

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

939

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/30/2022 06/30/2024

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

42 U.S.C. 284a

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. Closed0 17c. Partially Closed0 Other Activities0 17d. Total0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next
FY 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?

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". The Council is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of peer review; advice on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and research needs and opportunities of the Institute. The Council reviewed and recommended for funding 1,719 applications requesting \$924,188,661. The membership was provided with presentations on the Double-burden of Heat stress and Maternal Malnutrition on Maternal Child Health Outcomes;

Voice of the Participant (Impact of climate changes on the day-to-day lives of the women and their family members in Thatta Pakistan: voices of local community); Research supported by the Gabriella Miller Kids First program on structural birth defects and childhood cancer; Voice of the Participant (Patient Advocate, founder of the Smashing Walnuts Foundation and Gabriella Miller's mother); Young Women's Health: Supporting Adolescents, Young Adults and Their Families; Voice of the Participant (Physical health and quality of life in childhood cancer survivors). The members reviewed and deliberated the following Institute Proposed Initiatives: 1) New Approaches for Measuring Brain Changes Across Longer Timespans 2) Collaborative rare diseases research for long-term follow-up of newborn screening conditions 3) NICHD High Priority Research Projects 4) Academic Research Enhancement Award for Undergraduate-Focused Institutions 5) National Centers for Translational Research in Reproduction and Infertility 6) HEAL Initiative: Outcomes of Babies with Opioid Exposure 7) IMPROVE Initiative 8) The Road to Prevention of Stillbirth 9) Center for Collaborative Research in Fragile X and FMR1-Associated Conditions 10) Optimizing Health of Children and Adolescents with Perinatal HIV Exposure 11) Women's Reproductive Health Research 12) Population Dynamics Research Infrastructure Program. To address the burden of stillbirth on U.S. families, the fiscal year (FY) 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-103) included funds and report language for HHS to establish a Task Force to examine: current barriers to collecting data on stillbirths throughout the United States; communities at higher risk of stillbirth, the psychological impact and treatment for mothers following stillbirth and known risk

factors for stillbirth. At the request of HHS, NICHD formed the Stillbirth Working Group of Council, to take on this task. The work group convened four sessions (October 20, 2022, November 22, 2022, December 9, 2022, and January 5, 2023) to discuss its four focus areas and to hear the personal perspectives of people who have experienced a stillbirth. In January 2023, the work group presented its findings and recommendations to Council, which unanimously approved its recommendations. The work group released its final report to HHS (Working to Address the Tragedy of Stillbirth), on March 15, 2023.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Council will consist of not more than 18 members appointed by the Secretary (appointed members) and at least 6 nonvoting ex officio members. The nonvoting ex officio members will include the Secretary; the Director, NIH; the Director, NICHD; the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (or their designees); a representative from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration; and such additional officers or employees of the United States as the Secretary determines necessary for the Council to effectively carry out its function. A member of the National Advisory Board on Medical Rehabilitation Research, National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research, NICHD, will act as a nonvoting liaison representative to ensure adequate communication on critical issues of concern to both committees. Of the appointed members, two-thirds will be selected from among the leading representatives of the health and

scientific disciplines (including not less than 2 individuals who are leaders in the fields of public health and the behavioral or social sciences) relevant to the activities of the Institute, particularly representatives of the health and scientific disciplines in the area of obstetrics, gynecology, pediatrics, genetics, perinatology, reproductive biology, developmental biology, physiology, biochemistry, endocrinology, nutrition, medical rehabilitation, child development, demography, and pharmacology. One-third of the appointed members will be appointed by the Secretary from the general public and will include leaders in the fields of public policy, law, health policy, economics, and management.

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

The committee conducted three Council meetings during this reporting period on the following dates: January 24-25, 2023; June 6-7, 2023; and September 6-7, 2023. The National Advisory Child Health and Human Development 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 gynecology 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 Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of 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 Advisory Child Health and Human Development Council were partially closed to the public 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 discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable materials and personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.

21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - National Scientific and Advisory. Ex Officio Members: Dr. Lopato retired 6/8/23 and has been replaced by Dr. Li. Members: Dr. Bianchi was reappointed until 11/20/2024 and her terms has been updated. Dr. Dorn has been reappointed until 11/30/2025 and the start date was incorrectly reported on the 2020, 2021, and 2022 ACRs; her term has been updated with the correct start date (12/1/2012). Dr. Tabak's title has been updated. Members Egan, Jain, Lavender and Resick were reported as starting 12/1/2019 on the 2021 and 2022 ACRs; the correct start date is 8/30/2020 and their terms updated.

Designated Federal Officer

Activities

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
BIANCHI, DIANA	10/31/2016	11/30/2024	Director, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development	Ex Officio Member
Barkin, Shari	03/28/2021	11/30/2024	Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Becerra, Xavier	03/19/2021	01/20/2025	Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services	Ex Officio Member
Bucci-Rechtweg, Christina	03/28/2021	11/30/2024	Head, Pediatric and Maternal Health Policy, Clinical Development and Drug Regulatory Affairs, Novartis Pharmaceutical Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
COUGHLIN, JOHN	08/30/2020	11/30/2023	Pediatric Surgeon, Johns Hopkins Outpatient Care	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DORN, PATRICIA	12/01/2012	11/30/2025	Director, Rehabilitation Research & Development - Department of Veterans Affairs	Ex Officio Member
EGAN, KATHLEEN	08/30/2020	11/30/2023	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Fair, Damien	08/28/2022	11/30/2025	Professor, University Minnesota	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
JAIN, LUCKY	08/20/2020	11/30/2023	George W. Brumley Jr. Professor and Chair, Emory University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LAVENDER, MISSY	08/30/2020	11/30/2023	Chief Executive Officer, Renalis Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lang, Catherine	03/28/2021	11/30/2024	Professor, Program in Physical Therapy, Washington University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Li, Rui	06/09/2023	11/30/2025	Director, Health Resources and Services Administration	Ex Officio Member
Maldonado, Yvonne	08/29/2022	11/30/2025	Professor, Stanford University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Miller, Melissa	12/01/2021	11/30/2023	Health Science Program Manager, US Army	Ex Officio Member
Neal-Perry, Genevieve	04/12/2021	11/30/2024	Professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology Reproductive Endocrinology, University of North Carolina School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Resnick, Adam	08/30/2020	11/30/2023	Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Phoenix Children's Hospital	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rowitch, David	03/28/2021	11/30/2024	Professor and Head, Department of Pediatrics, University of Cambridge	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 18

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 scientist in universities, medical schools, hospitals, and research institutions throughout the country and abroad; assisting 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 Child Health and Human Development Council provides second level peer review; makes recommendations for support of grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements; advises on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and research needs of the NICHD.

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 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?

34,512

Number of Recommendations Comments

Council reviewed 1,719 Grant Applications in FY-23 and 12 recommendations from workgroup

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 the 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 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 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 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 approved be 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's eligibility, and compliance with public policy requirements. After all the 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 1,719
1,719

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval
\$924,188,661

Grant Review Comments

Council reviewed 1,719 applications, requesting \$924,118,661 in requested total costs.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

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