

## 2014 Current Fiscal Year Report: Director's Council of Public Representatives

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

### 2. Fiscal Year

2014

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Director's Council of Public Representatives

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

5253

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

11/04/2012

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

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

### 8c. Actual Term Date

09/30/2014

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

### 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

11/04/1988

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 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

	<b>Current FY</b>	<b>Next FY</b>
<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>	\$18,860.00	\$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>	\$18,860.00	\$0.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.20	0.00

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Council served as a forum for discussing issues affecting the broad development of NIH policy, programs, and research goals, and advises the NIH Director on these matters. The Council also advised and assisted the NIH in enhancing participation by the public in NIH activities, increasing public understanding of the NIH, and bringing important matters of public interest forward for discussion in public settings. The Council was inactive this year.

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

**membership?**

The Council consisted of up to 21 members appointed by the Director, NIH, who also served as Chair. Members represented the various audiences interested in NIH and include patients and family members of patients; health professionals; members of patient advocacy groups; individuals who work as volunteers in the health care field; scientists and students of science; communicators in health, medicine and science; individuals in public service, academia, and professional societies relating to the medical field.

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

The Council did not meet during this reporting period.

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

N/A

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

N/A

**21. Remarks**

The Council's website was taken down in the first week of October 2014 because the committee was terminated. This committee did not produce any reports for this reporting period. There were no meetings in FY14 but there are administrative costs. Reason for termination: This committee was created before electronic communications and interactive websites were prevalent in government. NIH interacts with the public on a variety of platforms now, including blogs, chat rooms, and publicly telecast meetings, among

others. The mission of the committee, to enhance participation in public understanding of NIH and receive public input on NIH research priorities, is now being met through the use of advanced technology, including public WEB platforms.

### **Designated Federal Officer**

JOHN T. BURKLOW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR  
FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC  
LIAISON, NIH

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
APPELL, DONNA	03/17/2011	03/31/2014	FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GOEKLER, SUSAN	03/16/2011	03/31/2014	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LAPHAM, GARDINER	03/18/2011	03/31/2014	BOARD MEMBER	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 3**

### **Narrative Description**

The goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability, from the rarest genetic disorder to the common cold. The NIH mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. The Director's Council of Public Representatives (COPR) consulted with, advised and made recommendations to the Director, NIH, on issues and concerns that were important to the broad development of NIH programmatic and research priorities. The COPR also assisted the NIH in enhancing the participation of the public in NIH activities that have an impact upon the public, in increasing public understanding of the NIH and its programs, and in bringing important matters of public interest forward for discussion in public settings. The COPR met its mission in addressing public input and participation into the activities of the NIH by seeking advice from special consultants, assembling ad hoc working groups, and convening conferences, workshops or other activities. Meetings of

the full membership were held twice a year when the committee was active..

**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 checked="" 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 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**

The committee was inactive this year.

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

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The Council did not meet during this reporting period., so the total number of recommendations the committee made remain at 36, same as the figure from the previous 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**

The committee was inactive this year and made no recommendations.

**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**

The committee was inactive this year and made no recommendations.

**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 committee was inactive this year and made no recommendations.

**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 Council did not meet this fiscal year and did not make any additional recommendations. Past recommendations were made to federal staff on issues related to public participation in NIH activities, outreach efforts, and other matters of public interest. Federal officials at NIH did not implement any changes.

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

No

**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 type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

N/A