

# 2026 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities

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**1. Department or Agency** Department of Health and Human Services **2. Fiscal Year** 2026

**3. Committee or Subcommittee** National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities **3b. GSA Committee No.** 10726

**4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?** No **5. Current Charter** 08/04/2025 **6. Expected Renewal Date** 08/04/2027 **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. 285t(j), section 464z-3(j) of the PHSA **13. Effective Date** 11/22/2000 **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. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

**Meetings and Dates**

No Meetings

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Next</b>
	<b>FY</b>	<b>FY</b>
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18e. Total Costs</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Advisory Council provides advice to the Secretary and to the Director, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) on matters relating to the conduct and support of research, training, health information dissemination, and on other programs that address minority health and other health disparity

conditions. In addition, the Council advises on matters relating to improving the visibility of minority health and other health disparities research and on expanding the role of this research in learning why some groups have disproportionately high rates of disease. The Council accomplishes its charge in a number of ways, one of which includes priority setting - identifying gaps in research and public health needs as related to the burden of disease among minority populations. Compelling evidence documents the disparate health status of segments of the American population, the most striking of which include a shorter life expectancy, higher rates of cancer, birth defects, infant mortality, asthma, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease. The Council also advises the NIMHD in prioritizing the initiatives submitted by the NIH institutes and centers for consideration for support by the NIMHD. And finally, the Council reviews applications for grants and cooperative agreements for research and training and recommends approval of applications for projects, which show promise of making valuable contributions to human knowledge. The NIMHD Council recommended 1,193 applications in the amount of \$586,665,757.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Council consists of not more than 18 members appointed by the Secretary (appointed members), one nonvoting representative of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, NIH, and at least 5 nonvoting ex officio members. The nonvoting ex officio members will include the Secretary; the Director, NIH; the Director, NIMHD; 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. A majority of the members shall be individuals with demonstrated expertise regarding minority health and health disparity issues; representatives of communities impacted by minority and other health disparities shall be included; and a diversity of health professionals shall be represented. Two-thirds of the appointed members 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 NIMHD. The health and scientific disciplines relevant to NIMHD science are broad and include, but are not limited to, behavioral, biological, social, built environment and health care expertise through the equity lens provided by race and ethnicity and socioeconomic status. Research includes, but is not limited to, individuals, families, communities, and societal components that affect health disparity conditions. One-third of the appointed members will be selected 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?**

Meetings are held not less than three times each fiscal year. The National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NACMHD) met on May 5, 2025, May 6, 2025, and September 5, 2025. The Council advises the NIMHD in 1) prioritizing the projects to be funded in the fiscal

year and 2) planning future activities based on review of progress for previous year activities, discussion of proposed new initiatives, and identification of gaps in research and/or training. In addition to the NACMHD meetings, the Working Group to Review Division of Community Health and Population Sciences met on October 1, 2024, October 22, 2024, and December 6, 2024.

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

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities was established by the passage of the Minority Health and Health Disparities Research and Education Act of 2000, Public Law 106-525, which was signed by the President of the United States on November 22, 2000. Within the Act, it empowered the Secretary to establish an advisory council to advise, assist, consult with, and make recommendations to the Director, NIMHD on matters relating to the activities of NIMHD. In particular, the Council assists the NIMHD with priority setting and with prioritizing which initiatives the NIMHD should fund annually. The Council effectively serves as the second level of review, which is a key component of the NIH Peer Review System. The Council also offers advice and makes recommendations on policy and program development, program implementation, evaluation, and other matters of significance to the mission and goals of the respective Institutes or Centers.

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

The meetings of the National Advisory Council on Minority Health and Health Disparities 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 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 public reports during the fiscal year. Members Rotating Off/On-Boarding/Vacancies: Two members rotated off (Dr. Mario Sims and Dr. Chau Trinh-Shevrin), and no new members were on-boarded. There are currently 12 vacancies. This explains why the Charter identifies up to 18 potential members, while this ACR reflects 2 members whose terms ended on 8/27/2025 and 6 current members. Members: Drs. Mario Sims and Chau Trinh-Shevrin were administratively extended to 8/27/2025. As such, their terms of service end date are different than what was reported on the FY24 ACR. Ex Officio Members: Dr. Eliseo Perez-Stable left the committee on 4/3/2025. As such, his term of service end date is different than what was reported on the FY24 ACR. Dr. Monica M. Bertagnolli left the committee on 1/17/2025 before the new NIH Director, Dr. Jayanta Bhattacharya, was appointed on 4/1/2025. As such, her term of service end date is different than what was reported on the FY24 ACR. The new DHHS Secretary, Mr. Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., was appointed on 2/13/2025. Dr. Dorothy A. Fink served as Acting DHHS Secretary from 1/20/2025 to 2/12/2025, and Dr. Matthew Memoli served as Acting NIH Director from 1/22/2025 to 3/31/2025. This is why the Charter states 5 nonvoting ex-officios, but this ACR report

lists 11. The Designated Federal Official and Committee Decision Maker are held by the same individual based on the assignment of duties in the Institute.

### Designated Federal Officer

Paul A. Cotton Director, Office of Extramural Research Activities, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
ADUNYAH, SAMUEL	08/13/2023	02/28/2026	Tenured Professor and Chairman, Department of Biochemistry, Cancer Biology, Neuroscience and Pharmacology, Meharry Medical College	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
BAUERMEISTER, JOSE	08/27/2023	02/28/2026	Department of Family and Community Health, School of Nursing, University of Pennsylvania	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
BHATTACHARYA, JAYANTA	04/01/2025	01/20/2029	Director, National Institutes of Health	Ex Officio Member
CACARI STONE, LISA	08/27/2023	02/28/2026	Professor, College of Population Health, The University of New Mexico	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
CURRY, KENDRICK	08/13/2023	02/28/2026	Senior Pastor, The Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member



SIMONI, JANE	07/30/2023	12/31/2026	Associate Director, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, National Institutes of Health Acting Director, National Institute of	Ex Officio Member
WEBB HOOPER, MONICA	04/04/2025	04/28/2027	Institute of Minority Health and Health Institutes of Health	Ex Officio Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 12**

**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 NACMHD 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 identifies research needs of the NIMHD.

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

Checked if  
Applies

Improvements to health or safety



- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**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**

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?**

27,978

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The number of recommendations includes the second level review of grant applications.

**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>.

**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
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments

Other

**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 approval 1,193  
1,193

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval  
\$586,665,757

**Grant Review Comments**

The NIMHD Council recommended 1,193 applications in FY25.

**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