Update to the ACD on the Activities of the SUAA Task Force and the NCRR Task Force

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SMRB Recommendations to NIH on Substance Use, Abuse, and Addiction Research

Recommendation made on November 16, 2010 to:

- Create a new Institute focusing on substance use, abuse, and addiction research and related public health initiatives
- Integrate the relevant research portfolios from NIDA, NIAAA, and other ICs
Substance Use, Abuse, and Addiction Task Force

- Members:
  - Larry Tabak, OD
  - Steve Katz, NIAMS
  - Michael Gottesman, OD
  - Eric Green, NHGRI
  - Pamela McInnes, NIDCR
  - Roderic Pettigrew, NIBIB
  - Carl Roth, NHLBI
  - Kathy Zoon, NIAID
Substance Use, Abuse, and Addiction Action Timeline

- January to March 2011: Internal discussions with NIH scientific staff in the ICs that could potentially be affected by the proposed changes

- April 2011: Informed by those discussions, the Task Force developed draft guiding principles

- June 2011 to Fall 2012: SUAA Task Force, NIDA/NIAAA Intramural Program, IC Leadership
  - Complete portfolio analysis of all relevant grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, and intramural research projects; Develop final portfolio integration plan
  - Develop Scientific Strategic Plan including input from stakeholders
    - January/February 2012: Issue Requests for Information
    - March/April 2012: Conduct a series of Webinar meetings
    - May/June 2012: Conduct regional town hall meetings and teleconferences with targeted sets of stakeholders
Substance Use, Abuse, and Addiction Action Timeline (cont.)

- **Fall 2012:**
  - Release of Portfolio Integration Plan and public comment period
  - Release of Scientific Strategic Plan and public comment period

- **December 2012:** Final Recommendations to NIH Director

- **January/February 2013:** Include in President’s FY 2014 Budget
  - Begin implementing portions of the Scientific Strategic Plan that are not dependent on reorganization

- **October 2013 (FY 2014):** National Institute of Substance Use and Addiction Disorders
## Substance Use, Abuse, and Addiction Action Timeline

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Scientific Management Review Board (SMRB) Recommendations to NIH – Translational Medicine and Therapeutics

- May 2010
  - NIH Director Francis Collins asks SMRB to determine how NIH could better support translational and therapeutic sciences.

- December 2010
  - SMRB recommends (12 to 1) that a new translational medicine and therapeutics center be created.
  - SMRB also recommends NIH undertake a more extensive and detailed analysis through a transparent process to evaluate the new center’s impact.
NCRR Task Force

- Members:
  - Larry Tabak, OD
  - Alan Guttmacher, NICHD
  - Hugh Auchincloss, NIAID
  - James Battey, NIDCD
  - Isabel Garcia, NIDCR
  - Richard Hodes, NIA
  - Kathy Hudson, OD
  - Gail Pearson, NHLBI
  - Sally Rockey, OD
**NCRR Task Force Analysis**

- The Task Force concurred with the SMRB recommendation to propose transfer of the CTSA program from NCRR to the proposed new Center, NCATS.
- The Task Force concluded that many of the programs that would remain in NCRR after the proposed CTSA transfer would benefit from the enhanced scientific adjacency that would be achieved by transfer of these programs to other Institutes or Centers.
- Informed by input from NCRR leadership and NCRR subject matter experts, a “straw model” was released on January 16th, 2011 to facilitate planning of potential transfers by providing a framework that stakeholders across NIH and from the extramural community could comment on.
- The NCRR Task Force reported the results of its analysis to the SMRB on February 23rd. The final recommendations were released on March 1st, 2011.
Task Force Considerations and Guiding Principles

1. An assessment of the potential scientific synergies that could be achieved by placing the NCRR program in adjacency to the existing (or in the case of NCATS, proposed) portfolio/mission of the recipient IC versus the level of synergy among the existing NCRR programs.

2. The presumed “goodness of fit” or existing organizational niche for the NCRR program within the recipient IC versus the potential negative effects of adding a program that is disproportionately large and/or not well aligned to the recipient IC’s current (or in the case of NCATS, proposed) mission.

3. The potential level of disruption to long-standing NCRR programs led by dedicated NCRR staff versus the potential for disruptive innovation by reassigning NCRR staff to enable interactions with new colleagues and/or new programs.
## NCRR Task Force Recommendations

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                           | • Biomedical Imaging and Point-of-Care research grants for Technology Research and Development and SBIR/STTR grants |
| NHLBI                      | • Gene Vector Repository |
| NIGMS                      | • Institutional Development Awards (IDeA)  
                           | • All other BTRC grants  
                           | • All other research grants for Technology Research and Development, and the SBIR/STTR and BIRN network grants |
| NIMHD                      | • Research Centers in Minority Institutions program (RCMI) |
| OD - Office of Research Infrastructure Programs | • Comparative Medicine Program  
                           | • Extramural Construction and Animal Facilities Improvement  
                           | • Shared and High-End Instrumentation  
                           | • Science Education Partnership Awards (SEPA) |