

2025 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		2025	
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	10/31/2024	10/31/2026	
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	1	2	0
17d. Total 3			

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Program Advisory/ Second Level peer review	04/21/2025	04/21/2025

Program Advisory/ Second Level peer
review

06/03/2025 - 06/03/2025

Program Advisory/ Second Level peer
review

08/15/2025 - 08/15/2025

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	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?**

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.

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 remains the Designated Federal Officer and Executive Secretary. Ex Officio, NIH: Dr. Monica Bertagnolli's position as Director of NIH ended January 17, 2025. Dr. Matthew Memoli was appointed to serve as the Acting Director, NIH from 01/22/2025 until 03/31/2025. Dr. Jay Bhattacharya is a new Ex Officio, named Director of the National Institutes of Health, effective April 1, 2025. Xavier Becerra's position ended as the Secretary of Health and Human Services on 01/20/2025. Dr. Dorothy Fink was appointed to serve as Acting Secretary, HHS from 01/20/2025 until 02/12/2025. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. was appointed as Secretary, HHS on 02/13/2025. Four members (Drs. Edward Botchwey, Elizabeth McNally, and Jinoos Yazdany and Ms. Ann Elderkin) 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
Bertagnolli, Monica	11/09/2023	01/17/2025	Director, NIH	Ex Officio Member
Bhattacharya, Jayanta	04/01/2025	01/20/2029	Director, NIH	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	09/30/2027	Director of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases	Ex Officio Member

Elderkin, Ann	12/04/2022	09/30/2025	Special Consultant, American Government Society for Bone and Mineral Research	Employee (SGE) Member
Fink, Dorothy	01/20/2025	02/12/2025	Acting Secretary, HHS Glancy Family Scholar and Professor of	Ex Officio Member Special Government
Jepsen, Karl	05/19/2024	09/30/2026	Orthopaedic Surgery and Bioengineering, University of Michigan	Employee (SGE) Member
Kennedy, Robert	02/13/2025	01/20/2029	Secretary, HHS	Ex Officio Member
Kiel, Douglas	07/28/2024	09/30/2027	PROFESSOR AND SENIOR SCIENTIST, HINDA AND ARTHUR MARCUS INSTITUTE FOR AGING RESEARCH, HEBREW SENIORLIFE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING, LERNER RESEARCH INSTITUTE, CLEVELAND CLINIC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Li, Xiaojuan	08/11/2024	09/30/2026	Elizabeth J. Ward Chair, Professor and Director, Center for Genetic Medicine, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McNally, Elizabeth	04/09/2023	09/30/2025	Acting Director, NIH	Ex Officio Member
Memoli, Matthew	01/22/2025	03/31/2025	CHIEF PROGRAM, COMMUNICATIONS, AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, SOCIETY FOR INVESTIGATIVE DERMATOLOGY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Minnillo, Rebecca	08/11/2024	09/30/2026		

Payne, Aimee	08/11/2024	09/30/2027	TENURED PROFESSOR AND ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smith-Terry, Sharon	10/06/2024	09/30/2027	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ORTHOPAEDIC RESEARCH SOCIETY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Spencer, Melissa	11/03/2024	09/30/2026	PROFESSOR OF NEUROLOGY AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Taylor, Steven	08/25/2024	09/30/2027	PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION	Special Government Employee (SGE) 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: 19

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 research needs of the Institute.

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

Checked if
Applies

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| 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?

60,253

Number of Recommendations Comments

The National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council reviewed 2,484 applications requesting \$863,485,974 in total costs in fiscal year 2025.

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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committee's activities.

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 2,484
2,484

approval

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval

\$1,290,177,255

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO



Online Agency Web Site



Online Committee Web Site



Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

N/A