

# 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Center for Mental Health Services National Advisory Council

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

## 2. Fiscal Year

2024

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Center for Mental Health Services National  
Advisory Council

## 3b. GSA

## Committee No.

184

## 4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

06/15/2022

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

06/15/2024

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

42 U.S.C. 290aa1

## 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. 290aa-1

## 13. Effective Date

07/10/1992

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue 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 Next  
FY FY

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| <b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to<br/>Non-Federal Members</b>                  | \$0.00 \$0.00 |
| <b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to<br/>Federal Members</b>                      | \$0.00 \$0.00 |
| <b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to<br/>Federal Staff</b>                        | \$0.00 \$0.00 |
| <b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to<br/>Non-Member Consultants</b>               | \$0.00 \$0.00 |
| <b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to<br/>Non-Federal Members</b>             | \$0.00 \$0.00 |
| <b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to<br/>Federal Members</b>                 | \$0.00 \$0.00 |
| <b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to<br/>Federal Staff</b>                   | \$0.00 \$0.00 |
| <b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to<br/>Non-member Consultants</b>          | \$0.00 \$0.00 |
| <b>18c. Other(rents,user charges,<br/>graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b> | \$0.00 \$0.00 |
| <b>18d. Total</b>   | \$0.00 \$0.00 |
| <b>19. Federal Staff Support Years<br/>(FTE)</b>                          | 0.00 0.00     |

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

The Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) National Advisory Council accomplishes its purpose through advising, consulting with, and making recommendations to the Director, CMHS, concerning activities and policies related to responding to the service needs of Americans with mental illness. The Council also accomplishes its purpose by providing a secondary review of summary statements of grant applications for which Council approval is required under Section 504(c)(2) of the Public Health Service Act. The Council recommends for approval those applications that showed promise of making valuable contributions to the Center's mission. In fiscal year 2023, the Council provided a secondary

review of 762 grant applications in response to 35 SAMHSA/CMHS funding announcements. Council Members also had an opportunity to participate in discussions regarding SAMHSA Leadership updates, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), School Based Mental Health Services, Mental Health Block Grant, Black Youth Suicide Prevention Activities, CMHS Response to Disasters, Transitional Age Youth Policy Academy, Potential Innovation, Olmstead Activity, Recovery Office, and Advisory Committee for Women's Services/SAMHSA Implementation of National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence.

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

The CMHS National Advisory Council is comprised of 12 members who are appointed by the Secretary, HHS. At least half will have a medical degree, doctoral degree in psychology, or an advanced degree in nursing or social work from an accredited graduate school or be a certified physician assistant; and shall specialize in the mental health field. Nine (9) members shall be from among the leading representatives of the health disciplines (including public health and behavioral and social sciences), relevant to the activities of CMHS; and three (3) members shall be from the general public and shall include leaders in the fields of public policy, public relations, law, health policy economics, or management. All 12 appointed members shall serve as Special Government Employees. The Council also includes seven non-voting ex-officio members - the Secretary, HHS; the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, SAMHSA; the Director, Center for Mental Health Services, Director, National Institute of Mental Health; and the Under Secretary for Health of the

Department of Veterans Affairs; the Assistant Secretary for Defense for Health Affairs (or the designates of such officers) and the Chief Medical Officer, SAMHSA. Appointments are made paying close attention to experience and expertise as well as equitable gender representation, race/ethnicity representation, and geographic distribution. All Council members fully participate in policy and program development, each bringing to bear their unique perspective from their area of expertise.

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

Due to the Council's mandated function to provide guidance to the Center regarding programmatic policies and priorities, the Council met twice in person in fiscal year 2023. The Council reviews grant applications and recommends approval for projects that show promise of making valuable contributions to the Center's mission. The Council participated in ten online Electronic Council Book sessions to conduct second level grant reviews.

The 4/25/23 meeting included: Updates, and Appreciation from SAMHSA's Assistant Secretary, Consideration of the August 18, 2022, Meeting Minutes, CMHS Director's Report – Program Updates, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), School Based Mental Health Services, Mental Health Block Grant, Black Youth Suicide Prevention Activities, CMHS Response to Disasters, and Public Comment. The 8/29/23 meeting included: SAMHSA Updates from Assistant Secretary, Consideration of the April 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes, CMHS Director's Report – Program Updates, Transitional Age Youth Policy Academy, Potential Innovation, Olmstead Activity, Recovery Office, Advisory Committee for Women's Services/SAMHSA Implementation of National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, and

Public Comment. All these meetings were relevant to carry out the committee functions for FY 2023.

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

The Council is composed of professional and public members who provide the second level of review for grant applications, as well as provide advice on all other aspects of the Center's activities relating to mental health services. The direction, scope, balance, and emphasis of the advice received from this group of experts cannot be obtained from Center or SAMHSA staff, or from other established sources, because the membership of the Council is uniquely constituted to meet the specific requirements of the statutory mission of the Advisory Council and of the Center.

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

N/A

**21. Remarks**

No reports required for the CMHS NAC on FY 2023.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Pamela Foote Program Analyst

| <b>Committee Members</b> | <b>Start</b> | <b>End</b> | <b>Occupation</b>                      | <b>Member Designation</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------|--|---------------------------|
| Becerra, Xavier          | 01/01/2022   | 12/31/2025 | DHHS Secretary                         | Ex Officio Member         |
|                          |              |            | Director, Department of                | Special Government        |
| Criss, Lori              | 07/18/2021   | 07/17/2025 | Mental Health and Addiction Services   | Employee (SGE) Member     |
|                          |              |            | Assistant Sec                          |                           |
| Delphin-Rittmon, Miriam  | 01/01/2022   | 12/31/2025 | Mental Health and Substance Use SAMHSA | Ex Officio Member         |

|                  |            |            |   |  |
|------------------|------------|------------|---|--|
| Dike, Charles    | 03/12/2023 | 03/14/2026 | Chief Medical Director/<br>Co-Division Director             | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Fox, Anthony     | 03/12/2023 | 03/14/2026 | President and Chief Executive Officer                       | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Gordon, Joshua   | 01/01/2022 | 12/31/2025 | Director, NIMH  | Ex Officio Member                        |
| Heinssen, Robert | 01/01/2022 | 12/31/2025 | Director, Division of Services & Intervention Research/NIMH | Ex Officio Member                        |
| Loftis, Chris    | 01/01/2022 | 12/31/2025 | National Director, Veterans Affairs                         | Ex Officio Member                        |
| Reid, Michele    | 03/12/2023 | 03/14/2026 | Chief Medical Officer                                       | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Shern, David     | 07/18/2021 | 07/17/2025 | Senior Science Advisor Mental Health America                | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Shivangi, Sampat | 07/10/2019 | 12/31/2023 | Doctor of Medicine  | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Wells, Conni     | 03/12/2023 | 03/14/2026 | NE Director   | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 12**

### **Narrative Description**

SAMHSA's mission is to lead public health and service delivery efforts that promote mental health, prevent substance misuse, and provide treatments and supports to foster recovery while ensuring equitable access and better outcomes. The CMHS National Advisory Council supports SAMHSA's mission by providing advice on issues and policies specifically related to the mental health of the Nation; the development and coordination of federal prevention

policies and programs; eliminating disparities in mental health services; making early mental health screening, assessment, and referral to services a common practice; advancing evidence-based practices; and developing and implementing health technology and tele-health systems to improve access and coordination for mental health care. SAMHSA is directed by Congress to target substance use and mental health services to people most in need, and to translate research in these areas more effectively and more rapidly into the general health care system. Over the years, SAMHSA has demonstrated that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people recover from mental and substance use disorders.

Behavioral health services improve health status and reduce health care and other costs to society. Continued improvement in the delivery and financing of prevention, treatment, and recovery support services provides a cost effective opportunity to advance and protect the Nation's health. SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) works to improve the quality of mental health services in America. In FY 2023, the CMHS National Advisory Council members participated in discussions regarding Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), School Based Mental Health Services, Mental Health Block Grant, Black Youth Suicide Prevention Activities, Transitional Age Youth Policy Academy, Potential Innovation, Olmstead Activity, Recovery Office, Advisory Committee for Women's Services/SAMHSA Implementation of National Plan to End Gender-Based Violence, and Updates from the Assistant Secretary.

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

|                                  | Checked if<br>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 type="checkbox"/>            |
| Effective grant making           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

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Under \$100,000

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\$100,000 - \$500,000

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\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

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\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

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\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

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Over \$10,000,000

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Cost Savings Other

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### Cost Savings Comments

Council recommendations and suggestions may lead to savings over time. However, the savings may not be realized for years and are difficult to determine.

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

38

### Number of Recommendations Comments

From FYs 1994 to 2023, the CMHS National Advisory Council produced 38 recommendations. Although no formal recommendations In FY 2023, the committee advised the Center director on issues related to the center's mission and function and on areas related to both meetings held in the fiscal year. Feedback is provided on subsequent committee meetings regarding pending issues and advised given.

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

70%



### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

During the life of the Council, approximately 70% of the recommendations have been implemented. Recommendations that have been implemented include promoting consumer awareness and peer support, inclusion of youth representatives, revision of the meeting formats, greater emphasis on services to children, and disaster preparation. Other recommendations included increasing the availability of quality measures in grant programs on access, disparities, populations served, and types of services provided in education, medical training, HBCU engagement, and workforce increases in mental health services.

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

65%

### **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

During the life of the Council, approximately 65% of the recommendations have been partially implemented. This is due to restrictions imposed by legislative/fiscal/programmatic concerns and/or superseding agency priorities.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

### **Agency Feedback Comments**

Status reports, updates, and briefings on matters that have come before the Council are regularly provided at Council meetings. When the Council votes to pass recommendations, it is SAMHSA's policy to ensure responses to the Council are provided within a prescribed time frame. SAMHSA ensures that complete minutes are prepared and circulated to the members for clearance and approved at the next official meeting. Summaries of information may be mailed, emailed, telephoned, or faxed to Council members. Communications from CMHS to Council members include issue papers, fact sheets, press releases, reports, and other documents. CMHS Council members also have access to senior management and technical experts when needed. Much of this information is also uploaded on SAMHSA's website for the general public to see.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities



|                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reallocated resources             | <input 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

Secondary review of the grant processes is a critical responsibility of the Council.

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

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 762

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 762

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$1,273,911,486

### Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### Access Comments

N/A