

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute 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

Board of Scientific Counselors, National
Institute on Drug Abuse

3b. GSA

Committee
No.

810

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

10/31/2005

6. Expected Renewal Date

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 Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 282(b)(16)

13. Effective Date

08/27/1980

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. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next
FY 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	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities who represent the forefront of research and technical knowledge and who provide evaluation and peer review of Institute laboratories and senior scientists respect to basic, preclinical and clinical research on mechanisms that underlie substance use disorders, addiction, and relapse. During this reporting period the Board evaluated the productivity and performance of scientists of the Behavioral Neuroscience Research Branch (Neurobiology Relapse Section, Neurocircuitry of Motivation Section, Neural Computation of Motivation and Decision-Making Section, Neuronal Ensembles in Addiction Section, and Neural

Engineering Section), Drug Design and Synthesis Section, Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Spectroscopy Section, and Biobehavioral Imaging Molecular Neuropsychopharmacology Unit.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Board consists of 14 members, approximately, including the Chair, appointed by the Director, NIH, from authorities knowledgeable in the fields of basic preclinical and clinical research on mechanisms that underlie substance use disorders, addiction, and relapse. The advisory role of the Board is scientific and substantive. The Board, through periodic visits to the laboratories, assesses the research in progress and evaluates productivity and performance of senior scientists.

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

The Board met twice during this reporting period on October 25-26, 2022, and May 2, 2023. The Board holds approximately two meetings each year for the peer review of intramural laboratories on a rotating basis as required by the PHS Act. The Board evaluated the productivity and performance of scientists of the Behavioral Neuroscience Research Branch (Neurobiology Relapse Section, Neurocircuitry of Motivation Section, Neural Computation of Motivation and Decision-Making Section, Neuronal Ensembles in Addiction Section, and Neural Engineering Section); Drug Design and Synthesis Section; Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Spectroscopy Section; and Biobehavioral Imaging Molecular Neuropsychopharmacology Unit.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this

committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This committee is composed of recognized biomedical and/or behavioral research authorities from outside the NIH in order to secure unbiased and objective evaluation of intramural research programs. Their recommendations are invaluable because the complex nature of research in each laboratory requires a unique balance and breadth of expertise not available on the NIH staff or from other established resources.

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

The meetings of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIDA, were closed for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the Institute, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Section 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permits the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - Scientific and Technical Peer Review. Reports: This committee did not produce any reports during this reporting period. Members Rotating Off/On-Boarding: Three member terms ended (William A. Carlezon, Laura M. Bohn and Margaret Haney) and four more were on-boarded (Alicia Izquierdo, Rodrigo Espana, Stephanie Borgland, and Thomas Kash). This is why the Charter states 14 potential members, but this ACR lists 17. Designated Federal Official

(DFO): The DFO for the DABSC changed in FY23 and has been reflected in the ACR. The DFO and Committee Decision Maker positions are held by the same individual based on assigned duties within the IC.

Designated Federal Officer

Megan E. Bollinger Management Analyst, IRP,
NIDA

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
BORGLAND, STEPHANIE	09/24/2023	06/30/2028	PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY AND PHARMACOLOGY	Special Government Employee (SGE)
			PSYCHIATRY, UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY	Member
ESPANA, RODRIGO	09/24/2023	06/30/2028	DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR SYSTEMS AND BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE, DEPARTMENT OF NEUROBIOLOGY AND ANATOMY, DREXEL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member
FRANK, MICHAEL	04/25/2021	06/30/2024	DIRECTOR, CARNEY CENTER FOR COMPUTATIONAL BRAIN SCIENCE, BROWN UNIVERSITY	Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member
IZQUIERDO, ALICIA	10/24/2022	06/30/2027	PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL NEUROSCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES	Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member
KASH, THOMAS	09/24/2023	06/30/2028	PROFESSOR AND VICE CHAIR, DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL	Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member
LI, CHIANG-SHAN	10/10/2021	06/30/2026	PROFESSOR, YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE)
				Member

LOBO, MARY	04/25/2021	06/30/2024	ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
MANTSCH, JOHN	04/25/2021	06/30/2024	PROFESSOR AND CHAIR, MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
NADER, MICHAEL	04/25/2021	06/30/2025	PROFESSOR OF RADIOLOGY, WAKE FOREST SCHOOL OF MEDICINE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
O'DELL, LAURA	10/10/2021	06/30/2026	ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
RAY, LARA	10/24/2021	06/30/2026	SHIRLEY M. HATOS TERM CHAIR IN CLINICAL NEUROPHARMACOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
RON, DORIT	04/25/2021	06/30/2025	PROFESSOR, ENDOWED CHAIR IN CELL BIOLOGY OF ADDICTION IN NEUROLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
WITKIEWITZ, KATIE	04/25/2021	06/30/2025	REGENTS' PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
ZAVERI, NURULAIN	10/10/2021	06/30/2026	PRESIDENT, FOUNDER AND CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER, ASTRAEA THERAPEUTICS	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 14

Narrative Description

Section 402(b)(9) of the Public Health Service Act states that “the Director, NIH shall assure that research at the National Institutes of Health is subject to review in accordance with section 492.” Section 492(b) states that the “Director of NIH shall establish procedures for periodic technical and scientific peer review of research at the

National Institutes of Health. The mission of the Board of Scientific Counselors is to assess the quality of the Institute's intramural research programs and to evaluate the productivity and performance of intramural scientists and shall also, as requested by the Director, NIH, undertake peer review of extramural funding applications as required by section 492 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended."

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 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?

196

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee makes recommendations based on the strengths and weaknesses of each scientist's research program, including space and resource allocations, and reviews the scientist's mentoring record. The Board made 44 recommendations this fiscal year.

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 resulting from closed Board of Scientific Counselors meetings is subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The public can view information on NIH Intramural Research Reports found on the NIH Intramural Research Sourcebook website located at <https://oir.nih.gov/sourcebook/intramural-research-communications-resources/annual-reports-bit>

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

The Scientific Director and other NIH officials use the recommendations made by the BSC in evaluating the quality of the intramural research programs including scientific priorities and resources available. No changes were made to existing laboratory research priorities or resources.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

Although grant reviews are included in the duties of this Board, there were no grant reviews performed during this fiscal year.

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



Publications



Other



Access Comments

Contact the National Institute on Drug Abuse Committee Management Office.