



NCI Legislative Update

Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee

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Discussion Topics

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Status at November Meeting

What's Next?

- Budget conferees create spending plan by 12/13
- Appropriation Subcommittees use new spending level to work on individual bills
- Bills combined into Omnibus bill and passed



If Not --

Full year CR? - Short term CR? - Another shutdown?

Believe It Or Not...

- ✓ Budget conferees create spending plan by 12/13
 - Discretionary 2014=\$1.012 T; 2015=\$1.014T
 - Revised sequester 2014 & 2015; Extended 2 yrs
 - Savings found in specific programs
- ✓ Appropriation Subcommittees use new spending level to work on individual bills
- ✓ Individual bills combined in Omnibus and passed
 - Passed both House and Senate in <
 - NIH = \$29.9B NCI = \$4.92B

vs. 2013
\$4.78B

vs. 2012
\$5.06B



Appropriations Status – FY 2015

President's Budget announced March 4

- NIH = \$30.4 B; NCI = \$4.93B

House Action

- Budget Resolution expected
- Subcommittee hearing March 26

Senate Action

- No Budget Resolution
- Subcommittee hearing likely in early May

Congressional Activities

- Priorities?



“First thing [for the Senate] is to make sure that those people who are waiting and waiting to find a job still get the important check that they deserve.”



“As we continue to work to finalize our Obamacare replacement plan, we will also act to highlight and address the serious consequences of the law.”

Congressional Activities - NCI

Visits to NIH

- February 24th: **Sen. Barbara Mikulski** (D-MD) toured Dr. Marston Linehan's lab and hosted a press event



Barbara Mikulski ✓
@SenatorBarb

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Congressional Activities - NCI

Visits to NIH

- February 3rd: In separate visits, **Sen. Richard Durbin (D-IL)** and **Rep. Joseph Pitts (R-PA)** met with IC Directors and toured the NIH Clinical Center





Congressional Activities - NCI

Visits to NIH

- February 28th: **Rep. Leonard Lance** (R-NJ) gave opening remarks at NIH's Rare Disease Day symposium and toured the NIH Clinical Center
- February 21st: **House Majority Appropriations Staff** met with Dr. Collins and a number of IC Directors to discuss priorities identified in the FY14 Omnibus Appropriations Report

Briefings

- Tomorrow, Dr. Crystal Mackall, Chief of NCI's Pediatric Oncology Branch, will speak about immunotherapy research at an AACR congressional briefing



Legislation of Interest

- Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act, H.R. 2019
 - Eliminates taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprograms savings to provide for a 10-year pediatric research initiative administered through the NIH Common Fund.
 - However, funds would only be made available to NIH “to the extent and in such amounts as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts.”
 - The bill was originally introduced by Rep. Gregg Harper (R-MS), and has been championed by House Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-VA).
 - The bill did not proceed through mark up, and did not pass out of committee, as is usually the case before a bill is considered for a vote. The House passed H.R. 2019 in December, and the Senate passed it yesterday.

Legislation of Interest



“[What] we've done today is only an authorization and the public out there should understand it's only an authorization until money is appropriated, there will be nothing go to pediatric research at the National Institutes of Health. We have to carry forward and not have all these banner headlines the kids are going to suddenly get help that they deserve. That will not happen until we appropriate money for this.”



“H.R. 2019, which will go to the president for signature, the original author of which is Eric Cantor in the House will eliminate taxpayer financing of political party conventions and reprogram savings to provide for a ten year pediatric initiative for the common fund administered by the NIH.”



Legislation of Interest

- Cancer Treatment Parity Act, S. 1879/H.R. 1801
 - The bill aims to require health insurers to provide for coverage of oral anticancer drugs on terms no less favorable than the coverage provided for anticancer medications administered by a health care provider.
 - The bills were introduced by Sen. Al Franken (D-MN) and Rep. Brian Higgins (D-NY).
 - 26 states and the District of Columbia have enacted oral chemotherapy access laws, and a law passed in Missouri last week awaits the governor's signature



Legislation of Interest

- Breast Density and Mammography Reporting Act, H.R. 3404
 - The bill would amend the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MSQA) of 1992 to require mammography results, including the patient summary, to report relative breast density.
 - The bill was introduced by Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT).
 - 13 states have enacted laws requiring some form of breast density reporting, and similar laws are pending in 8 states.



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