Ad Hoc Group Weekly Round Up
May 16, 2022

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:

One Voice Against Cancer @OVACInfo – May 11

United as One Voice Against Cancer members and volunteers shared their stories and asked members of Congress to provide these FY 2023 funding levels:

- $49B for NIH research
- $7.76B for National Cancer Institute’s Cancer Research
- $462.6M for CDC Cancer’s cancer programs

#CancerVoice22

Ad Hoc Group Recommends $49B for NIH in FY 2023

The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, convened by the AAMC, delivered its fiscal year (FY) 2023 funding recommendation for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to Congress on May 11. Nearly 400 organizations and institutions across the NIH stakeholder community recommended an appropriation of at least $49 billion for the NIH in FY 2023 and strongly urged lawmakers to ensure that any funding for the new Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) supplement the $49 billion recommendation for the NIH’s base budget, rather than supplant the essential foundational investment in the NIH. The coalition reiterated this funding recommendation through outside witness testimony to the Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies (Labor-HHS) Appropriations Subcommittee on May 11.

NIH Leadership Testifies on FY 2023 Budget Request

Leaders from the NIH testified before the House Labor-HHS Appropriations Subcommittee on May 11 regarding the president’s fiscal year FY 2023 budget proposal. Chair Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) shared her excitement for supporting seven years of bipartisan funding increases for the NIH, totaling nearly $15 billion or a 49% increase. Both DeLauro and Ranking Member Tom Cole (R-Okla.) expressed concern
about the proposed ARPA-H and the appropriate balance in funding the new entity compared to investments for the established NIH. Subcommittee members also inquired about a range of other topics, including Alzheimer's disease, early-stage investigators, maternal mortality, marijuana research, and gun violence prevention research. NIH Acting Director Larry Tabak, DDS, PhD published his testimony on the NIH website.

NIH leadership will testify before the Senate Labor-HHS subcommittee on May 17 at 10am.

House Labor-HHS Subcommittee Seeks Outside Witness Testimony
The House The House Labor-HHS appropriations subcommittee will hear testimonies from public witnesses regarding FY 2023 appropriations at a Public Witness Day hearing on May 26 at 10am ET via Zoom. The deadline to submit a request to testify is May 16 at 8pm ET, and the deadline to submit written testimony is May 26. Subcommittee submission instructions are available here.

House Subcommittee Approves ARPA-H Authorizing Bill
The House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee advanced several bills May 11 including subcommittee chair Anna Eshoo’s (D-Calif.) ARPA-H Act (H.R. 5585) by voice vote following minimal debate on the bill. The legislation would make ARPA-H a new entity within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) — independent of the NIH — and would formulate guidelines for the establishment of the new research entity and its staffing. Full committee ranking member Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.) noted concern about ARPA-H’s duplication and lack of accountability and hoped that a new draft with more bipartisan support would be considered at full committee markup. The Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee on March 15 advanced its bill to establish ARPA-H as an independent entity within NIH, the Advanced Research Project Authority for Health Act (S. 3819).

NIH Legislative Mandates for FY 2022
NIH Office of Extramural Research staff issued a May 10 update detailing statutory provisions that limit or condition the use of funds on NIH grant, cooperative agreement, and contract awards for FY 2022. Provisions include salary limitation, indirect costs, anti-harassment, and more. Additional details are available in the related May 9 NIH Notice.

NIH Addresses Harassment at Funded Institutions
On May 10, NIH Acting Director Larry Tabak, DDS, PhD, announced a provision to ensure a safe workplace and build on NIH’s ongoing effort to end harassment in biomedical research. The new provision not only enables mandatory reporting to NIH of removals and disciplinary actions by NIH grantees, but also ensures that NIH is made aware when the reason for the actions is concerns of harassment to "ensure women and other groups find their rightful place in science."

Informed Consent for Research with Data and Biospecimens: Points to Consider and Sample Language for Future Use and/or Sharing
NIH has developed a document to provide sample language to investigators and IRBs when creating consent for secondary use of data/biospecimens. NIH sought input from stakeholders to identify best practices to obtain effective consent from potential
research participants about biospecimen and data sharing, including possible benefits and risk. The resource provides supplement sample language that could be modified as needed and outlines suggested points to consider when addressing data and biospecimen storage. Additional information [here](#).

**NIH’s National Institute of Nursing Research Releases 2022 - 2026 Strategic Plan**
The National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) recently issued its [2022 - 2026 Strategic Plan](#), which outlines the institute’s vision for supporting science that advances its mission: to lead nursing research which solves pressing health challenges and informs practice and policy, optimizing health and advancing health equity into the future. The NINR Strategic Plan also seeks to promote collaborations between NINR and other NIH institutes, centers, and offices. NINR also [released a fact sheet](#) on the new strategic plan.

**Upcoming Events**

**Congressional Briefing on Long-haul COVID-19 Symptoms – May 18**
The Society for Neuroscience, the American Academy of Neurology, American Brain Coalition, and the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology in cooperation with the Congressional Neuroscience Caucus are hosting a virtual congressional briefing, [The Long-Haul Neurological and Psychological Impacts from COVID-19](#), on **Wednesday, May 18 from 2:00 - 3:00pm ET**. Hear from experts in the field and a patient advocate on the impacts of long-haul COVID symptoms on the brain and what society is predicted to see moving forward.

**NIH Council of Councils – May 19 - 20**
On May 19, the [NIH Council on Councils](#) will meet to discuss NIH updates, announcements, scientific talks, and other business of the committee. The Council will reconvene on May 20 to discuss NIH program updates, additional scientific talks and the business of the committee. Additional information is [available in the Federal Register](#).

**Requests for Public Comment & Funding Opportunities**

**National Eczema Association Research Grant – June 1**
The 2022 National Eczema Association (NEA) [research grant cycle is now open](#). As the largest private nonprofit funder of research for adult and pediatric eczema, NEA has invested over $2.3 million to date and supports research of innovative scientists at 36 institutions in the U.S. and abroad. For the 2022 funding cycle, NEA has multiple grants available in a variety of categories, with funding ranging from $5,000 up to $150,000.

For the full program description, [click here](#). For additional information, please review answers to [frequently asked questions](#) or email [grants@nationaleczema.org](mailto:grants@nationaleczema.org).
NEW 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. Full information, including how to comment can be found on the NIH’s Office of Science Policy (OSP) website, 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.

NEW 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), 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 up-to-date information about NIH research and its 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 **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.

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: https://careers-aacr.icims.com/jobs/1378/assistant-director%2c-government-relations/job.

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 https://www.aap.org/employment.

NEW **Grassroots Advocacy Manager, Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation**
The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation is seeking a Grassroots Advocacy Manager who will develop, coordinate, and implement grassroots activities for Reeve’s grassroots advocates, in coordination with internal departments and consultants, to further advance the organization’s mission and grow community engagement. The role will manage and oversee all aspects of the Reeve Foundation’s Regional Champions grassroots advocacy education program and lead efforts to increase recruitment and engagement of nearly 10,000 online advocates. Please use this link to access the job description. To apply send a cover letter and resume to hr@christopherreeve.org.
NEW Public Policy Manager, Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
The Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation is seeking a Public Policy Manager who will develop and deepen Reeve Foundation’s health policy expertise and will serve as the key liaison on behalf of the Foundation for 6-8 Coalitions focused on disability policy and advocacy initiatives. In this new role, the candidate will manage a federal policy portfolio including relevant disability-related issues such as: health care, health and racial equity, caregiving, long-term care and services, transportation, employment, safety-net programs, and others as assigned. Please use this link to access the job description. To apply send a cover letter and resume to hr@christopherreeve.org.

Vice President, CRD Associates
The ideal candidate has 5 to 7 years of relevant professional experience on Capitol Hill, in a federal agency, or in advocacy work and demonstrated knowledge in one or more areas of public policy relevant to our clients, which include public health associations, provider organizations, patient advocacy organizations, and coalitions. The ideal Vice President candidate should have a demonstrated ability to execute tasks independently, interact with clients, and produce professional written and oral material. The applicant should have a firm grasp of the Congressional legislative process, Administration rulemaking, and regulatory activity. Experience working on Capitol Hill or at a federal agency strongly encouraged. 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.

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.