National Institutes of Health Steering Committee Intramural Working Group Charter

The Intramural Working Group (IWG) is charged with oversight of activities of the NIH intramural programs (IRP) which include the conduct of laboratory-based and clinical research (in the Clinical Center and elsewhere) and research training. In particular, the IWG will recommend, with advice from the Office of Intramural Research (OIR) and the Board of Scientific Directors (SDs), trans-NIH policies and procedures to advance the mission of the NIH through the activities of the IRP. These policies and procedures will be presented to the NIH Steering Committee which will decide on a course of action.

The IWG will review issues and recommend policies of trans-NIH importance which require decisions by corporate NIH, including the IC Directors and the NIH Director, but will not be involved in day-to-day operations of the intramural program. The IWG will respond to recommendations of outside review panels on the role, structure, and function of the IRP, such as the 2003 IOM Report and the 2003 Clinical Research Blue Ribbon Panel and will make budget recommendations to the Management and Budget Working Group.

Membership

The IWG will be co-chaired by a member of the NIH Steering Committee and by the Deputy Director for Intramural Research (DDIR). The IWG will consist of 6 or 7 additional members drawn from the IC Directors, IC Deputy Directors, Scientific Directors, Clinical Directors, and Executive Officers of the NIH who are knowledgeable about the IRP. Members will initially serve one year terms, following which they may be replaced, or reappointed for one or two additional years. No member may serve more than two consecutive three year terms.

Meetings

The IWG will meet, as needed, on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, from 9 AM to 10 AM.

Approved:

Director, National Institutes of Health

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