

# 2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

## 2. Fiscal Year

2024

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse

## 3b. GSA Committee No.

947

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

12/26/2021

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

12/26/2023

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 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. 284a

## 13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee Other Committee

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open

0

17b. Closed0

17c. Partially Closed0

Other Activities0

17d. Total0

## Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next  
FY 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?**

Section 492 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, states that the Secretary shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of (A) applications; and (B) biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts. The Council is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of peer review, advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation, and research needs and opportunities of the Institute. The National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse reviewed 3,781 applications and requesting \$2,481,479,436. The Council approved 1 MERIT extension, and 37 administrative supplements.

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

The National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse is composed of not more than 18 appointed members with research interests and responsibilities paralleling those of the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Two-thirds of the appointed members are scientists who are outstanding medical or scientific authorities knowledgeable in the fields of public health and the basic, behavioral or social sciences relevant to the activities of the Institute and one-third of the appointed members are representatives of the general public with interests in public policy, law, health policy, economics and management. Membership will also include at least 5 nonvoting ex officio members. The nonvoting ex officio members will include the Secretary; the Director, NIH; the Director, NIDA; the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs; the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (or their designees); and any additional officers or employees of the United States as the Secretary determines necessary for the Council to effectively carry out its functions.

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

Meetings are held not less than three times each fiscal year. In FY2023, meetings were held on 2/8/2023, 5/9/2023, and 9/12/2023. The National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse (NACDA) provides advice on a continuing basis on the type of scientific research programs that should be supported and on how to carry out the designated mission and responsibilities of the Institute. It also provides ongoing review of the relevance and effectiveness of the existing programs. The NACDA currently has 2 workgroups. The

Therapeutics and Medical Consequences  
Workgroup met on November 11, 2022 and the  
Future of MERIT awards workgroup met on  
December 16, 2022 and participated in a NACDA  
discussion at their meeting on February 8, 2023.

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

The National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse is  
composed of both scientific and public members  
who provide the second level of review for  
research grant applications; advise on policy  
development, program implementation and  
evaluation; and research needs and opportunities  
of the Institute. The quality, scope, and balance of  
advice from this Council cannot be obtained from  
NIH staff or from other established sources  
because the membership of the Council is  
constituted to meet the specific requirements of  
the mandated mission of the Council and of the  
Institute.

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

The meetings of the National Advisory Council on  
Drug Abuse were partially closed to the public for  
the review of grant applications. Sections  
552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6) of the Government in  
the Sunshine Act permit the closing of meetings  
where discussions could reveal confidential trade  
secrets or commercial property such as patentable  
material and personal information, the disclosure  
of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted  
invasion of personal privacy.

**21. Remarks**

Committee Function: Other - National Scientific  
and Advisory. Max Number of Members Total: The  
Charter allows the Committee to have 24

authorized members included 18 SGE members, 5 Ex-Officio members, and 1 Ex-Officio Chair. Although the Charter allows 5 Ex Officio members, currently this committee has 2 Ex Officio members which is 3 less than the total of Max number of members. Members Rotating Off/On-Boarding: Four members rotated off (Daniel A. Goonan, Dr. Paul J. Kenny, Jessica Hulsey Nickel and Dr. Sharon L. Walsh) and five more were on-boarded (Arpana Agrawal, Katherine L. Beebe DeVarney, Helena B. Hansen, Melanie M. Ott and Mark E. Von Zastrow). Ex-Officio member Dr. Francis Collins rotated off. This is why the charter states 24 members, but this ACR lists 21. Members: The terms for Daniel A. Goonan, Dr. Paul J. Kenny, Jessica Hulsey Nickel and Dr. Sharon L. Walsh changed due to administrative extensions. As such, their term of service end dates are different than what was reported on the FY22 ACR. The DFO and Committee Decision Maker positions are held by the same individual because of the assignment of responsibilities within the Institute. Reports: This committee did not produce any reports during the fiscal year.

### **Designated Federal Officer**

SUSAN R.B. WEISS DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF  
EXTRAMURAL RESEARCH

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
AGRAWAL, ARPANA	12/04/2022	11/30/2025	PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
BECERRA, XAVIER	03/19/2021	01/20/2025	SECRETARY, DHHS	Ex Officio Member
BEEBE DEVARNEY, KATHERINE	01/17/2023	11/30/2025	PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, TITAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

CHAVKIN, CHARLES	01/16/2022	11/30/2024	ALLAN AND PHYLLIS TREUER ENDOWED CHAIR IN PAIN RESEARCH,	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
			PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON RESEARCH PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY IN PSYCHIATRY, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY,	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
CHILDRESS, ANNA	09/26/2021	11/30/2023	CENTER FOR THE STUDIES OF ADDICTION, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
			COUNTY BOARD COMMISSIONER, 2ND DISTRICT, COOK COUNTY GOVERNMENT	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
DEER, DENNIS	06/20/2021	11/30/2023	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ALTO NEUROSCIENCE, INC.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
			PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, MCLEAN HOSPITAL, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GREENFIELD, SHELLY	08/15/2021	11/30/2023	PROFESSOR AND INTERIM CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND BIOBEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
			MANAGING PARTNER, SOCIAL INNOVATION VENTURES	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
HANSEN, HELENA	09/10/2023	11/30/2025		
OSTROVSKY, ANDREY	08/29/2021	11/30/2023		

OTT, MELANIE	01/29/2023	11/30/2024	DIRECTOR, GLADSTONE INSTITUTE OF VIROLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
RIEDER, TRAVIS	08/29/2021	11/30/2023	DIRECTOR OF THE MASTER OF BIOETHICS DEGREE PROGRAM, BERMAN INSTITUTE OF BIOETHICS, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY FOUNDATIONS FUND ENDOWED	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SINHA, RAJITA	07/18/2021	11/30/2023	PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
TABAK, LAWRENCE	12/20/2021	01/20/2025	ACTING DIRECTOR, NIH	Ex Officio Member
VOLKOW, NORA	12/01/2003	11/30/2023	DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE, NIH	Ex Officio Member
VON ZASTROW, MARK	01/17/2023	11/30/2025	PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
WALLS, MELISSA	07/18/2021	11/30/2023	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 17**

### **Narrative Description**

NIH's mission is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and

disability. NIH works toward that mission by: conducting research in its own laboratories; supporting the research of non-Federal scientists in universities, medical schools, hospitals, and research institutions throughout the country and abroad; helping in the training of research investigators; and fostering communication of medical and health sciences information. Section 492 of the Public Health Service Act states that The Secretary shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of (A) applications; and (B) biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts. The mission of the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse is to provide advice to the Director, NIDA on policies and priorities governing support of biomedical and behavioral research at the Institute and to serve as the second level of review for grant applications. The Council meets its mission through open session discussion of policy issues and programmatic initiatives and closed session discussion of individual grant applications.

**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 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**

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

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

81,854

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

Advice is given primarily on scientific issues and priorities rather than specific action recommendations.

**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**

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

**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**

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

Information is provided to the public at the open session of each Council meeting through reports and the Director's update. The public can view information related to the Council through the council's official website.

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

**Action Comments**

An action of "approved" or "recommended" for grants receiving review by this Council does not infer that the grant will be or has been funded. Research grant applications submitted to NIH must go through a two-step review process that includes the initial peer review for scientific and technical merit and a second step of review and approval by a National Advisory Council that includes program relevance. In addition, prior to an award or funding being made, NIH staff must conduct an administrative review for a number of other considerations. These include alignment with NIH's funding principles, review of the project budget, assessment of the applicant's management systems, determination of applicant eligibility, and compliance with public policy requirements. After all these steps have been completed, NIH officials make funding decisions on individual grant applications.

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

Yes

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

What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for approval 3,781  
3,781

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval  
\$2,481,479,436

**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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

Contact the National Institute on Drug Abuse Committee Management Office.