

# Update on Clinical Center Governing Board

Presentation to the Scientific Management  
Review Board

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# Clinical Center Governing Board (CCGB)

- Established by Director NIH consistent with Scientific Management Review Board (SMRB) recommendation to simplify Clinical Center governance
- Responsibilities complement those of the Advisory Board for Clinical Research (ABCR)
  - Provides strategic and operational policy direction and oversight of the Clinical Center.
  - Provides strategic and operational oversight over changes to the mission of the Clinical Center, and to implement the recommendations of the SMRB.
  - Provides recommendations on the optimal size and scope of the Clinical Center, and how best to maximize the quality of research conducted.
  - Provides policy and operational recommendations on cross-cutting scientific and administrative issues that affect both the NIH's Institutes and Centers and the Clinical Center.
  - Provides recommendations on the Clinical Center's annual budget request after considering the recommendations of the ABCR and the overall NIH budgetary environment.

# CCGB Membership

- Director, NIAMS, Chair
- Director, NCI
- Director, NIAID
- Director, NIDA
- Director, NIDDK
- Director, NIMH
- Director, NINDS
- Director, NCCAM
- Director, CC (ex officio)

# Budget Issues – Funding Source

- FY 2012/3 CC budgets will continue to be funded internally
- Intent was to implement SMRB proposal to fund the CC as line item in Office of the Director appropriation for FY 2013
  - Implementation more legally complex than anticipated
  - Issues could not be resolved within FY 2013 budget schedule timelines

# Budget Issues – FY 2012 Budget Review

- CCGB has reviewed CC funding request based on current patient census
  - Have provided recommendations to Director, NIH
  - Recommendations attempt to balance need to provide quality research and patient care with need to seek efficiencies given a difficult financial environment
- Concurrently, have initiated collaborative effort with Office of Intramural Research to seek further budgetary efficiencies

# New Bench To Bedside Program

- Consistent with SMRB recommendation to enable use of Clinical Center by extramural investigators
- Will consist of cooperative agreements between intramural and extramural researchers utilizing the CC
- Applications will be subject to peer review and will be funded by appropriate ICs
- Have developed basic outline of program and issued an Request for Information to further shape it.

# Program Outline

- Title – NIH/Clinical Center Cooperative Program of Bench to Bedside Research Projects (U01)
- Will be published either late FY 2012 or early FY 2013
- Unique Requirements
  - Extramural investigator must have intramural collaborator
  - Application must be submitted by extramural PI
  - Project must use CC resources
  - Project must be signed off by CC, IC Scientific/Clinical Directors
  - Awards are for 3 years and up to \$500K/yr. in direct costs
  - IC Director determines funding source

# Request for Information

- Issued October 12 with response due by December 1.
- Solicits input from extramural investigators on partnerships with NIH intramural investigators utilizing the Clinical Center
- Describes resources and opportunities that may be accessible to extramural investigators via partnerships with intramural investigators.
- Requests responses to all or some of the following questions:
  1. How would partnering with NIH intramural investigators and use of the NIH Clinical Center resources help advance your research project or enhance your science?
  2. What special Clinical Center resources would you be most interested in using and why?
  3. What current barriers or challenges exist for you in accessing the Clinical Center or in partnering with the NIH intramural community?
  4. What actions should the NIH and Clinical Center consider taking to address these challenges or to make it more feasible for you to access the Clinical Center and NIH intramural investigators? If you have ever utilized the Clinical Center or partnered with an intramural program at the Clinical Center, how did the partnership/utilization work and how satisfied were you with your overall experiences?



# Other Activities

- Explore total cost of CC – funding provided by ICs for services beyond those included in CC Budget
- Begin formulating longer term effort to assure protocols conducted at the CC are of highest quality