

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PLANNING AND BUDGET

NATIONAL CANCER ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes, October 5, 1981

NCAB Members Present:

Dr. Frederick Seitz, Chairman
Dr. Maureen Henderson
Dr. Robert Hickey
Dr. Joseph Katterhagen
Dr. Henry Pitot
Mr. Morris Schrier
Dr. Gerald Wogan

Dr. Vincent DeVita and Staff

1. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and asked Dr. DeVita to proceed with his report.
2. Summary of budget levels:

	<u>Dollars</u>
1981 Actuals.	\$ 989,355,000
1982 President's Budget.	1,025,946,000
1982 House Appropriations Committee Allowance. . .	1,030,356,000
1982 Senate Appropriations Committee Allowance . .	1,034,180,000
1983 By-Pass Request.	1,147,013,000
(excludes NTP - \$49,987,000)	

3. Summary of final funding achieved in FY1981:

Research Projects	826 or 34% of competing grants
ROI - Traditional	197 priority score at recommended level
POI - Program Projects	207 priority score at about a 20% increase over current level rather than the original 7% over current level plan
P30 - Center Grants	231 priority score; those through 199 were funded at recommended level; balance on a sliding scale
NRSA	institutional allowances and indirect cost for NRSA's were restored by the Congress

4. Summary of FY1982 budget actions:

a. Continuing Resolution:

Same as the 1981 level of \$989 million; approved through November 20, 1981.

b. Appropriation Action:

House Appropriations Committee:

President's Budget Increase:	\$1,025,946,000
NRSA for indirect cost and 50% of institutional allowances	<u>4,410,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,030,356,000

Senate Appropriations Committee:

President's Budget Increase:	\$1,025,946,000
Research Projects:	
12 additional awards	1,643,000
inflation factor	2,137,000
NRSA for indirect cost and 50% of institutional allowances	<u>4,454,000</u>
TOTAL	\$1,034,180,000

It is unclear when Congress will take any further action on the Bill.

c. Proposed Reductions:

President Reagan's proposal for federal agencies to take a 12% reduction has made the funding level for 1982 quite uncertain. We are currently developing some options on how to handle such a reduction, should it become a reality. The Chairman asked that a fuller discussion of the possible reduction be held after Dr. DeVita had completed his budget report and reviewed the various tables.

5. Summary of FY1983 By-Pass Budget:

At the May meeting of the Subcommittee, it was agreed that the FY1983 by-pass budget should be used to identify additional budget increments for high priority programs rather than representing the best estimate of the budget

level needed to maintain the momentum of the program (i.e., inflation plus modest growth). It was also agreed that the Subcommittee members would participate in the selection of the priority programs to be identified for incremental funding in the by-pass budget. Members were provided with a baseline budget which reflected an anticipated 7% increase over FY1982 and a list of programs to rank order. The results (attached) of this priority-setting procedure were reflected in the 1983 by-pass request (\$1,147,013,000, excluding the National Toxicology Program) which was submitted to the OMB on September 15, 1981.

6. Dr. DeVita reviewed the several budget tables (attached) for FY's 1981, 1982, and 1983 including the 5-year projections for inclusion in the 1981 NCP Annual Plan required by the National Cancer Act.
7. The Chairman then asked Dr. DeVita to initiate discussion of the President's proposal for all Federal agencies to take a 12% reduction in FY1982 and its impact on NCI.

Dr. DeVita informed the Subcommittee that the reduction was not a certainty and that the details of any NCI reaction could not be discussed at this time. Further, he noted that many program issues involved in any reduction of this size would be handled at the NIH level with all Bureaus, Institutes, and Divisions participating. There followed extensive discussion by the Subcommittee and staff as to the many approaches that could be used to effect a reduction if this were to become necessary.

Dr. Pitot asked if another prioritizing procedure similar to the one for the 1983 by-pass would be helpful if it were completed before the November program review meeting. The Subcommittee unanimously supported this proposal and agreed that this would have to be accomplished by telephone once the basic information was provided to the NCAB members.

8. The Chairman made two proposals:
 - that any budget reductions be made on a selective basis and not on a fixed percent across-the-board;
 - that in addition to the subcommittee members, the full voting members of the NCAB participate in the priority-setting process.

Both proposals received unanimous agreement. Dr. DeVita noted that he would ask the divisional boards of scientific counselors to participate also the prioritizing exercise.

9. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Chairman