Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up
June 13, 2022

In observance of Juneteenth, the next Round Up will publish on Tuesday, June 21.

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.

American Association for Cancer Research @AACR - June 13
June is #NationalCancerSurvivorMonth. The number of cancer survivors in the U.S. has increased steadily from less than two percent of the population in 1971 to more than five percent in 2019. Learn more: t.co/NfyIEUmwUN #CelebrateSurvivorship #Research Saves Lives

NEWS

House Appropriators Release FY 2023 Markup Schedule
House Appropriations Committee Chair Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) released the mark up schedule for FY 2023 spending bills on June 8. The Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) subcommittee will mark up its bill on June 23 at 5:30pm EST, followed by the full committee markup of the Labor-HHS bill on June 30 at 10am EST.

House “Deems” Topline Spending for FY 2023
The House of Representatives voted on June 8 to “deem” a $1.6 trillion top line discretionary spending cap, or 302(a), for FY 2023 spending bills in order for appropriators to begin work on their spending bills. The deeming resolution reflects the
proposal from President Joe Biden that was released in March (see Politico, subscription required).

**NIH Advisory Committee to the Director Discusses ARPA-H, Longitudinal Research Programs**

On June 9, the NIH Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD) met to discuss updates on the Budget, Legislation, ARPA-H, COVID-19, the RECOVER Initiative, and a report from the group to enhance rigor, transparency, and translatability in animal research. The ACD reconvened on June 10 to discuss updates on the DEIA Strategic Plan, UNITE Initiative, and NIH’s data sharing policy and supportive infrastructure efforts. Additional information and meeting recordings can be reviewed here. The next meetings will take place December 8 – 9, 2022.

**NIH DataWorks! Prize – Incentives for Building a Culture of Data Sharing**

NIH Director of the Office of Data Science Strategy Susan Gregurick, Ph.D. guest authored a June 6 blog post highlighting the DataWorks! Prize — a purse of up to $500,000 across 12 monetary awards — for data sharing and reuse in biomedical research. The intent is to promote a culture of data reuse and sharing in the biomedical research community; allowing for contributors to learn from peers and apply lessons to their practices. The future of research hinges on the ability to collaborate; this prize incentivizes movement towards this culture change.

The DataWorks! Prize is currently open for submissions. Participants must register to participate by June 28, 2022. Visit Challenge.gov for more information and to apply.

**NIH-supported Study Links Poor Sleep to Increased Risk of COPD Flare-ups**

A June 6 released study — largely funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, an NIH institute — reports that poor sleep is associated with a significantly increased risk of life-threatening flare-ups in people with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). Although scientists have long known that people with COPD often experience sleep disturbances, the role of poor sleep as a trigger of COPD exacerbations has been understudied, with major research on this topic providing conflicting evidence. For the study, the researchers followed nearly 1,700 patients with confirmed COPD and recorded COPD flare-ups over a three-year follow-up period and compared these measurements against the sleep quality of the participants. They found that in general, poor sleep quality was strongly associated with a higher total of COPD
flare-ups. “Our work provides a strong rationale into paying more attention to sleep than we have in the past, from both a clinical and research perspective,” said Aaron Baugh, M.D., a clinical fellow at the University of California San Francisco Medical School and a practicing pulmonologist.

Upcoming Events

**NIH to Host Stakeholder Engagement Meeting on USG Policies for the Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern – June 29**

On June 29, NIH will continue its engagement of the biosecurity stakeholder community by hosting a meeting to discuss U.S. Government federal and institutional policies for the oversight of Dual Use Research of Concern (DURC).

The meeting will be held in-person at Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ. The event will also be webcast. The agenda and registration information will be posted to the NIH [Office of Science Policy website](https://policy.nih.gov) as it becomes available.

For questions, please contact the NIH Office of Science Policy at SciencePolicy@od.nih.gov.

Requests for Public Comment & Funding Opportunities

**NIH Request for Public Comments on Draft Supplemental Information to the NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing – June 27**

NIH is releasing a request for comment on protecting the privacy of research participants when data is shared. NIH is seeking comments on this draft guidance through [June 27, 2022](https://policy.nih.gov). Full information, including how to comment can be found on the NIH’s [Office of Science Policy (OSP) website](https://policy.nih.gov), and additional background is provided in a May 12 blog post from NIH’s Acting Associate Director for Science Policy and Acting Director of the NIH OSP Lyric Jorgenson, PhD.

**NIH Invites Comments on the Development of a Prize Competition for Institutional Excellence – July 28**

NIH is seeking suggestions and guidance on the development of a prize competition for institutional excellence in diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. This [Request for Information (RFI)](https://policy.nih.gov), led by the Office of the NIH Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity, is an outcome of the NIH UNITE initiative, which was established to identify and address structural racism within the NIH-supported and greater scientific
community. Please read the RFI to learn more and to submit your comments. Responses must be received by **July 28, 2022**.

**NIH COVID-19 Resources**

- [NIH resources](#) related to the RECOVER (Researching COVID to Enhance Recovery) Initiative.

- [NIH COVID-19 resource for applicants and grantees](#) including guidance for various aspects of research and grant application processes, as well as FAQs and COVID-19 funding opportunities.

- [COVID-19 “Updates History” webpage](#) that details relevant updates for applicants and grantees by date.

- [Funding opportunities specific to COVID-19](#) lists active and expired funding opportunities across NIH related to SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 research.

- [NIH COVID-19 Research Website](#) provides a central location for trusted, up-to-date, accurate information about NIH research and our strategic role in COVID-19 research.

- [HHS COVID-19 awards tracking website](#) including data on awards made by all HHS awarding agencies with supplemental appropriations.

- [Combat COVID website](#) including information for those who have never had COVID-19, have been infected, have recovered, and for health care providers.

**Job Postings**

- **New** [Government Relations Associate, COSSA](#) The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) is seeking to fill one (1) position for Government Relations Associate. The desired candidate will have at least 1-2 years of professional advocacy, policy, or related experience. Previous lobbying experience or experience working on Capitol Hill, including internships, is preferred, though not required. Please [use this link to access the job description](#). Interested applicants should send a resume, cover letter, and salary requirement to wnaus@cossa.org. [Learn more about the Team](#).
**New Internship, COSSA**
The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) is accepting interns on a rolling basis. Interested individuals, particularly from COSSA member institutions, should apply by emailing a resume and cover letter to bgoodrich@cossa.org. Learn more about the Team.

**New Director, Government Relations, RSNA**
The Radiological Society of North America is seeking a knowledgeable professional to serve as the Director, Government Relations, responsible for the strategic direction of RSNA’s public policy positions and government engagement. The Director: Government Relations will serve as staff liaison for the society’s government relations committee and participate in various external forums, as well as research and communicate all newly enacted laws and regulations to internal stakeholders. Click here for more information.

**New Government Affairs Specialist, ACR**
The American College of Radiology (ACR) is currently seeking a highly organized, detail-oriented, and motivated Program Specialist to join the Government Relations team based in Washington, DC. Reporting to the Senior Director, this position will assist ACR’s State and Regulatory Affairs team in furtherance of program priorities, and in using social media and other communication vehicles to enhance ACR’s visibility and reputation. Interested candidates should click here to apply.

**Assistant Director, Government Affairs, COSSA**
The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) is seeking to fill one position for Assistant Director of Government Relations. The desired candidate will have at least five (5) years of professional advocacy, policy, or related experience. Previous lobbying experience or experience working on Capitol Hill is preferred. The Assistant Director of Government Relations works with the Executive Director to develop and implement strategies that advance the advocacy, funding, and policy goals of COSSA and its membership. The Assistant Director is responsible for managing COSSA’s legislative and executive branch outreach and advocacy activities, as well as engaging in direct lobbying on issues of importance to the COSSA membership and the social and behavioral science community. Please use this link to access the job description. Interested applicants should send a resume, cover letter, and salary requirement to wnaus@cossa.org. Learn more about the Team.

**Assistant Director, Government Relations, AACR**
The American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) seeks a government relations professional to serve as Assistant Director, Government Relations. This individual will be central to the AACR’s legislative planning and engagement activities, including coordinating Hill Days and advocacy events, analyzing legislation, and working with stakeholders to promote cancer prevention and research initiatives. To learn more about the position, please visit this page.

Legislative Assistant, Federal Advocacy, AAP
The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) is seeking a Legislative Assistant, Federal Advocacy. This individual will assist with and provide support for AAP’s advocacy efforts to Congress, regulatory, and judicial bodies and to other advocacy groups. Working with the Director of Federal Advocacy and Child Welfare Policy, this individual will monitor, analyze, and report on legislative and regulatory activities within a wide-ranging and fast-paced legislative issues portfolio, including gun violence prevention, paid leave, safe sleep and product safety, environmental health and climate change, and the foster care system. They will represent the AAP at meetings with various interest groups, task forces, and child and health care coalitions as well as assist the Director with drafting and editing testimony, correspondence, legislative amendments and responses to regulatory rule making, background papers, etc.

To learn more about the organization, see a full job description, and/or apply for the position, please visit this page.

Regulatory Director, CRD Associates
The ideal candidate will have a strong interest in public health and health care policy and have 7 to 10 years of experience working at a relevant federal agency, an association in a similar policy space, or a government relations firm with clients in this space. The Director will lead the firm’s regulatory practice and work closely with other team members to coordinate the firm’s regulatory work across clients who include physician and provider specialty societies, patient advocacy groups, public health organizations, scientific societies, for-profit corporations, and coalitions. Please send ONE PDF that includes your resume, cover letter, and a one-page writing sample to info@dc-crd.com. Attention: VP, Administration & Finance.

Director, ASRM
The American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) recently announced the creation of the ASRM Center for Policy and Leadership (CPL) and seeks a Director.
The Director promotes the mission and vision of the ASRM's CPL and maintains its focus on the organization’s goals, plans and policies. The Director will provide inspirational and collaborative leadership, strategic planning and management to drive the CPL’s impact at the state and national level. Reporting to the Chief Advocacy and Policy Officer the Director will have overall accountability for the strategic, operational and programmatic affairs of the CPL. To learn more about the position or to apply, please e-mail publicaffairs@asrm.org or view the job description.

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 or Tannaz Rasouli at trasouli@aamc.org.