

2004 Current Fiscal Year Report: Maternal and Child Health Research Grants Review Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2004

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Maternal and Child Health Research Grants Review Committee

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

914

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

06/30/2002

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

06/30/2004

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

06/30/2004

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 1314 (f)

13. Effective Date

06/27/1974

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

2

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

2

Meetings and Dates

Purpose

To review research grant applications in the program areas of maternal and child health.

Start

End

11/19/2003 - 11/21/2003

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$21,120.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$28,667.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$28,800.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$22,627.00	\$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	\$30,855.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$162,115.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$294,184.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.35	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The primary function of the Committee is to review research applications. The Committee advises the Administrator, HRSA, and the Secretary, HHS, regarding research grants in maternal and child health and reviews applications for grants to improve the operation, functioning, general usefulness, and effectiveness of maternal and child health services. The research projects that the Committee approves are considered to be top

notch and cutting edge research related to the field of maternal and child health. These study results are published in prestigious medical journals such as JAMA, Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and the New England Journal of Medicine. As being recognized by the scientific community, these peer-reviewed journals have a broad definition of what is medical, and they have become an increasingly important forum for public health, epidemiological and behavioral science research. The Maternal and Child Health Research Program considers the publication of articles in peer-reviewed journals based on the findings produced by the research projects it supports, the ultimate measure of program accomplishment. These published peer-reviewed articles are the center piece of many of our dissemination activities and, particularly, of our research-to-practice efforts directed at the Title V State MCH and CSHCN Programs. The average number of published articles per funded project is 5.1, which is considered highly productive by the extramural research community.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Fourteen (14) members are appointed by the Secretary. Members must be knowledgeable in the fields of academic maternal and child health, biostatistics, child development, cultural anthropology, oral health, health economics, epidemiology, health services research, nursing, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, psychometrics, maternal and child health state program administration, social work, and sociology.

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

The Committee met two times in FY 2004. The overall mission of MCHB is to improve the health and well-being of all mothers and children in the Nation. The Committee and the MCH Research Grants Program are units of MCHB. The primary function of the Committee is to review research grant applications submitted to the MCHB for funding. Without the Committee, the evaluation of all research proposals received would be very difficult to judge in an objective manner. Also, the technical quality and the scientific merit of the grant proposals would be difficult to assess. The Committee's evaluation on research grants is based on the proposal's compatibility with the mission of MCHB and the potential impact on improving health programs for mothers and children throughout the Nation. Based on the above undertakings, the Committee is meeting its mission and is therefore essential to the conduct of Agency business.

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

The Committee must have scientific expertise covering broad areas of maternal and child health. For example, there must be clinical and program knowledge covering such diverse areas as normal and abnormal aspects of pregnancy, fetal development, congenital malformations, perinatal insults, labor and delivery aspects of pregnancy, neonatology, newborn intensive care, crippled children's programs, mother-child interactions, early development, behavioral and social aspects of child development, adolescence, and the delivery of health services to mothers and children, to mention just a few elements of the research program. The Bureau, under which the research program operates, is primarily a service oriented organization, and the professionals

capable of reviewing applications involving such an array of subjects do not exist in the agency. Other agencies do not focus on the clinical and program aspects of the delivery of health services to mothers and children and thus do not have committee membership knowledgeable in the most important aspect of our program. A consultant type of review carried on by mail would be cumbersome and not do justice to the applicant, as a full discussion of each application can best determine the merit of that application subject.

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

A portion of the meetings were closed because it involves the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual grant applications. These application documents contain information of proprietary nature of which the disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy.

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

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Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Burchinal, Margaret	04/01/1999	03/31/2003	Biostatistician, Frank Porter Graham Center, University of North Carolina	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Catz, Charlotte			(Ex Officio Member) Pediatrician, Office of the Director, Natl. Institute of Child Health & Human Development, National Institutes of Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Crnic, Keith	04/01/2002	03/31/2006	Clinical Psychologist, Department of Psychology, University of Pennsylvania	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Egan, James	04/01/2001	03/31/2005	Senior Examiner, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology General	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Harkness, Sara	04/01/2000	03/31/2004	Social Anthropologist, School of Family Studies, University of Connecticut	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Llorente, Antolin	04/01/2002	03/31/2006	Assistant Clinical Professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
McCormick, Marie	04/01/2000	03/31/2004	Pediatrician, Department of Maternal and Child Health, Harvard School of Public Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Terry, Robert	04/01/2000	03/31/2004	Psychometrician, Department of Psychology, University of Oklahoma	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Williams, Michelle	04/01/2001	03/31/2005	Epidemiologist, Center for Perinatal Studies, Swedish Medical Center	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wolman, Fredericka	04/01/2001	03/31/2005	Pediatrician/Title V, March of Dimes, White Plains, New York	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 10

Narrative Description

N/A

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

Outcome Comments

NA

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?

0

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

NA

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
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

NA

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

Yes

What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval 90

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 10

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval \$0

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

Access Comments

NA