

# 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Advisory Council

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>	<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>
Department of Health and Human Services	2024
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>	<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Advisory Council	183

<b>4. Is this New Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	06/15/2022	06/15/2024	

<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>	<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
No		

<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>	<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

**11. Establishment Authority** Statutory (Congress Created)

<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
42 U.S.C. 290aa-1	07/10/1992	Continuing	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 FY	Next FY
<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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18d. Total</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 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Advisory Council (NAC) accomplishes its purpose through advising, consulting with and making recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, SAMHSA, concerning activities and policies related to the SAMHSA's programs and policies. During this reporting period, two meetings were held hybrid . One meeting was held in April 2023 and one was held in August 2023. The April 2023 National

Advisory Council meeting included discussion around updates and lessons learned from the joint meeting of councils; a presentation on the initiatives of the National Mental Health and Substance Use Policy Laboratory; an update on the SAMHSA's Strategic Plan and Public Comment Response; a presentation on Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center with group discussions; a presentation on Addressing the Children's Mental Health Crisis; a presentation on the Interagency Task Force on Trauma Informed Care Update; a presentation on the Interdepartmental Serious Mental Illness Coordinating Committee (ISMICC) update; a presentation on the Interdepartmental Substance Use Disorders Coordinating Committee (ISUDCC) update; followed by council discussions and public comments. The August 2023 meeting included discussions updates and follow up on issues related to the April 2023 meeting, and a recap from the joint meeting of the councils, and lessons learned; a presentation and discussion on Kids Online Health and Safety; a presentation and discussion on the SAMHSA's Technical Assistance and Training Strategy; a presentation on the SAMHSA's Strategic Plan update and council discussion, followed by public comments. These meetings were open to the public and an opportunity for public discussion was made available. The recommendations and issues deliberated by the council are considered by the chair for future possible recommendations to the Secretary, and feedback is offered by the chair at subsequent meetings.

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

The membership of the SAMHSA NAC consists of 12 voting members appointed by the Secretary.

Nine of the members are leaders in health disciplines (including public health and behavioral and social sciences) relevant to the substance abuse and mental health activities of the agency. Three of the members are from the general public (i.e., leaders in the fields of public policy, public relations, law, health policy economics or management). The SAMHSA NAC also has nonvoting ex-officio members - the Secretary of HHS; the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (or the designates of such officers); the Chief Medical Officer of SAMHSA; the Directors of the National Institutes of Mental Health; the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and such additional officers or employees of the United States as the Secretary determines necessary for the SAMHSA NAC to effectively carry out its functions. Appointments are made by paying close attention to experience and expertise as well as equitable gender representation, race/ethnicity representation, and geographic distribution. All Council members participate fully in policy and program development, each bringing their unique perspective.

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

Due to the Council's mandated function of providing guidance to the agency regarding programmatic policies and priorities, the Council met twice during this reporting period. The meetings are relevant to SAMHSA because they provide an opportunity for the Agency to secure the professional expertise necessary to accomplish its mission and maintain the public trust.

**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 advice on all aspects of SAMHSA's activities related to substance abuse and mental health services. The direction, scope, balance and emphasis of the advice received from this group of experts cannot be obtained from SAMHSA staff or from other established sources, because the membership of the Council is constituted to meet specific requirements of the mandated mission of the SAMHSA NAC.

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

N/A

**21. Remarks**

No Reports required for FY 2023

**Designated Federal Officer**

Carlos R. Castillo DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Atherall, Tina	08/05/2022	11/30/2026	Social Worker, PsychArmor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Bailey, Rahn	11/10/2020	07/31/2024	psychiatrist	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Becerra, Xavier	03/22/2023	03/31/2027	HHS Sec	Ex Officio Member Regular
Delphin-Rittmon, Miriam	06/25/2021	06/30/2025	Assistant Sec for Mental Health and Substance Use	Government Employee (RGE) Member
Gandotra, Neeraj	06/30/2020	06/30/2024	SAMHSA, Chief Medical Officer	Ex Officio Member
Gordon, Joshua	03/22/2023	03/31/2027	NIMH	Ex Officio Member

				Special Government
Howard, Laura	11/30/2019	11/30/2023	Secretary, KS DCF	Employee (SGE) Member
				Special Government
Johnson, Andre	08/05/2022	11/30/2026	psychologist	Employee (SGE) Member
				Special Government
Keatley, JoAnne	08/05/2022	11/30/2026	Social Worker	Employee (SGE) Member
				Ex Officio
Koob, George	03/22/2023	03/31/2027	NIAAA	Member
				Ex Officio
McGuire, Marsden	03/22/2023	03/31/2027	VAffairs	Member
				Ex Officio
Mooney, Rick	10/01/2019	10/01/2023	DOD, Defense Health Affairs	Member
				Special Government
			psychologist	
Neal-Walden, Tracy	11/30/2019	11/30/2023	Cohen Veterans Network	Employee (SGE) Member
				Special Government
Rabadan-Diehl, Cristina	11/10/2020	07/31/2024	Pharmacy/Scientist	Employee (SGE) Member
				Special Government
			President,	
Rodriguez-Fraticelli, Francisco	11/30/2019	11/30/2023	Coalicion de Coaliciones	Employee (SGE) Member
				Special Government
Szew, Sophie	08/03/2023	08/30/2027	Youth leader	Employee (SGE) Member
				Ex Officio
Volkow, Nora	03/22/2023	03/31/2027	NIDA	Member
				Special Government
			psychologist, Director, LBGT	
Warren, Barbara	11/30/2019	11/30/2023	Program and Policies, Mount Sinai Hosp	Employee (SGE) Member
				Special Government
Yue, Cynthia	08/03/2023	08/30/2027	Youth leader	Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 19**

## 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. SAMHSA envisions that people with, affected by, or at risk for mental health and substance use conditions receive care, achieve well-being, and thrive.

Although no formal recommendations were made in FY 2023 as a body, SAMHSA's National Advisory Council members played a critical role in advising the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use on the Agency's Strategic Priorities and Guiding Principles, and the importance of considering cultural perspectives in developing evidence-based practices, and offered support to serve as spokespersons for SAMHSA's initiatives and programs. SAMHSA's Strategic Plan can be found at this URL: <https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/strategic-plan>.

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

	Checked if 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 type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" 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**

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?**

55

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

Between FY 1994 and FY 2023, the SAMHSA National Advisory Council produced 55 recommendations. Recommendations include advocacy for supported housing and employment; using evidence based programs that reduce recidivism in the criminal justice system; continued involvement with Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and the interagency council to address barriers, such as employment and housing; integration of children's health services into schools and participation with the Education Department in its Promising Neighborhood program; further support of prevention programs; establishing school-based mental health services; and deliberations on a consensus definition of trauma. Although no formal recommendations in FY 2023, members encouraged SAMHSA to continue its current mission and work.

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

75%

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

During the life of the Council, approximately 75% of its recommendations were fully implemented by the agency, such as the development and implementation of search options that identify interventions developed and implemented primarily by or for a minority population within the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs (NREPP)



database, implemented in 1997. The NREPP was discontinued in January of 2018, and SAMHSA moved towards Evidence-Based Practice implementation efforts through targeted technical assistance and training in affected communities. Other recommendations included changes in the SAMHSA program and principles priorities; an increase in the interaction between SAMHSA, the three National Institutes of Health advisory councils, the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Department of Justice with respect to substance abuse and mental health issues; the inclusion of individuals with dual diagnoses to be included in the ONDCP's strategic goals and objectives; the identification of a set of steps to reduce stigma and discrimination; the development of cultural competence standards and performance measures; the provision of targeted communications to SAMHSA's constituents and the public to promote the Agency's mission and its activities; a decision to address the needs of children in welfare reform measures; and an increase in collaboration between the pharmaceutical industry and primary care physicians regarding psychotropic drug prescriptions.

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

25%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

During the life of the Council, approximately 25% of its recommendations were partially implemented, because of 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**

The Agency provides feedback to the members in the SAMHSA's Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use report to the Council, which is presented at each meeting. The Agency ensures that complete meeting minutes are prepared and circulates them to the members for clearance and for approval at the next official meeting. The public can access the meeting minutes in the SAMHSA Website. Status reports on actions by the Agency on matters that have come before the Council are provided at Council meetings. Summaries of information may be sent to Council members. Communications from SAMHSA staff to SAMHSA NAC members may include: issue papers, fact sheets, press releases, reports and other documents. Council members also have access to senior management and technical experts, when needed.

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

Checked if Applies

- |                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources             | <input checked="" 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**

NA

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

No

**Grant Review Comments**

The SAMHSA NAC did not review grants.

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

**Access Comments**

N/A