

Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up – December 19, 2016

Each week, the Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up will feature hashtags and/or tweets suggested by members of the 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.

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Editor's Note: The Weekly Round Up will be on hiatus until Mon., Jan. 9, 2017. Wishing everyone safe and happy holidays, and a happy new year!

1. President-elect Trump Names Nominee for OMB Director

Rep. Mick Mulvaney (R-S.C.) Dec. 17 was announced as President-elect Trump's nominee for Director of the Office of Management and Budget. Currently, Rep. Mulvaney is a member of the House Financial Services Committee and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Rep. Mulvaney was a founding member of the House Freedom Caucus. Rep. Mulvaney was elected in Nov. 2010.

2. NIH Director Reflects on his Tenure and Discusses his One Regret

NIH Director Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D., Dec. 16 [highlighted in STAT](#) the NIH's Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI), and discussed the opportunities with the PMI's All of Us Research Program. Dr. Collins discussed the consequences of a continuing resolution, noting "the efforts in basic science — the work in multiple different disease areas including Alzheimer's and infectious disease, or rare disease research — will basically be in a holding pattern until April." Dr. Collins also discussed the importance of industry-government partnerships, noting that he "really believes in the value of partnerships — whether that's between government agencies or whether it's between public and private funders." Dr. Collins said that his one regret is that he wishes he was able to "inspire decision-makers to provide more resources for NIH," adding that for the first part of his tenure "we saw steady erosion of the purchasing power for research."

3. NIH All of Us Research Campaign

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Dec. 5 announced a [funding opportunity](#) for community and health care provider organizations for its All of Us Research Program, formerly known as the Precision Medicine Initiative Cohort Program. The program will be open to adult volunteers beginning in 2017, and this funding opportunity is for community organizations to develop and conduct education and awareness activities for the program. The campaign also is [seeking input](#) about what individuals or organizations are "trusted messengers" in their communities, and how organizations are engaging the community in the All of Us Research Program. If you have

additional questions, you can contact the All of Us Research Program Engagement team at PMI-CPOutreachTeam@mail.nih.gov.

4. Request for Comment on Patient Perspective Value Framework Report

FasterCures and Avalere [released](#) a draft Patient Perspective Value Framework (PPVF), which focuses on patient-centered domains, such as patient preferences and patient-centered outcomes. FasterCures and Avalere are requesting that the community provide [comments and suggestions](#) for the draft PPVF by Friday, Dec. 30, 2016.

5. Rally for Medical Research 2017 – Save the Date

The 2017 Rally for Medical Research will take place Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017. In addition to Rally for Medical Research Hill Day, there will be an advocacy training session and a reception the day before the hill day. You can find more about the 2017 Rally for Medical Research [here](#).

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 Tannaz Rasouli at trasouli@aamc.org or Clay Crabtree at ccrabtree@aamc.org.