2012 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Head Start Research and Evaluation

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Health and Human Services	2012

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Advisory Committee on Head Start Research and Evaluation	5274

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	05/12/2012	05/12/2014	08/09/2012

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	Agency Decision	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	No	

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
42 USC 9844(g)	10/27/1998	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports 1

16b. Report Date	Report Title
08/09/2012	Advisory Committee on Head Start Research and Evaluation: Final Report

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 1 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 1

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
To discuss draft recommendations to the Secretary	01/18/2012	01/19/2012

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	$9,470.00	$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$71,805.00	$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$57,321.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$23,375.00	$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	$9,139.00	$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	$125,236.00	$0.00
18d. Total	$296,346.00	$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.50	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

On May 5, 2010, Secretary Sebelius signed the Charter re-establishing the Advisory Committee on Head Start Research and Evaluation. The charter reiterates the requirements spelled out in the Head Start Act, as amended by the 2007 reauthorization. The Committee is to review and make recommendations on the design of the study or studies that provide a national analysis of the

impact of Head Start programs; and also advise the Secretary regarding the progress of the study and comment, if the Committee desires, on the interim and final reports of the organizations selected to carry out the independent research. The Committee shall maintain and advise the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for ACF regarding the progress of the research that is providing a national analysis of the impact of Head Start programs.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Committee consists of 19 members. The Assistant Secretary for the Administration for Children and Families serves as the chair of the Committee. The Committee is well represented geographically, ethnically, and by expertise. The membership consists of individuals with expertise in the areas of program evaluation and research, education, child care, education policy and economics.

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

The Committee may meet up to three times a year.

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

This Committee is required by Congress. In Section 649(g) of the Head Start Act requires the Secretary to appoint an independent panel of experts to review and make recommendations on the design for a plan for research on the impact of Head Start, to advise the Secretary regarding the progress of the research, and to comment on the interim and final research reports.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Naomi Goldstein Director of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Aber, J	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Brooks-Gunn, Jeanne	04/30/2011	04/30/2015	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Burchinal, Margaret	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Carta, Judith	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cook, Thomas	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Cunningham, Gayle	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Executive Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Daniel, Jerlean	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Executive Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Espinosa, Linda	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fantuzzo, John	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Fuentes, Yvette	09/28/2011	09/30/2014	Director	Ex Officio Member
Glassy, Danette	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Pediatrician	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Glied, Sherry	09/28/2011	09/30/2014	Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation	Ex Officio Member
Hayslip, Whitcomb	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Assistant Superintendent	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jones, Jacqueline	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Special Assistant	Ex Officio Member
Lombardi, Joan	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Deputy Assistant Secretary	Ex Officio Member
Love, John	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Senior Fellow	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mann, Tammy	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pianta, Robert	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Schultz, Thomas	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Project Director	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sheldon, George	09/28/2011	09/30/2014	Acting Assistant Secretary for Children and Families	Ex Officio Member

Smith, Linda	12/22/2011	12/22/2015	Deputy Director and Interdepartment Liaison for Early Childhood	Ex Officio Member
Sparrow, Joshua	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Director and Assistant Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Weiss, Heather	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Yoshikawa, Hirokazu	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Professor	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Yudin, Michael	12/22/2011	12/22/2015	Acting Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education	Ex Officio Member
Zaslow, Martha	11/04/2010	09/30/2014	Director, Office of Policy and Communications, Society for Research in Child Development	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 26

Narrative Description

The purpose of the Advisory Committee on Head Start Research and Evaluation is to review and make recommendations on the design of the study or studies that provide a national analysis of the impact of Head Start programs. The Committee also advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the progress of the study and comments on the interim and final study reports of the organization(s) selected for carrying out the independent research. Assessing the effectiveness of the Head Start program ensuring that ongoing research and evaluation efforts are adequate and appropriate will contribute to the ACF mission to promote the economic and social well-being of families, children, individuals, and communities.

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

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	☐
Trust in government	☐
Major policy changes	☐
Advance in scientific research	☑
Effective grant making	☐
Improved service delivery	☑
Increased customer satisfaction	☐
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	☐
Other	☐

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	☐
Unable to Determine	☑
Under $100,000	☐
$100,000 - $500,000	☐
$500,001 - $1,000,000	☐
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	☐
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000	☐
Over $10,000,000	☐
Cost Savings Other	☐

Cost Savings Comments

The Committee functions in an advisory capacity to comment on ongoing Head Start research and evaluation efforts. While the Committee provides valuable feedback to the program, both in assessing current projects and directing future research, it is not possible to calculate cost savings to the program.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee

for the life of the committee?
3

Number of Recommendations Comments
The Committee's three broad recommendations are: 1) With school readiness and other key outcomes as beacons, strengthen Head Start as a learning organization that: (1) is characterized by a commitment to using data for continuous improvement to further strengthen outcomes; (2) develops appropriate assessments and helps programs use their results to guide practice; and (3) integrates and aligns all practices, policies, and supports toward achieving these outcomes within local programs, across federal components of the program, and from federal to local levels. 2) Implement the strongest and most current evidence-based practices that either: (1) benefit all children; or (2) are tailored for population subgroups. Continue to develop and test new refinements, particularly for specific subgroups, thereby further building the evidence.3)Further improve continuity and coordination of early childhood services beginning during the prenatal period and continuing to age 8.

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

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?
100%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments
The Committee's Recommendations were submitted to the Secretary at the very end of FY 2012. The Department is currently reviewing the recommendations and will be considering priorities for implementation.

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 has no formal mechanism for reporting feedback to the Committee members.

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

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	☐
Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☐

Action Comments

No actions have been taken as yet, given that the recommendations were submitted to the Secretary at the very end of FY 2012.

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	☑
Online Agency Web Site	☑
Online Committee Web Site	☑
Online GSA FACA Web Site	☐
Publications	☐
Other	☐

Access Comments

N/A