

# DER Update



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# DER Update

- **Personnel Update**
- **Contraceptive Research Review**
- **Training Review**
- **August Council**

# NICHD Personnel Update



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# NICHD Personnel Update



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# NICHD Contraceptive Research Review



# Implementing Panel Recommendations



- Established an intra-NICHD working group
  - Foster communication
  - Discuss/review/develop metrics for existing programs
  - Review go/no-go decisions
- Collaborate on planning and drafting initiatives
- Meeting with NCATS to explore opportunities
- Developing an in-house system for monitoring contracts
- Introduce new mechanisms for early contraceptive pipeline development



# **NICHD Training Review**

# NICHD Training Review



- Dennis Twombly, leading a task force to review NICHD's extramural training programs
- Goal to evaluate NICHD training programs as they relate to Mission
- Report to September 2015 NACHHD Council



# NICHD Training Review Task Force Members



- Sherry L. Dupere, Ph.D.
- Melissa Gilliam, MD, MPH
- Sarah L. Glavin, Ph.D.
- Lisa Halvorson, M.D.
- A. Tyl Hewitt, Ph.D.
- Charisee Lamar, Ph.D.
- Ruth. Lehmann, Ph.D.
- Ming Lei, Ph.D.
- Ralph Nitkin, Ph.D.,
- Stephen A. Petrill, Ph.D.
- George R. Saade, M.D.
- Jennifer Sutton, Ph.D.
- Dennis A. Twombly, Ph.D.

# Overarching Questions



- How do we define success of NICHD training programs? Are NICHD training programs successful?
- Is the amount of funding NICHD commits to training awards the right amount? Are the allocations an appropriate percentage of the NICHD budget? How have these allocations evolved over time?
- Is NICHD supporting the correct ratio of awards at different career stages, i.e., predoc/postdoc/ early faculty? Has this ratio changed over time?

# Overarching Questions (cont)



- Are the allocations to the fields supported by NICHD training appropriate for the NICHD mission, and are the types of training mechanisms appropriate for those fields?
- Are there appropriate levels of commitment to the different training mechanisms (T32, K12, F30, F31, F32, K01, K08, K23, K99, K24)? Are some mechanisms over- or underutilized?
- Are there training/workforce needs that have already been addressed or that still need to be addressed by our portfolio of training awards?
- Are there fiscal pressures or other factors in the near future that have potential to impact our mix of training programs?

# Timeline for Training Review



- Present overview of process to staff at DER Exchange (Feb 20) and Extramural Staff Meeting (March 9)
- Appoint Task Force members (March - April)
- Orientation/Kickoff meeting for Task Force to identify objectives of the review, questions/issues to address, and necessary data to analyze (May 1)
- OSPAC begins compiling analyses for Task Force (Mar – April)
- Task Force identifies other issues to address and needed analyses (May)
- OSPAC conducts analysis of additional data needed for Training Review (May)

# Timeline for Training Review – cont'd



- Convene full Task Force meeting on day after June Council meeting (June 5)
- Present objectives and solicit input at Branch and Extramural staff meetings (June)
- Task Force holds teleconference to review/discuss summaries to date (May)
- Teleconferences (2-3) to collect feedback from Task Force (June-July)
- Start drafting recommendations (July - Aug)
- Prepare report; distribute to Task Force for comment (July-August)
- Present report to September Council (September)



# **NACHHD August Council**

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- Although generally 3 Council meetings per year (Jan, June, September), there is a rarely used August Council
  - Allows flexibility to have actions processed before the end of the fiscal year
- Legislative changes to SBIR/STTR mandate a shorter time from application to award and require August Council
  - <http://sbir.nih.gov/engage/news#dec22>
- NICHD will implement via a teleconference
  - August 27, 2015, 10:00 am- 12:00 pm

# NACHHD August Council



- Council actions will be posted on website
  - RFAs
  - En bloc: SBIR/STTRs
- Reviewers will be assigned
- Full discussion and voting





*Thank You!*



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