

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health

3b. GSA

Committee No.

1951

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

09/29/2024 09/29/2026

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

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42USC287d(d)

13. Effective Date

12/09/1998

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

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. 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 purpose of the Committee is to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Director, Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH), at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), on research activities with regards to the health of women, including autoimmune disease research. Members of the Committee provide advice by reviewing the proposed priorities of the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH), research and career development programs, Conferences, Outreach and Inclusion activities on an annual basis. Committee discussions in FY24 included

updates on ORWH activities and priorities; an update from the NIH Director on evidence –based healthcare for women; an update from the Chair of the White House Initiative on Women’s Health Research on the initiative goals; an update from the NIGMS Director on their role supporting women’s health research; an update on NIH Inclusion Policy activities; panel presentations on Women’s Health and the Institutional Development Awards (IDeA) States Programs and the Midlife Health of Women; an update on enhancing community engagement at ORWH; and concept clearances for five ORWH programs. ACRWH members also provided input on the draft of the 2024–2028 NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for Research on Women’s Health. The Committee also provides advice regarding research on gender differences in clinical drug trials, as well as in disease etiology, course, and treatment. The Committee also makes recommendations regarding activities of the ORWH and helps ensure that women are appropriately represented in biomedical research supported by NIH, and to improve the advancement of women in biomedical careers.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee will consist of no fewer than 12, and not more than 18 members, appointed by the Director, NIH, who are not officers or employees of the Federal Government, from among physicians, practitioners, scientists and other health professionals, whose clinical practice, research specialization, or professional expertise include a significant focus on research and the health of women. A majority of the appointed members will be women. Members have research interests and responsibilities paralleling those of

the Office of Research on Women's Health.

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

The Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health (ACRWH) meets no less than one time within a fiscal year and the dates are set well in advance to ensure maximum participation. In FY2024, the Committee met two times.

Meetings in FY2024 was virtual whereas the other was hybrid. The Committee met on October 18, 2023, and April 9, 2024. During those meetings, the Committee voted on concept clearances for five ORWH programs and voted to approve the draft of the 2024–2028 NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for Research on Women's Health.

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

The Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health (ACRWH) is composed of both scientific and public members who provide in-depth knowledge on topics focused on research on the health of women and public opinions combined with a strong background in the history of women's health research at NIH. The quality, scope, and balance of advice from this Committee cannot be obtained from NIH staff or from other established sources because the membership of the Committee is constituted to meet the specific requirements of the mandated mission of the Committee.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

Members Rotating Off/On-Boarding: Six members

rotated-off on 1/27/2024 (Drs. Sadovsky, Klein, McGregor, Hultgren, Regensteiner, Robinson).
 Members: The terms for Drs. Kimberly Templeton and Reshma Jagsi changed due to administrative extensions though 1/25/2025. As such, their term of service end dates are different than what was reported on the FY23 ACR. Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports this fiscal year.

Designated Federal Officer

VIVIAN OTA WANG ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,
 SCIENCE POLICY, PLANNING, AND ANALYSIS,
 OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
ANDERSON, GARNET	01/18/2022	01/31/2025	SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES DIVISION, FRED HUTCHINSON CANCER RESEARCH CENTER	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
ANINYE, IRENE	03/13/2022	01/31/2025	DIRECTOR, SCIENCE PROGRAMS, SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH RESEARCH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
CLAYTON, JANINE	02/01/2014	01/31/2026	DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH, NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH	Ex Officio Member
HIGGINS, STEPHEN	08/28/2022	01/31/2026	PROFESSOR AND VIRGINIA H. DONALDSON CHAIR IN TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

JAGSI, RESHMA	04/11/2021	01/25/2025	NEWMAN FAMILY PROFESSOR, DEPUTY CHAIR OF DEPARTMENT OF RADIATION ONCOLOGY, DIRECTOR OF CENTER FOR BIOETHICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES IN MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
JONES, HENDREE	09/11/2022	01/31/2026	PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MIELENZ, THELMA	09/11/2022	01/31/2026	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, MAILMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
NOEL, ALEXANDRA	08/28/2022	01/31/2026	ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF COMPARATIVE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES, SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SHARPS, PHYLLIS	09/11/2022	01/31/2026	PROFESSOR EMERITA, SCHOOL OF NURSING, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SIMON, MELISSA	08/29/2021	01/31/2025	VICE CHAIR OF RESEARCH, GEORGE H. GARDNER PROFESSOR OF CLINICAL GYNECOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

			DIRECTOR OF	
			MUSCULOSKELETAL	
			ONCOLOGY	
			SERVICE,	
			ASSOCIATE	
			PROFESSOR OF	Special
			HEALTH POLICY	Government
TEMPLETON,	10/11/2020	01/25/2025	AND MANAGEMENT,	Employee
KIMBERLY			DIRECTOR OF	(SGE)
			ORTHOPAEDIC	Member
			SURGERY	
			RESIDENCY	
			PROGRAM,	
			UNIVERSITY OF	
			KANSAS MEDICAL	
			CENTER	

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

The National Institutes of Health (NIH), Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health (ACRWH) is a congressionally mandated committee (NIH Revitalization Act of 1993, P.L. 103-43) and required by 42 U.S.C. 287d(d), section 486(d) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended that plays a critical role in providing expert level input to the Office of Research on Women's Health on how to best address gaps in knowledge about women's health through research as well as crucial insights on priorities for accelerating advances to improve the health of women and women in science careers. On an annual basis, members of the Committee provide advice on all of the above by reviewing and contributing to the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) proposed research priorities; research and career development programs; conferences; and outreach and inclusion activities. 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 PHS 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...

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

Checked if
Applies

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| Improvements to health or safety | <input checked="" 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

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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?

77

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee makes broad suggestions or individual recommendations on research priorities conducted or supported by the national research institutes with respect to research on women's health including autoimmune disease research. The Committee may also comment on ORWH, including the development of the methodologies to understand the circumstances in which obtaining data specific to women is an appropriate function for clinical trials of treatments and therapies and priorities in carrying out this research. The may also provide recommendations regarding the inclusion of women in clinical trials and opportunities for women in biomedical careers. In FY2024, the Committee voted on concept clearances for five ORWH programs and voted to approve the draft of the 2024–2028 NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for Research on Women's Health.

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

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

Due to the complexity of the issues and the role of this committee, staff is unable to determine which recommendations have been fully or partially implemented solely in response to this 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 each meeting. The public can view information

related to the Committee through the committee'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 type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

The committee makes recommendations to Federal staff regarding research priorities, inclusion of women in clinical trials, and opportunities for women in biomedical careers.

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

No

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 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