

2001 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Justice

2. Fiscal Year

2001

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Commission on the Future of
DNA Evidence

3b. GSA

Committee No.

5200

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

08/12/1999

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

08/12/2001

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

07/20/2001

9. Agency

Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

10b.

Legislation Pending?

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Agency Decision

13. Effective Date

08/19/1997

14. Committee Type

Ad hoc

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program
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 FY
Next
FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$110,000.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$75,000.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$165,000.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$150,000.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$300,000.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	2.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Commission accomplishes its purpose through the utilization of working groups which report to the full Commission, which ultimately makes the final decision and reports to the Attorney General.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Membership consists of representatives of the entire criminal justice spectrum: prosecutors, law enforcement, defense community, judicial perspective, medical examiner, ethicist, scientist, lab director.

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

Meetings will occur approximately four times a year. All meetings are relevant. The Commission decisions will fundamentally affect the use of DNA evidence by the entire criminal justice community.

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

The Commission is necessary because the Attorney General requested the Commission be established to provide recommended courses of action and means to improve the use of DNA technology in investigations and criminal cases. There are no other entities dealing with these questions.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

1. CODIS Offender Database backlog reduction: The Commission recommended the reduction of the CODIS offender database backlog through the outsourcing to private laboratories via federal funding. Requires Congressional Legislative action; funding was appropriated in the FY00 Commerce/State/Justice Appropriations Bill. 2. Arrestee sample collection. The Commission recommended that the Attorney General not advocate a policy of arrestee testing until the offender and nonsuspect case backlogs be eliminated. NO action required.

Designated Federal Officer

Christopher Asplen DFO, Executive Director

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
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Abrahamson, Shirley	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Chief Justice, Wisconsin State Supreme Court	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Adams, Dwight	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Section Chief, Scientific Analysis Laboratory Division FBI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bashinski, Jan	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Chief, Bureau of Forensic Services, CA Dept. of Justice	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Clarke, George	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Deputy D.A., Office of the District Attorney, San Diego County, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Crow, James	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Professor, Department of Genetics, University of Wisconsin	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cutler, Lloyd	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Partner, Wilmer, Cutler, & Pickering	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Davis, Joesph	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Medical Examiner Department, Metro-Dade County, FL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ferrara, Paul	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Director, Division of Forensic Sciences, State of VA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gahn, Norman	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Assistant D.A., Office of the District Attorney, Milwaukee County, WI	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Gainer, Terrence	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Director, Illinois State Police	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hillard, Terry	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Chief of Detectives, Chicago Police Dept., Chicago, IL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Kennard, Aaron	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Sheriff, Salt Lake County, UT	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Reilly, Philip	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	President and CEO, Shriver Center for Mental Retardation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Reinstein, Ronald	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Supervising Criminal Judge, Maricopa Co. Superior Court, Maricopa County, AZ	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sanders, Darrell	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Chief of Police, Frankfort Police Dept, Frankfort, IL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Scheck, Barry	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Professor, Cardozo Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schmoke, Kurt	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Mayor, City of Baltimore, MD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smith, Michael	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Professor, University of Wisconsin Law School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Thoma, Jeffery	10/01/2000	07/20/2001	Public Defender, Office of the Public Defender, City of Mendocino, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Turman, Kathryn	01/15/1998	07/20/2001	Acting Director, Office for Victims of Crime	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Webster, William	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Partner, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley, & McCloy	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wooley, James	08/19/1997	08/25/1999	Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. DOJ, Northern District of Ohio	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 22

Narrative Description

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 type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input 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

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input 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

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

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

%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

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

%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

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 type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

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

No

Grant Review Comments

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input 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