

Current Items Pending Review

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NIH

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NIH Director Meets with Representatives Kennedy and Ryan on Basic Behavioral Research

At the request of Representatives Patrick Kennedy (D-RI), Brian Baird (D-WA), and Tim Ryan (D-OH), as expressed in a July 21, 2009, letter to Dr. Francis Collins, Director, NIH, Dr. Collins met with Representatives Kennedy and Ryan to discuss NIH activities in basic behavioral research. Also in attendance were Laurel Havas, Senior Legislative Assistant, and Dr. Mark A. Hoeft, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science and Technology Fellow, from Mr. Kennedy's office; Ryan Keating, Legislative Director for Mr. Ryan; Kamal Abi, Policy Advisor to Mr. Baird; Leo Luberecki, ASL; and Anne Houser, OLPA.

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NIH Awards \$75 Million for Research in Minority Institutions: Funding Includes New Program to Facilitate Clinical and Translational Research

The NIH National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) announced it will award \$75 million over the next five years to support four institutions via NCRR's Research Centers in Minority Institutions (RCMI) program. The RCMI program enhances research capacity and infrastructure in minority institutions. Three of the four institutions will receive funding through a new program, the RCMI Infrastructure for Clinical and Translational Research (RCTR). The fourth grant establishes a new RCMI center at Xavier University in Louisiana. The RCTR awards will support clinical and translational research that focuses on cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, HIV/AIDS, and other conditions that disproportionately impact minority and other medically underserved populations. NCRR established the RCTR awards to promote collaborations, leverage resources, enhance training and career development activities, and increase the efficiency and speed of translating research advances to improved health outcomes.

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NCI and NIBIB Staff Meets with House Oversight and Government Reform Staff

At the request of Julie Jones, Majority Counsel, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Representative Edolphus Towns [D-NY], Chairman), Dr. Peter Choke, Director, Molecular Imaging Program, Center for Cancer Research, and Dr. Gary Kelloff, Special Advisor, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, both of the NIH National Cancer Institute (NCI), and Dr. William Heetderk, Director, Extramural Science Programs, and Dr. Alan McLaughlin, Director, Division of Applied Science and Technology, both of the NIH National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), briefed staff on prostate cancer and imaging research. In addition to Ms. Jones, attendees included Chris Knauer, Kevin Barstow, and Lisa Coy, Investigations staff; Rinad Bsharat, Intern; Molly Boyl and Ashley Callen, Minority Staff; and Nikki Jones and Blair Hedgepeth, staff to Representative Elijah Cummings (D-MD). Leopold Luberecki, ASL; Susan Erickson, NCI; and Patricia Brandt Hansberger, OLPA, also attended.

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NCI Staff Meets with Representative Latta staff on Pediatric Cancer Funding

At the request of Bethany Peck, Health Staff, and Alison Witt, Legislative Director, Office of Representative Robert Latta (R-OH), Dr. James Doroshow, Director, Division of Cancer Treatment and Diagnosis, NIH National Cancer Institute (NCI), met with the staff to discuss how the Institute's appropriated funds are

Building 10 on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland. The event offers continuing medical education credit for physicians.

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12/3/2009

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Meeting of the National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity (NSABB)

The NSABB convenes 2-3 times annually. This year the meeting will include remarks by staff from the Executive Office of the President: Dr. James B. Petro of the National Security Council and Dr. John Holdren, the President's Science and Technology Advisor and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy. During the meeting new members will be introduced, updates will be given on Federal responses to previous NSABB reports, and there will be a discussion of the NSABB draft report on dual use research issues raised by synthetic biology. This meeting will take place at the Marriott in Bethesda, Maryland.

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NIH Conference on CTSA Pharmaceutical Assets Portal: Matching Academia and Industry for Drug Repositioning

The Clinical and Translational Sciences Award (CTSA) Pharmaceutical Assets Portal: Matching Academia and Industry for Drug Repositioning conference will bring together leaders in the government, the pharmaceutical industry, and in research to explore current drug repositioning efforts and how to access the CTSA Pharmaceutical Assets Portal. Drug repositioning, or finding new uses for drugs originally designed for other purposes has become more important recently as many pharmaceutical companies are seeing their drug pipelines dry up. Repositioning offers a way to explore these previously shelved assets and provides an opportunity to potentially increase the number of approved drugs for alternative uses. A half-day conference sponsored by the NIH National Center for Research Resources, National Cancer Institute, and the NIH Clinical Center from 9 a.m. to Noon on December 4, 2009, at the Lipsett Amphitheater, Building 10, on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland, will explore current drug repositioning efforts of the pharmaceutical industry and NIH investigators. For more information and to register, visit <http://palladianpartners.com/pharm-assets>. The event will also be videocast at <http://videocast.nih.gov>.

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