

## Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up – Nov. 27, 2017

Each week, the Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up will feature hashtags and/or tweets (follow us at [@fundNIH](#)) suggested by members of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) advocacy community. We encourage all readers who are active on social media to use these messages, and welcome suggestions from the community for future issues of the Weekly Round Up. Here's this week's featured tweet:

### **Act for NIH (@ACTforNIH)**

*Thank you, @LindseyGrahamSC and @DickDurbin for supporting the restoration of #NIH funding.*

#### **1. House Energy & Commerce Committee 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Hearing**

On Nov. 21, the House Energy & Commerce Committee [announced](#) that the Health subcommittee would hold a [hearing](#) entitled, "Implementing the 21st Century Cures Act: An Update from FDA and NIH." According to a committee press release, confirmed witnesses include Francis Collins, MD, director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Scott Gottlieb, MD, commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The hearing will take place on Nov. 30 at 10am in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building.

#### **2. Senate HELP Committee Hearing on Nominee for HHS Secretary**

On Nov. 29, the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee will hold a [hearing](#) on the nomination of Alex Azar to serve as Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). The hearing will take place at 9:30am in 430 Dirksen Senate Office Building. Mr. Azar worked for Eli Lilly for the past 10 years and has prior experience at HHS during the Bush Administration. If confirmed, Mr. Azar would succeed Secretary Tom Price, MD, who resigned his post in September. Eric Hargan is currently service as the acting secretary for HHS.

#### **3. NIH's Advisory Committee to the Director Scheduled to Meet Dec. 14-15**

Through a Federal Register [notice](#), the NIH announced that the Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD) will meet on Dec. 14 from 9am to 5:30pm and Dec. 15 from 9am to 1pm to discuss the NIH Director's report, ACD working group reports, and other business of the committee. The meeting will be held at National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 6th Floor Conference Room 6C, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD. The contact person for the meeting is Gretchen Wood who can be reached by email at [Woodgs@od.nih.gov](mailto:Woodgs@od.nih.gov).

#### **4. Open Mike Blog: Why Project Outcomes Matter in your Interim and Final RPPR**

On Nov. 16, NIH's Deputy Director for Extramural Research Mike Lauer, MD, posted a [blog entry](#) on the Outcomes section for the Research Performance Progress Report (RPPR). Dr. Lauer asks readers to pay special attention because "any project outcomes submitted on or after Oct. 1, 2017 will be made available to the general public via NIH's Research Portfolio Online Reporting

Tool ([RePORTER](#))." Dr. Lauer wrote up an [example](#) of an acceptable report and says that reporting outcomes is "part of our stewardship of the public's investment in research."

## **5. National Orgs Support Outreach Efforts for NIH's All of Us Research Program**

On Nov. 16, the NIH [announced](#) that the agency is partnering with 14 organizations to get the word out about the [All of Us Research Program](#). According to the press release, the selected organizations will receive a combined \$1 million to help educate their communities about the benefits of participation in this landmark project to accelerate breakthroughs in precision medicine. The full list of organizations can be found at <https://www.nih.gov/news-events/news-releases/national-organizations-support-outreach-efforts-nih-all-us-research-program>.

## **6. ARVO Briefing on Healthcare Savings Through Research – Dec. 7**

On Dec. 7, the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology will host a briefing that will tie the value of research to the hot topic of health care spending. Speakers will quantify how the use of an eye-imaging technology invented with NIH and National Science Foundation funding generated billions of dollars in Medicare savings. Attendees can get their eyes screened starting at 11:30 am in 2045 Rayburn House Office Building, with the lunch briefing beginning at noon. View the attached flyer for more information. ARVO is hosting the event in conjunction with the Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (AEVR). To RSVP, call Dina Beaumont 202-407-8325 or email [dinabeau@aol.com](mailto:dinabeau@aol.com).

## **7. Job Announcement - HIVMA Hiring Senior Advocacy and Policy Manager**

The HIV Medicine Association (HIVMA) is searching for a Senior Advocacy and Policy Manager who will lead HIVMA policy and advocacy efforts on key issue areas, including federal appropriations for HIV related programs, biomedical research, HIV criminalization, system and payment reform, and promoting science-based prevention and public health. For more information on the position, please visit <https://infectious-diseases-society-of-america.hiringthing.com/job/52141/senior-advocacy-and-policy-manager>

*Please Note: If you have information of interest to the NIH advocacy community that you would like to share with the Ad Hoc Group, please forward it to Joe Bañez at [jbanez@aamc.org](mailto:jbanez@aamc.org) or Tannaz Rasouli at [trasouli@aamc.org](mailto:trasouli@aamc.org).*