Legislative Update

Clinical Trials and Translational Research Advisory Committee

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- Budget and Appropriations
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FY19 Labor-HHS Appropriation

- Labor-H & Defense bills coupled = on-time appropriation for NIH
- $2B increase for NIH
- $74M increase for NCI
- $400M for Cancer Moonshot (Year 3 of 7)
March 11, 2019

FY20 President’s Budget Request

Budget Control Act levels
• -12% for NIH
• -14.6% for NCI
• +$50M Childhood Cancer Data Initiative (CCDI)
Status - House & Senate FY20 Appropriations

• House has passed 10 of 12 spending bills
  • Labor-H bill passed 6/19, +$300M for NCI, includes $50M for CCDI

• Senate has not passed any bills out of committee
  • Per Majority Leader, Senate will not move spending bills until a budget deal is reached
Return of Budget Caps in FY20 + Debt Ceiling

- Debt ceiling reinstated in March
- 7/15 - Secretary Mnuchin warned that the Treasury could run out of money in early September absent an increase in the debt limit before the August recess

We have been here before
Senate appropriations markups likely off until September
By Jennifer Shutt and Niels Lesniewski, CQ

- The Senate Appropriations Committee likely won't mark up any of its fiscal 2020 spending bills before leaving town for the August recess — the first time in more than three decades the panel hasn't debated any of the annual spending bills before the customary summer summer break.

Shades of ‘87
- “The scene is reminiscent of 1987, the last time Senate appropriators didn't get moving on any of their bills until the fall”
- Ended in a 1-day shutdown and a December omnibus bill
House Appropriations Labor-HHS Subcommittee
Hearing on the FY20 NIH Budget
April 2, 2019
Senate Appropriations Labor-HHS Subcommittee
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Legislative Implementation

▪ **Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012**
  ▪ Required NCI to develop scientific frameworks for two “recalcitrant” cancers with 5-year survival < 20% that cause ≥ 30,000 deaths per year in the United States
  ▪ Scientific frameworks developed for PDAC and SCLC, submitted to Congress in 2014
    ▪ review and update of frameworks due to Congress within 5 years (PDAC June 2019)
    ▪ Report on effectiveness of each framework due to Congress within 6 years

▪ **Childhood Cancer STAR (Survivorship, Treatment, Access, Research) Act (June 2018)**
  ▪ Research provisions directed toward NIH/NCI focus on childhood, adolescent, and young adult cancer survivorship research, as well as biospecimen collection and biobanking resources
    ▪ **Improving Outcomes for Pediatric, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Survivors:** NCI released a new RFA in January 2019 which aligns directly with the STAR Act. The first round of applications are in and are under review.
    ▪ **Enhancing Biobanking for Childhood Cancers:** NCI convened a meeting in May 2019 with representatives from across the childhood cancer research and advocacy communities, focused on challenges and opportunities in this field. NCI is identifying additional efforts to enhance biospecimen collection and biobanking across its childhood cancer research programs.
Join our ECRs who are on the Hill today by participating in the National Day of Action and contact your own members of Congress to urge their support for @NIH funding. Take action at bit.ly/2xvclf #AACRECRontheHill
Recent Congressional Briefings and Events

- **June 12**: Briefing on E-Cigarettes, featuring NCI, FDA, CDC, and extramural colleagues
  - Sponsored by Sens. Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Tim Kaine (D-VA), Hosted by AACR; Dr. Rachel Grana Mayne represented NCI

- **June 25**: Briefing on Artificial Intelligence and Cancer Clinical Trials featuring NCI, VA, IBM, and extramural colleagues
  - Hosted by ACS CAN & IBM; Dr. Gisele Sarosy represented NCI

- **June 27**: Briefing on HPV-Related Cancers, featuring NCI, CDC, and extramural colleagues
  - Collaborative effort of 9 organizations, including AACI, AACR, Moffitt, St. Jude, and ACS-CAN; Dr. John Schiller of NCI

- **July 17**: Glioblastoma Awareness Day – Congressional Reception
  - Sens. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Martha McSally (R-AZ), Mitch McConnell (R-KY) and Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA)

- **July 18**: Co-Chairs and Members of the Congressional Cancer Survivors Caucus will visit NCI
  - Reps. Mark DeSaulnier (D-CA), Buddy Carter (R-GA), and Jamie Raskin (D-MD)