

NCI Legislative Update

NCAB Meeting – Dec. 2003



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FY 2004 Appropriations

- **President's Budget**
 - NIH - \$27.81 billion; NCI - \$4.77 billion
- **Labor, HHS, Education Bill Passed House July 10**
 - NIH - \$27.66 billion; NCI - \$4.77 billion
- **Labor, HHS, Education Bill Passed Senate Sept. 10**
 - NIH - \$27.99 billion; NCI - \$4.77 billion
- **Omnibus Bill Reported by Conference Committee Nov. 25**
 - NIH - \$27.99 billion; NCI - \$4.77 billion

FY 2004 Appropriations

What's Next?

- House reconvenes December 8
 - Scheduled to vote on Omnibus before adjourning
- Senate reconvenes December 9
 - Not likely to take up the Omnibus before adjourning
 - Scheduled to return on Jan. 20, 2004
- Continuing Resolution provides funding at FY 2003 levels through Jan. 31, 2004

NCI Participation in Congressional Hearing

- Preventing Another SV40 Tragedy: Are Today's Vaccine Safety Protocols Effective?
 - November 13
 - Conducted by House Government Reform Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness
 - Rep. Dan Burton (R-IN), Chairman
- Dr. Robert Hoover, DCEG accompanied by Dr. May Wong, DCB provided NCI testimony
 - On website <http://www3.cancer.gov/legis/index.html>

Recently Introduced Legislation

- Pediatric Palliative Care Act of 2003
(HR 3127/S 1629)
 - To improve the palliative and end-of-life care provided to children with life-threatening conditions
 - Introduced Sept. 17
 - House Rep. Deborah Pryce; Senate Mike DeWine
- National Cancer Act of 2003 (S 1899)
 - To improve data collection and dissemination, treatment and research relating to cancer
 - Introduced Nov. 21 by Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS)

Pediatric Palliative Care Act

- Pediatric palliative care training and residency grants (NIH) - \$5M appropriated FY 04-08
- Translational research grants for pediatric pain and symptom management (NIH) - \$10M appropriated, available until expended
- Grants to expand pediatric palliative care (HRSA) \$10 M appropriated FY 04-08
- Pediatric palliative care demonstrations projects (Medicare and private sector)

National Cancer Act of 2003

Brownback/Gregg Bill

- Sense of the Senate, “U. S. is at a point in history in which we must take the proper steps to reach the goal of making cancer survivorship the rule and cancer deaths rare by the year 2015”
- Public Health Provisions
- Research Provisions

Brownback/Gregg Bill (Cont.)

- Enhancing Cancer Registries - section requires a report on strategies for State cancer registries and the SEER program to share information
 - Standardize data between State cancer registries and SEER
 - Maximize the use of registry data in State and regional public health planning processes
 - Promote the use of data to improve the health status of cancer survivors

Brownback Bill (Cont)

- Elevates the importance of pain management and cancer survivorship throughout the National Cancer Program
- Establishes the extant Office of Cancer Survivorship at NCI to implement and direct the expansion and coordination of survivorship research

Brownback Bill (Cont)

- “Other transactions” authority for NCI
 - NCI Director may cofund grant projects with private entities
- Central IRB
 - Commends NCI for work in this area
 - Calls on research community to streamline
- Patient and provider outreach opportunities with experimental therapies
 - Integrate private trials in NCI clinical trials database
 - Educate patients and providers on ways to access database