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General Funding Updates

NIH Council of Councils to meet in April

The NIH Office of the Director has announced a convening of the NIH Council of Councils (CoC) on April 21. Note that this is the first CoC held during this administration, as the Feb. 6-7 meeting was cancelled.

What is the CoC?: The CoC's role is to advise the NIH Director on matters related to the policies and activities of the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives.

CDC reschedules cancelled advisory committee meeting on immunization practices

The cancelled Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices meeting, which was originally scheduled to take place in February, has been rescheduled for April 15-16. The committee, which holds three regular meetings each year to review scientific data and vote on vaccine recommendations to the CDC director, is expected to discuss the current measles outbreak, among other agenda items.

NIH Study Sections and Advisory Councils: Many NIH study sections and advisory councils have been rescheduled after a near-total pause in these meetings starting Jan. 20 of this year. Since March 4, nearly 300 study sections managed by the NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) have been scheduled to convene throughout April and May, and since March 17 nearly 220 institute-managed study sections have also been announced through the Federal Register.

- March 20 marked the first rescheduling of an NIH advisory council, a final required step allowing new grants to be awarded. Eleven Institute or Center advisory council meetings have now been scheduled

NIH Grant Terminations and Funding: The NIH has continued the cancellation of active grants that fund studies on a wide range of scientific research areas. The current tally, not including what we understand to be many grants terminated this past Friday, is 390. Major categories of funding being scrutinized include those relating to DEI, Environmental/clean energy initiatives, vaccine development and/or vaccine hesitancy assessments, and most recently, studies related to COVID-19.

Funding-Related Litigation: A nationwide [preliminary injunction](#) remains in place preventing the administration from implementing the proposed 15% facilities and administrative (F&A or "indirect") cost rate for all institutions.