

2023 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps

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1. Department or Agency
Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year
2023

3. Committee or Subcommittee
National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps

3b. GSA Committee No.
950

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? No

5. Current Charter 10/30/1996

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. 254j

13. Effective Date 10/01/1977

14. Committee Type Continuing

14c. Presidential? No

15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 2

16b. Report Date 12/01/2022

Report Title The National Health Service Corps at 50: Accomplishments, Adaptations, and Aspirations

Letter of Recommendation for
 Funding the Fiscal Year 2024
 05/01/2023 National Health Service Corps Loan
 Repayment Scholarship Program

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 2

17a. 3 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 3
Open

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
NACNHSC will engage in conversations to raise awareness of the health care impact of caregiver burden; the emerging relevance for guidance on navigating caregivers support networks; collaboration that supports coordination of team-based care; opportunities to enhance academic training; HRSA policy updates; and NACNHSC future priorities.	11/15/2022	11/16/2022
NACNHSC will develop a letter to support the critical need to continue National Health Service Corps funding and discuss future priorities.	03/21/2023	03/21/2023
NACNHSC members will receive HRSA Division of National Health Service Corps updates and discuss innovative projects that connect underserved communities with much needed health care services in non-traditional ways.	06/27/2023	06/28/2023

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel		
Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$8,750.00	\$22,500.00
18a(2). Personnel		
Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel		
Pmts to Federal Staff	\$245,021.00	\$261,831.00
18a(4). Personnel		
Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$1,656.00	\$4,240.00
18b(1). Travel and Per		
Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$29,085.00

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.)	\$52,659.00	\$54,589.00
18d. Total	\$308,086.00	\$372,245.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.25	1.25

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Council has been providing feedback on the Agency's endeavors to reshape the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) as outlined in HHS Priorities through their meetings up to 4 times per year or more as needed. The Council provides direct feedback to the NHSC Director, HRSA Administrator, and HHS Secretary. In FY 2023, the Council focused on clinician burnout and resiliency; increased support in the NHSC workforce via data analysis efforts for future forecasting, continued discussions on future development and use of telehealth opportunities in rural areas. The Council discussed health equity and the role of the healthcare workforce in delivering quality care and reducing health disparities in rural and underserved communities; and creating a NHSC 50th Anniversary White Paper with an overview of the NHSC history, current impact the NHSC has made in communities and the future aspirations of the NHSC. The Council met three times in FY 2023.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Council members are primary health care professionals with a broad range of experience: as active clinicians, NHSC alumni, participants in health care delivery systems, academics, site administrators, and members of state-based and professional organizations. There is also a continual balance of minority and female members on the Council. Members bring to the Council first-hand and policy level expertise on meeting the needs of the urban and rural underserved through an interdisciplinary model of care that is community responsive and culturally competent.

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

The Council can meet up to a minimum of four times per year or more as needed (in person and virtually) to provide advice and guidance to the NHSC regarding those issues which have an impact on the NHSC's ability to meet its mission. The Council's contribution is crucial to the continuation of the NHSC's effectiveness as the only federal program which directly addresses the problem of maldistribution of clinicians in the nation. It is this problem which is the root cause of underservice and has become increasingly critical due to the rapid changes in the health care environment in recent years.

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

This Council is the sole source of objective program and policy guidance to the Secretary regarding the function of the NHSC in addressing the needs of the underserved. The NHSC program is a unique program that works directly with individuals rather than institutions, input from

those persons directly impacted by the program are critical to its success. In addition, Council members' experience and commitment to the mission provide to the Director of the NHSC, the HRSA Administrator, and the health professional shortage designation program a unique resource that informs their daily operations and long range planning.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

One funding recommendation in the May 2023 letter submitted to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Designated Federal Officer

Diane O. Fabiyi-King DFO, NAC on NHSC

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Anderson, Aaron	09/24/2023	09/23/2026	Toppenish Medical-Dental Clinic	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Anderson, Andrea	06/20/2021	06/21/2024	Physician	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brandner, Tara	06/20/2021	06/21/2024	Nurse Practitioner	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Callins, Keisha	08/18/2019	02/15/2023	Physician	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chan, Charmaine	08/01/2021	08/02/2024	Physician	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Daniels, Sheri-Ann	09/24/2023	09/23/2026	Executive Director of Papa Ola Lokahi	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Doss, Jihan	09/24/2023	09/23/2026	Dentist and Faculty Member, Prairie State University and Midwestern University, College of Dental Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fletcher-Blake, Debbian	03/26/2023	03/25/2026	CEO, Vocational Instruction Project Community Services, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Garbely-Kerkovich, Sandra	08/01/2021	08/02/2024	Dentist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gracia, Deborah	03/26/2023	03/25/2026	Chief Medical Officer, Osteopathic Medical Education for Borinquen Health Care Center, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Khozaim, Kareem	08/01/2021	08/02/2024	Physician	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McMillen, Shawn	09/24/2023	09/23/2026	Executive Director of First Step House	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schmitz, David	08/18/2019	02/15/2023	Professor and Chair	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sheen, Edward	03/26/2023	03/25/2026	Chief Population Health Officer and Senior Vice President at Health Catalyst	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Taylor-Desir, Monica	08/18/2019	02/15/2023	Chief Medical Officer and Psychiatrist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Villareal, Elias	08/01/2021	08/02/2024	Physician Assistant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 16

Narrative Description

The National Advisory Council on the National Health Service Corps (NACNHSC) fully supports the agency’s mission and strategic plan in many ways. NACNHSC gathers national leaders who are actively providing primary care to the underserved and allows them to advise the NHSC Program and Agency on the optimal way to reach the underserved from their perspective. In addition, NACNHSC fields comments and concerns from organizations and clinicians currently in service to the underserved in order to improve operations on all levels within the federal government.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

Cost Savings Comments

unknown

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

75

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Council serves as a forum to identify the priorities for the NHSC and bring forward and anticipate future program issues and concerns. This work is done through ongoing communication with program staff, professional organizations, communities and program participants. The Council functions as a sounding board for proposed policy changes by using the varying levels of expertise represented on the Council to advise on specific program areas. The Council can develop and distribute white papers, briefs and letters of recommendations that clearly state issues and/or concerns relating to the NHSC with specific recommendations for necessary policy revisions. Currently, recommendations are being made to improve program operations and policies as well as to direct future program activities. Recommendations are shared with the Director of the NHSC, the program, and the HRSA Administrator.

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

80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The most recent recommendations for FY 2023 are still under review for implementation.

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

We have received response from The Secretary to thank the Council for the Letter of Support for National Health Service Corps.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Any recommendations made by the Council are noted in the minutes and responded to at the Council's next meeting through an update by the Director of the NHSC. Public can find feedback on Council website

<https://www.hrsa.gov/advisory-committees/national-health-service-corps>.

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

Action Comments

Not Applicable

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
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

N/A