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?

By Law, a panel of non-Federal experts must review for scientific merit grant applications exceeding \$50,000 in direct cost. The Health Services Research Initial Review Group (IRG) is the non-Federal panel with the most appropriate mix of expertise for the review of applications proposing research in the delivery and financing of health care activities. While primarily reviewing applications assigned to the AHRQ, the IRG committee also reviews those applications

assigned to other PHS agencies, especially the National Institutes of Health, when their expertise is required of the kind represented on the committee.

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

Portions of the meetings involve 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 have a website. The October 2023 meetings were held in person and all other meetings were virtual. All grants funding recommendations were made within fiscal year 2024 (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024) HCRT May was cancelled due to Administrative Reasons and all applications were moved to the July 19-23 meeting. The HCRT chair Kristan Staudenmayer resigned on 4/1/2024 and Alicia Arbaje was appointed to replace her as chair on 6/1/2024. There were 9 retirements due to personal and workload issues and they are as follows. Sean Mooney, 3/31/2024, Mary Reed, 10/31/2023, Lee Green, 3/31/2024, Holly Lanham, 3/31/2024, Barbara Sorondo, 2/28/2024, David Kaber, 12/1/2024, Xudong Zhang, 3/30/2024, Oguchi Nwosu 3/23/2024 and Rodney Haring 10/01/2023 - 9/11/2024. All the start dates and end dates are recorded in the members section. Duplicate ad hoc members for 3 meetings a year for IRG meetings, Shan Liu and Eun-Shim Nam, 10/11/2023 – 10/12/2023 and 5/22/2023, Renee Salas, 10/10/2023 and 6/13/2024, Katie Lichter, 2/13/2024 and 6/13/2024, Adam Atherly, Abhishek

Deshpande, Mistry Humphries, John Hsu, Sally Maliski, Cynthia Sieck, 10/19/2023 – 10/20/2023, 2/15/2024 – 2/20/2024, 7/19/2024 – 7/23/2024 and Lisa Merck 10/19/2023 -10/20/2023 and 2/15 – 2/20/2024. Karsten Bartels, Kit M. Simpson, Thomas Valley, Fernando Wilson were also duplicate standing section members that served as ad hoc members on 7/19 - 7/23, 2024 . All these are noted in the members section of the report

Designated Federal Officer

Francis Chesley Director, Office of Research Review, Education, and Policy, AHRQ

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alexander, Adam	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Arbaje, Alicia	04/30/2024	04/30/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Asan, Onur	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Balas, E. Andrew	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Professor and Vice President	Peer Review Consultant Member
Bartels, Karsten	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Professor and Vice Chair of Research	Peer Review Consultant Member
Barton, Amy	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Bright, Tiffani	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Research Scientist	Peer Review Consultant Member
Cancino, Ramon	02/01/2023	01/31/2026	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Cantor, Michael	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Vice President	Peer Review Consultant Member
Carle, Adam	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Chou, Ann	02/01/2020	10/31/2024	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member

Copeland, Valire	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Cosler, Leon	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Costa, Deena	10/01/2020	09/30/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Djulgovic, Benjamin	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Domino, Marisa	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Professor and Program Director	Peer Review Consultant Member
Embi, Peter	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Professor and Chair	Peer Review Consultant Member
Eric, Peterson	10/01/2022	09/30/2026	Vice President of Research	Peer Review Consultant Member
Evans Cuellar, Alison	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Fuji, Kevin	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Associate Professor and Director	Peer Review Consultant Member
Gizer, Ian	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Goode, Adam	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Associate Professor and Vice Chair	Peer Review Consultant Member
Gottlieb, Barbara	02/01/2020	10/31/2024	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Grando, Maria	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Guise, Jeanne-Marie	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Chair	Peer Review Consultant Member
Hall, Allyson	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Hebert, Paul	02/01/2020	10/31/2024	HSR&D Core Investigator and Research Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member

Ho, Vanessa	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Huang, Bin	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Johnson, Christopher	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Johnson, Tricia	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Kalantar-Zadeh, Kamyar	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Professor and Chief	Peer Review Consultant Member
Kaufman, David	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Keck, James	02/01/2023	01/31/2026	Research Physician	Peer Review Consultant Member
Khan, Alisa	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Lin, Men-Yung	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Manojlovich, Milisa	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Marfeo, Elizabeth	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Meeker, Daniella	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Moczygemba, Leticia	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Nfonsam, Valentine	02/01/2023	01/31/2026	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Nguyen, Hien	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Ning, Xia	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Novak, Laurie	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Biomedical Informatics	Peer Review Consultant Member
O'Gurek, David	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Vice Chair, Innovation Quality and Wellness	Peer Review Consultant Member

Owens-Young, Jessica	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Pappadis, Monique	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Partlow, Keosha	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Associate Provost	Peer Review Consultant Member
Penn-Marshall, Michelle	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Vice President and Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Perry, Shawna	10/01/2023	09/30/2026	Associate Professor and Associate Chair	Peer Review Consultant Member
Peterson, Eric	10/01/2022	09/30/2026	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Peterson, Lars	10/01/2022	09/30/2026	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Ramirez, Magaly	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Rianon, Nahid	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Associate Professor and Vice Chair for Quality	Peer Review Consultant Member
Robinson-Lane, Sheria	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Rodriguez-Monguio, Maria	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Rogers, Selwyn	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Sage, William	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Professor of Law and Medicine	Peer Review Consultant Member
Sanchez-Pinto, Lazaro Nelson	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Serpa-Alvarez, Jose	02/01/2023	01/31/2026	Associate Director of Education	Peer Review Consultant Member
Simpson, Kit	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Song, Zirui	02/01/2023	01/31/2026	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member

Soulakova, Julia	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Steege, Linsey	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Professor, Chair and Associate Dean	Peer Review Consultant Member
Turbow, Sarah	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Unruh, Mark	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Verdecias, Niko	09/30/2023	09/30/2027	Assistant Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Wells, Brian	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Wendelboe, Aaron	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Wilson, Fernando	10/01/2023	09/30/2027	Professor and Chair	Peer Review Consultant Member
Zhou, Li	10/01/2021	09/30/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member
Zhu, Xi	06/01/2022	05/31/2025	Associate Professor	Peer Review Consultant Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 72

Narrative Description

The Agency offers grant funding to support projects that carry out its mission and strategic plan. The grant applications for funding are evaluated by the 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 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 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	<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

NA

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

The IRG 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

NA

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 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 529

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 89

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval \$22,035,159

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	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments