

## Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up – June 25, 2018

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 we welcome suggestions from the community for future issues of the Weekly Round Up. Here is this week's featured tweet:

### **Labor-HHS Appropriations Chair Senator Roy Blunt @RoyBlunt**

“[@NIH](#)'s research affects the lives of every American. For patients & their loved ones, NIH represents hope & a commitment to making life-saving discoveries. That's why I've worked to prioritize federal resources for NIH as Labor-HHS Approps Chair.”

<https://twitter.com/RoyBlunt/status/1009778854209126401>

Check out more tweets from last week's NIH Celebration using the hashtag [#FundNIH](#) and Ad Hoc member accounts [@AAMCtoday](#), [@APLU\\_GovAffairs](#), [@AAUniversities](#), [@ACTforNIH](#), [@UMR4NIH](#), [@FASEBorg](#), [@ResearchAmerica](#), [@CLS\\_Advocates](#), [@AcadRad](#), and [@SciPolAPS](#).

### **1. Labor-HHS Appropriations Markups – Week of June 25**

It's a busy week ahead for the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) Appropriations bills. The full House Appropriations Committee [will mark up](#) its subcommittee-passed Labor-HHS bill Tuesday June 26 at 10am. The Committee released [report language](#) this morning. Also on June 26, the Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee [will mark up](#) its bill at 11am. The full Senate Appropriations committee [will mark up](#) the Labor-HHS bill on Thursday, June 28, at 10:30am.

### **2. NIH Celebration Event – June 20**

Thank you to those who were able to join stakeholders from the NIH advocacy community in last week's reception on Capitol Hill to celebrate biomedical research supported by the NIH, as well as Congress's sustained commitment to NIH. We were thrilled to be joined by Senate Labor-HHS Chairman Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), House Labor-HHS Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.), Representative Kevin Yoder (R-Kan.), and NIH Director Francis Collins, MD, PhD. Please check the [Ad Hoc Group's Events page](#) for photos!

### **3. Common Rule Delayed Until January 2019**

The Department of Health and Human Services and 16 other federal agencies June 18 issued a [final rule](#) to delay the general compliance date of the revised Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects ("Common Rule") for an additional six months (until January 21, 2019) and allow regulated entities to voluntarily adopt three "burden-reducing" provisions during the delay period.

### **4. JAMA: Supporting the Next Generation of Biomedical Researchers**

Ron Daniels, JD, LL.M., president of Johns Hopkins University, and Victor Dzau, MD, president of the National Academy of Medicine, published a JAMA [article](#) on the "Next Generation of Biomedical Researchers." After a summary of the issues that biomedical trainees and early-career researchers face, the article discusses the recently-released NASEM [report](#) on the Next

Generation of Biomedical Researchers. The report committee, chaired by President Daniels, first "wrestled with the question of why solutions have remained out of reach," attributing challenges to a "lack of shared responsibility in government, academia, and industry" and the "the absence of policy experimentation and innovation."

## **5. NIH-funded Study Suggests Link Between Viruses and Alzheimer's Disease**

An [NIH news release](#) summarized a recently published study showing a potential role for certain viruses in causing Alzheimer's disease. Specifically, the researchers found that herpesviruses in particular may activate certain biological networks and interact with certain genetic and molecular signatures of the disease. The multi-site group used DNA sequencing and proteomic techniques to compare brain samples with and without Alzheimer's disease in reaching their conclusions, which point to new potential mechanisms to explore in understanding the onset of Alzheimer's and other brain diseases.

## **6. WaPo: Only One-third of Patients Receive Addiction Treatment After Opioid Overdose**

Martha Bebinger of WBUR writes in the [Washington Post's Health and Science section](#) about a recent NIH-funded study following opioid overdose survivors and their access to medication to treat addiction. The study, published in the Annals of Internal Medicine, found that only 30 percent of the nearly 18,000 Massachusetts patients studied received prescriptions to medications such as buprenorphine, methadone, and naltrexone, despite the up to 60 percent lower death rate after one year if taking medication-assisted treatment. The study authors also discuss issues that could contribute to these gaps in care including physician reluctance to prescribe, stigma in the community, and health insurance rates.

## **7. Open Mike Blog – Accepting Applications for Director of the Center for Scientific Review**

In last week's [Open Mike Blog post](#), NIH's Deputy Director for Extramural Research Mike Lauer, MD, posted the job description for the position of [Director, Center for Scientific Review at NIH](#). Applications will be accepted until August 21.

## **8. NIGMS RFI on Enhancing Postdoctoral Career Transitions**

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) May 24 released a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) on strategies for enhancing postdoctoral career transitions to promote faculty diversity. Responses are due on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **Upcoming Hill Briefings and Events**

### **9. FASEB Webinar - Summer Advocacy Activities for Scientists – June 27**

FASEB is hosting a [webinar](#) on Wednesday, June 27 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm ET, which will highlight actions scientists can take this summer to advocate for increased biomedical and biological research funding. Summer is an ideal time to advocate for science and engage with Congress members and local aides while they are on recess. This webinar will provide step by step guidance and valuable resources researchers can use to develop and enhance relationships with elected officials at home including tips from an experienced graduate student advocate. Webinar participants will learn about best practices for requesting local meetings with

members of Congress, how to prepare for visits, and new advocacy tools available from FASEB. [Registration requAd Hoc ired](#). An archived version of the webinar will be available following the live presentation.

#### **10. 70th Anniversary of NHLBI Celebration – June 28**

The American Heart Association, American Lung Association, American Society of Hematology, American Thoracic Society, and WomenHeart; The National Coalition for Women With Heart Disease et. al invite you to celebrate: The 70th Anniversary of the NIH's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. The event will be held June 28, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Kennedy Caucus Room, 325 Russell Senate Office Building. Brief remarks will be made by NIH Director Francis Collins, MD, PhD (Invited); Gary Gibbons, MD, director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; and Eugene Braunwald, MD, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School. Please RSVP to Lesia Griffin, [griffin@hmcw.org](mailto:griffin@hmcw.org) and see attached flyer for additional details.

#### **11. Congressional Briefing: Modernizing Opioid Addiction Treatment Protocols - June 28**

Drug overdoses are an increasing public health burden in the United States. Recently released data from the CDC's National Center for Health Statistics has provided a clearer picture of an overlooked aspect of the epidemic—emergency department visits arising from overdoses. Research shows that people who have had an overdose are more likely to have another. Emergency department protocols, including screening and linking people to treatment, are critical needs. Join the briefing for a conversation with public health and emergency department experts on Thursday, June 28 from Noon-1:00pm in 2043 Rayburn to learn more about the role of the emergency department in this epidemic, and how investing in enhanced protocols will improve America's public health response to this issue. RSVP to [jessica\\_grau@hcmstrategists.com](mailto:jessica_grau@hcmstrategists.com) and see attached flier for more details.

#### **12. Dry Eye Awareness Month Congressional Briefing – July 11**

Please join the Alliance for Eye and Vision Research (AEVR) and the Tear Film & Ocular Surface Society (TFOS) at a Congressional briefing and screening for Dry Eye Awareness Month. The events will take place on Wednesday, July 11, in 2168 Rayburn HOB. Please RSVP to [dinabeau@aol.com](mailto:dinabeau@aol.com), and see attached flyer for more details.

#### **13. Celebrate Life Science Fair and Reception on Capitol Hill – July 18**

The Coalition for the Life Sciences (CLS) and FASEB will host the first Celebrate Life Science Fair and reception on Capitol Hill. The Life Science Fair will be held July 18, from 5pm – 7pm, in 2043 and 2044 Rayburn House Office Building. The Life Science Fair is an opportunity for the biomedical research community to engage Members of Congress and their staff about how scientific progress advances public health. Scientists will showcase their work, and attendees will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on experiments that bridge the gap between science and the society it serves. This event is open to the public; participation is not limited to CLS or FASEB members. Opportunities are limited due to room space. Please contact either Lynn Marquis ([lmарquis@coalitionforlifesciences.org](mailto:lmарquis@coalitionforlifesciences.org)) or Jennifer Zeitzer ([jzeitzer@faseb.org](mailto:jzeitzer@faseb.org)) for additional information. Please see the attached flyer for details and sponsorship opportunities.

#### **14. Call for Golden Goose Award Nominations**

The Golden Goose Award team is accepting nominations for the 2018 year. The Golden Goose Awards honor federally funded research that may be odd, obscure, or serendipitous but ends up having a major impact on society. To submit a nomination, follow this link, or visit [goldengooseaward.org](http://goldengooseaward.org) and click on “nominate” in the top right corner. If submitting a nomination, be prepared to talk about who you are nominating, what unexpected impact the research has had, and which U.S. federal agency funded the work. Nominations are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year.

*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 Christa Wagner at [chwagner@aamc.org](mailto:chwagner@aamc.org) or Tannaz Rasouli at [trasouli@aamc.org](mailto:trasouli@aamc.org).*