

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Health and Human Services		2019	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry		21497	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	05/21/2018	05/21/2020	
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date	
Yes		09/30/2019	
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?	
Terminate	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
42 U.S.C. 217a	11/17/1962	Continuing	No
15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	17d. Total
2	0	0	2
Meetings and Dates			

Purpose	Start	End
The agenda will include discussions on NCEH/ATSDR Program Responses to BSC Guidance and Action Items, ATSDR Tox Profiles, Federal Strategy on Lead, Cancer Clusters, PFAS Community of Practice, Open Data, and National Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit Program. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.	12/12/2018	12/13/2018
The agenda will include discussions on PFAS Health-Related initiatives, Expanding National Laboratory Capacity to Measure Human Exposure to Synthetic Opioids, CCARE: Controlling Childhood Asthma, Reducing Emergencies, The Intersection of Place and Health: ATSDR's Geospatial Research Analysis and Services Program (GRASP) and Social Vulnerability Index (SVI), Ethylene Oxide	06/25/2019	06/26/2019

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$19,000.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$10,208.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$110,926.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$18,553.00	\$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.)	\$11,028.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$169,715.00	\$0.00

19. Federal Staff Support

1.15 0.00

Years (FTE)**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Board accomplished its purpose by providing advice and guidance to assist NCEH/ATSDR in ensuring scientific quality, timeliness, utility, and dissemination of results. The Board provided guidance to help NCEH/ATSDR work more effectively with its various constituents and to fulfill its mission in protecting America's health. The Board provided advice and guidance on program goals, objectives, strategies, and priorities in fulfillment of the agencies' mission to protect and promote people's health.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership on the Board represented a balance of scientific expertise relevant to environmental public health issues (toxicology, epidemiology, environmental health science, medicine, laboratory science, occupational health, and environmental law). Points of view represent state, local, public, private and academic concerns. In addition, the Center worked closely with CDC's Committee Management Office to ensure balance with regard to race, gender, and geographic representation. In 2019, there were ten females and four minority members. The geographic distribution of the members was: East-10; West-2; South-3; and Central-5.

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

In FY 2019, the BSC held two face-to-face meetings. The Board played an extremely important role in assisting the Center's focus on

essential programs and enhancing the science of the Center. The Board provided advice and guidance on the quality of science regarding NCEH/ATSDR's environmental health programs, research, activities, strategies, priorities objectives, quality, timeliness and utility and dissemination of results.

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

The NCEH was established to operate under a broad mandate to prevent disability, disease, and death due to environmental factors; ATSDR program authorities and its appropriations derive primarily from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980. ATSDR's mandated responsibilities require review and input from diverse scientific disciplines. The BSC brought outstanding experts from several fields, including environmental health, epidemiology, occupational health, medicine, toxicology, and environmental law. This capability centralized in one Board does not exist elsewhere in the Department of Health and Human Services.

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

To date, all Board meetings have been open to the public.

21. Remarks

No formal recommendations were made in FY19. This committee does not produce reports. The committee was terminated in accordance with Executive Order 13875, effective 9/30/2019.

Designated Federal Officer

William Cibulas Deputy Associate Director for Science

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Adesanya, Babafemi	06/02/2017	09/30/2019	Intellectual Concepts, LLC	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Aldous, Kenneth	11/08/2016	09/30/2019	Director Division of Environmental Health Sciences, Wadsworth Center New York State Department of Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bernstein, Aaron	11/15/2016	09/30/2019	Associate Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brown, Darryl	11/04/2016	09/30/2019	Assistant Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cascio, Wayne	01/01/2015	09/30/2019	United States Environmental Protection Agency	Ex Officio Member
Condon, Suzanne	10/01/2016	09/30/2019	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cory-Slechta, Deborah	05/02/2015	12/01/2018	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dietrich, Kim	04/30/2015	11/27/2018	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Grant, Roberta	09/24/2016	09/30/2019	Manager, Toxicology Section Toxicology Division, Office of the Executive	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LaFollette, Sharron	04/29/2015	11/26/2018	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Lunn, Ruth	11/05/2016	09/30/2019	Director, Office of the Report on Carcinogens Division of the National Toxicology Program National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences	Ex Officio Member
Martin, Joyce	11/05/2016	09/30/2019	Health Policy Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McCullers, Ralph	01/03/2017	09/30/2019	Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Meeker, John	09/27/2016	09/30/2019	Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Research University of Michigan, School of Public Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Payne Sturges, Devon	09/22/2016	09/30/2019	Assistant Professor Maryland Institute for Applied Environmental Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Perry, Melissa	06/02/2017	09/30/2019	The George Washington University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Trout, Douglas	06/02/2015	09/30/2019	Associate Director for Science	Ex Officio Member
Underwood, Marilyn	06/02/2017	09/30/2019	Contra Costa County Health Services Department	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Witherspoon, Nse	04/27/2015	09/30/2019	Executive Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Zhou, Joey	06/02/2018	09/30/2019	U.S. Department of Energy	Ex Officio Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 20

Narrative Description

The Board of Scientific Counselors, NCEH/ATSDR provided advice and guidance to the Secretary, HHS; the Director, CDC; and the Director, NCEH/ATSDR, regarding program goals, objectives, strategies, and priorities in fulfillment of the agencies' mission to protect and promote people's health. The Board provided advice and guidance that assisted NCEH/ATSDR in ensuring scientific quality, timeliness, utility, and dissemination of results. The Board also provided guidance to help NCEH/ATSDR work more efficiently and effectively with its various constituents and to fulfill its mission in protecting America's health. The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) operated under a broad mandate to prevent disability, disease, and death due to environmental factors. NCEH operated under the authority of Section 301 of the Public Health Service Act. The Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and by delegation, the Director, CDC, is authorized under Section 301, [42 U.S.C. Section 241] and Section 311, [42 U.S.C. Section 243], of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, to: (1) conduct, encourage, cooperate with, and assist other appropriate public authorities, scientific institutions, and scientists in the conduct of research, investigations, experiments, demonstrations, and studies relating to the causes, diagnosis, treatment, control, and prevention of physical and mental diseases, and other impairments; (2) assist States and their political subdivisions in the prevention of infectious diseases and other preventable conditions, and in the promotion of health and well-being; and (3) to train State and local personnel in health work, in order to prevent disability, disease, and death due to environmental factors. The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) program authorities and its appropriations are primarily from the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA or Superfund), [42 U.S.C. 9604(i) (1)]. The Secretary, HHS, and the Administrator, ATSDR, are authorized under Section 104(i) of Public Law 96-510, CERCLA, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, [42 U.S. C. Section 9604(i)], and Sections 3019 and 3001(b)(1) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), [42 U.S.C. Sections 6939a and 6921(b)(1)], to determine the extent of danger

to the public's health from a release or threat of release of a hazardous substance at Superfund or RCRA sites by conducting health assessments and to conduct directly or by grants or contracts, research, experiments, and demonstrations relating to the prevention of human health effects from exposure to toxic substances. CERCLA [Section 104(i)(13)] stipulates that all studies and results of research conducted by ATSDR shall be reported only after appropriate peer review.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

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?

255

Number of Recommendations Comments

There were no new formal recommendations in FY 19

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

20%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

49%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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's feedback to the BSC suggestions were presented and discussed with the BSC during each meeting.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities



Reallocated resources



Issued new regulation



Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

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

No

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 type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments