NCI Legislative Update National Cancer Advisory Board

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Appropriations Status

Congressional Visits

NIH Reform Act

FY 2007Appropriations: Current Status

President's Budget – Announced Feb. 06

- •NIH \$ 28.6B
- •NCI \$ 4.75B

Current CR expires Feb. 15

Long-term CR expected

FY 2008 Appropriations Outlook

- President's Budget announced Feb. 5
- Senate Hearing format probably will not change
- •House Hearing format unknown, tentative date set for Feb. 28

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Congressional Visits to NIH

Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA)

- December 14
- Met with multiple ICs
- NCI presentation by Drs. Lou Staudt and Javed Khan

Rep. Michael Castle (R-DE)

- January 22
- Met with NCI, NIDDK, NIDCR
- NCI presentation Staudt

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NIH Reauthorization

NIH Reform Act

Signed into law January 15 (PL 109-482)

Key Provisions

- Organization of NIH
- Scientific Management Review Board
- Authority of NIH Director
- Authorization of Appropriations
- •NIH Common Fund
- Biennial Reports of NIH Director
- Demonstration Projects

Implementation of New Law

Ad Hoc Working Group established

- •Chaired by Dr. Kington, NIH Deputy Director
- •Charged to: complete a careful, detailed analysis of the legislation and propose plans for its implementation that will aid NIH in serving the public and our scientific community more effectively
- •Includes IC Directors, General Counsel, as well as NIH senior staff in legislation, policy, management, communications, extramural and intramural activities, and budget

NIH Reform Act of 2006

"This affirmation from Congress has come at a critical time, and we want to ensure that we take the best possible advantage of its promise. We will be communicating with the community regularly as we make progress in this process."

- Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D.

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House Committees

Appropriations

Full Committee Chair – Obey (WI)

Subcommittee Chair – Obey

New Faces - 7

Authorization

Energy & Commerce Chair – Dingell (MI)

Health Subcommitee Chair – Pallone (NJ)

New Faces - 7

Oversight

Government Reform Chair–Waxman (CA)

Senate Committees

Appropriations

Full Committee Chair – Sen. Byrd (WV)

Subcommittee Chair – Sen. Harkin (IA)

New - 2

Authorization

Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

Chair – Edward Kennedy (MA)

New - 3

Oversight

Homeland Security and Government

Affairs Chair – Sen. Lieberman (CT)

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