

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases 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 Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council		129	
4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	10/31/2022	10/31/2024	
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?

The committee is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of peer review, advise the Institute on policy development, program implementation and evaluation, and research needs and opportunities of the Institute. The National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council reviewed 2,812 applications requesting \$1,382,167,426 in total costs.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council is composed of not more than 18 appointed members and at least 5 nonvoting ex officio members. The appointed members have research interests and responsibilities paralleling those of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. Two-thirds of the appointed members are scientists who are outstanding medical or scientific authorities in the fields of arthritis and musculoskeletal and skin diseases, including sports-related disorders, and one-third are representatives of the general public with interests in public policy, law, health policy, economics and management as they relate to the Institute's areas of interests. The nonvoting ex officio members will include the Secretary; the Director, NIH; the Director, NIAMS; 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.

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

The Advisory Council met three times this fiscal year. The National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases 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 Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council comprises both scientific and public members who provide the second level 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 Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council were partially closed 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: This committee did not produce any reports during this fiscal year.

Miscellaneous: Dr. Lindsey Criswell remained the committee Chairperson. Dr. Darren Sledjeski took over the position of Designated Federal Officer and remains the DFO and Executive Secretary.

Dr. Lawrence Tabak's title was updated from Performing the Duties of the NIH Director to Acting Director, NIH this fiscal year. Four members (Drs.

Joan Bathon, Elizabeth Chen, Ibrahim Said, Jennifer Westendorf) were administratively extended for 180 days as permitted by the authorizing statute.

Designated Federal Officer

Darren Sledjeski Director, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Becerra, Xavier	03/19/2021	01/20/2025	Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	Ex Officio Member
Botchwey, Edward	08/13/2023	09/30/2025	Associate Professor, Wallace H. Coulter Dept. of Biomedical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Criswell, Lindsey	02/01/2021	09/30/2025	Director of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases	Ex Officio Member
Elderkin, Ann	12/04/2022	09/30/2025	Consultant, American Society for Bone and Mineral Research	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Goodman, Stuart	10/24/2021	09/30/2024	Robert L. and Mary Ellenburg Professor of Surgery, Stanford University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gravallese, Ellen	12/19/2021	09/30/2024	Chief and Theodore Bevier Bayles Professor of Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Greco, Valentina	12/19/2021	09/30/2024	Professor, Yale School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McNally, Elizabeth	04/09/2023	09/30/2025	Elizabeth J. Ward Chair, Professor and Director, Center for Genetic Medicine, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Staeva, Teodora	01/18/2022	09/30/2024	Chief Scientific Officer, Lupus Research Alliance	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Suarez-Almazor, Maria	12/19/2021	09/30/2024	Barnts Family Distinguished Professor, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Tabak, Lawrence	12/20/2021	01/20/2025	Acting Director, NIH	Ex Officio Member
Yazdany, Jinoos	04/09/2023	09/30/2025	Professor of Medicine and Chief, Rheumatology Division, San Francisco General Hospital, University of California, San Francisco	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

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 492 of the Public Health Service 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... The National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council provides second level peer review, makes recommendations for support of grants, contracts proposals, and cooperative agreements; advises on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and identifies research needs of the Institute.

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

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Over \$10,000,000

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Cost Savings Other

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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?

54,842

Number of Recommendations Comments

The National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council reviewed 2,812 applications requesting \$1,382,167,426 in total costs in fiscal year 2023.

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>. Due to the complexity of the recommendations made by this committee on policy and program areas, 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

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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 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 2,812
2,812

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval
\$1,382,167,426

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 type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A