

2004 Current Fiscal Year Report: President's Council on Bioethics

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human
Services

2. Fiscal Year

2004

3. Committee or Subcommittee

President's Council on Bioethics

3b. GSA Committee

No.

12151

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
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No	11/28/2003	11/28/2005	09/30/2005
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8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Executive Order

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Presidential

12. Specific Establishment Authority

EO 13237

13. Effective Date

11/28/2001

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

Yes

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

4

16b. Report Date

Report Title

10/14/2003 Beyond Therapy: Biotechnology and the Pursuit of Happiness

12/20/2003 Being Human: Readings from the President's Council on Bioethics

01/01/2004 Monitoring Stem Cell Research

Reproduction and Responsibility:

03/01/2004 The Regulation of New Biotechnologies

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 4

17a. 5 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 5
 Open

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To meet with Council Members and invited guest speakers to discuss bioethics issues.	10/16/2003	10/17/2003
To meet with Council Members and invited guest speakers to discuss bioethics issues.	01/15/2004	01/16/2004
To meet with Council Members and invited guest speakers to discuss bioethics issues.	04/01/2004	04/02/2004
To meet with Council Members and invited guest speakers to discuss bioethics issues.	06/24/2004	06/25/2004
To meet with Council Members and invited guest speakers to discuss bioethics issues.	09/09/2004	09/10/2004

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 5

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$63,000.00	\$63,000.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00

18c. Administrative**Costs (FRNs,**

contractor support,	\$0.00	\$0.00
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**In-person/hybrid/virtual
meetings)**

18d. Other (all other

funds not captured by any other cost	\$1,187,000.00	\$1,187,000.00
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category)

18e. Total Costs	\$3,000,000.00	\$3,000,000.00
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19. Federal Staff

Support Years (FTE)	16.00	16.00
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**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its
purpose?**

The purpose is accomplished through reports to the President, written on the basis of Council Meetings, at which Members discuss bioethical subjects among themselves and with outside experts in the fields of ethics, biology, medicine, law, theology and philosophy. Additionally, a separate research staff contributes to the meetings with background papers. To date, the committee has produced four reports plus an anthology of bioethics-related literature.

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

Eighteen members reside on the council, selected from the fields of theology, biochemistry, ethics, public policy, jurisprudence, medical science, psychiatry, and philosophy.

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

Meetings were held five times in FY04. Topics covered all aspects of bioethics, especially issues making bioethics headlines in world events, such as cloning, stem cell research, embryo research,

assisted reproduction, reproductive genetics, IVF, ICSI, PGD, sex selection, inheritable genetic modification, patentability of human organisms, aging retardation, lifespan-extension, and organ procurement for transplantation.

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

The President's Council on Bioethics came into existence at a time of heightened public awareness of the importance of the difficult moral issues raised by biomedical advance. It is a public body, created by and responsible to the President, charged not just to find wisdom about bioethical matters but to be genuinely helpful in the practical decisions the President and the nation face. The Council's purpose is to advise the President on bioethical issues related to advances in biomedical science and technology. In connection with its advisory role, the mission of the Council includes the following functions: To undertake fundamental inquiry into the human and moral significance of developments in biomedical and behavioral science and technology. To explore specific ethical and policy questions related to these developments. To provide a forum for a national discussion of bioethical issues. To facilitate a greater understanding of bioethical issues. To explore possibilities for useful international collaboration on bioethical issues.

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

All our meetings are open to the public, and the Council has numerous interactions with various governmental agencies and with the media.

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Yuval Levin Acting Executive Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Blackburn, Elizabeth	01/16/2002	01/16/2004	Pressor, Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics, University of California, San Francisco	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Carson, Benjamin	03/10/2004	09/30/2005	Professor and Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery, Johns Hopkins Medical Institution	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Dresser, Rebecca	01/16/2002	09/30/2005	Daniel Noyes Kirby Professor of Law and Professor of Ethics in Medicine, Washington University, St. Louis	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Foster, Daniel	01/16/2002	09/30/2005	John Denis McGary, Ph.D. Distinguished Chair in Diabetes and Metabolic Research, UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fukuyama, Yoshihiro	01/16/2002	09/30/2005	Bernard Schwartz Professor of International Political Economy, Special Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Gazzaniga, Michael	01/16/2002	09/30/2005	Dean of the Faculty, David T. McLaughlin Distinguished Professor, Professor of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Dartmouth College McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence, Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, Princeton University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
George, Robert	01/16/2002	09/30/2005		Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Glendon, Mary	01/16/2002	09/30/2005	Learned Hand Professor of Law, Harvard University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gomez-Lobo, Alfonso	01/16/2002	09/30/2005	Ryan Family Professor of Metaphysics and Moral Philosophy, Georgetown University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hurlbut, William	01/16/2002	09/30/2005	Consulting Professor of Human Biology, Stanford University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kass, Leon	01/16/2002	09/30/2005	Addie Clark Harding Professor, the College and the Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago; Hertog Fellow, American Enterprise Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Krauthammer, Charles	01/16/2002	09/30/2005	Syndicated Columnist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lawler, Peter	03/10/2004	09/30/2005	Dana Professor of Government, Berry College	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

May, William	01/16/2002	02/27/2004	Fellow, Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Life. Visiting Professor, Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McHugh, Paul	01/16/2002	09/30/2005	University Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; Professor, Department of Mental Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Meilaender, Gilbert	01/16/2002	09/30/2005	Phyllis and Richard Duesenberg Professor of Christian Ethics, Valparaiso University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rowley, Janet	01/16/2002	09/30/2005	Blum-Riese Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine, Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology, and Human Genetics, Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sandel, Michael	01/16/2002	09/30/2005	Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Government, Harvard University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schaub, Diana	03/10/2004	09/30/2005	Associate Professor of Political Science, Loyola College	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

	James A. Collins
	Professor of
	Management and Special
	Public Policy Government
Wilson, James	01/16/2002 09/30/2005 Emeritus, UCLA. Employee
	Reagan Professor (SGE)
	of Public Policy, Member
	Pepperdine
	University

Number of Committee Members Listed: 20

Narrative Description

The Department of Health and Human Resources composed One HHS, a 10 department-wide list of program objectives, with item 7 titled Advance Science and Medical Research. The importance of establishing mechanisms for ensuring the protection of human subjects and the integrity of the research process increases as technology advances and life-changing possibilities are discovered. The President's Council on Bioethics accomplishes this mission by addressing the difficult moral issues raised by biomedical advances. It is a public body, created by and responsible to the President, charged not just to find wisdom about bioethical matters, but to be genuinely helpful in the practical decision the President and the nation face. The Council's purpose is to advise the President on bioethical issues related to advances in biomedical science and technology. In connection with its advisory role, the mission of the Council includes the following functions: To undertake fundamental inquiry into the human and moral significance of developments in biomedical and behavioral science and technology. To explore specific ethical and policy questions related to these developments. To provide a forum for a national discussion of bioethical issues. To facilitate a greater understanding of bioethical issues. To explore possibilities for useful international collaboration on bioethical issues. The Council has issued reports on Human Cloning and Human Dignity: An Ethical Inquiry (July 2002); Beyond Therapy: Biotechnology and the Pursuit of Happiness (October 2003); Being Human: Readings from the President's Council on Bioethics (December 2003); Monitoring Stem Cell Research (January 2004); and Reproduction and Responsibility: The Regulation of New Biotechnologies (March 2004). Current news headlines underline the importance of having

an advisory panel at the presidential level to perform these functions.

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

Checked if
Applies

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 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

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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

NA

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

Number of Recommendations Comments

NA

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

The committee's report, Reproduction and Responsibility: The Regulation of New Biotechnologies, made nineteen separate recommendations to Congress. At this time, none yet have been implemented.

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

NA

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

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

N/A

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

NA