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FEATURED NEWS

NIH Extends Enforcement Delay of Clinical Trials Policy Until September 2021

On July 24, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) released a [notice](#) announcing a further delay of enforcement of [clinical trials reporting requirements](#) for NIH-funded research designated as "basic experimental studies with humans." The enforcement date, originally extended to September of this year, has been pushed to September 24, 2021. [A blog post](#) from the NIH Office of Science Policy describes the extension as necessary to address the challenges of reporting requirements for some researchers by continuing to search for common ground with the basic science community.

The notice is the latest iteration of NIH statements relating to changes to NIH's clinical trial policy. As [previously reported](#), NIH has established a new definition of "clinical trials" which includes some basic behavioral and social science research and mandates new reporting requirements. COSSA previously authored a [Hot Topic](#) piece detailing how the changes would affect basic research. Due to [negative reactions](#) from the basic science community on concerns of undue burden on the researchers, NIH announced [a delay in the enforcement](#) of the clinical trials policy and issued a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) to the community on best practices for implementing the policy. Read COSSA's [previous coverage](#) for more details.

COSSA IN ACTION

August's Headlines Webchat to Feature Deep Dive on Effectively Advocating from Home

COSSA members are encouraged to sign up for the [monthly Headlines webchat](#) on Thursday, August 8, in which COSSA staff will recap the most important social and behavioral science news from the past month and answer participants' questions. The August chat will feature a deep dive discussion on how to advocate for social science without having to travel to DC. Individuals employed by or affiliated with a COSSA member organization or university can register for the webchat [here](#).



AAPSS Answers "Why Social Science?"



The latest Why Social Science? guest post comes from Tom Kecskemethy, Executive Director of the American Academy of Political and Social Science (AAPSS), who writes about how social science can guide us toward practical solutions to social problems. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

Letters & Statements

- 7/24/2019: [Census Project Letter on FY 2020 Funding for the Census Bureau](#)

Share Your Story with COSSA!

COSSA is always looking for tangible examples from the social and behavioral sciences to help make the case that federal investment in these sciences is not only a wise use of taxpayer dollars, but that this research yields results that make the nation and world healthier, safer, and more prosperous. If you have a social science story-- a research success, an example of how social science is being used effectively in your community, an educational experience or teacher who shaped the trajectory of your social science career, or any other experience or activity that showcases the many positive impacts the social and behavioral sciences make to all aspects of life-- share it with COSSA by filling out the [form on our website](#).



CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Budget Deal Signed; Congress Leaves for Summer Recess with FY 2020 Outcome Unknown

On August 2, President Trump signed a two-year budget agreement that provides federal programs relief from automatic spending cuts set to take effect in fiscal years (FY) 2020 and 2021 as well as raises the debt ceiling for two years. The deal allows Congress to appropriate spending increases for defense and non-defense discretionary programs, including for research, healthcare, and the upcoming 2020 Census. The passage of the budget deal clears the way for Congress to pass FY 2020 funding bills when it returns in September from its annual summer recess, but it will have to act quickly to avert a government shutdown on October 1. [As COSSA has reported](#), the House of Representatives has nearly completed its work on FY 2020 appropriations, but the Senate delayed considering any spending bills until a deal was reached to address the limits discretionary spending. The Senate is now expected to start working in haste to draft spending bills after it returns from recess.

COSSA has also released an [Action Alert for COSSA Members](#) to communicate directly with their Senators to urge them to support social science research funding.

House Subcommittee Holds OSTP Oversight Hearing; Senate Confirms Nominee for Chief Technology Officer

On July 24, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies (CJS) held an [oversight hearing](#) with the director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), Kelvin Droegemeier. Members of the Subcommittee questioned Droegemeier on a variety of topics including the White House's position on the human impacts of climate change, Trump administration priorities in research and development, the recent activities of several OSTP joint committees, ethical concerns such as foreign interference in research and bias in artificial intelligence, and potential partnerships between OSTP and other federal agencies. Droegemeier has been a vocal proponent of social and behavioral science research and cited the importance of "tackling the social and behavioral science dimensions" of critical issues. A recording of the hearing can be found on the [CJS Subcommittee website](#).

Later that day, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (CST) held a [hearing](#) concerning the nominations for several appointed positions including that of Michael Kratsios, nominee for Associate Director and Chief Technology Officer at OSTP. A week later on August 1, the full Senate officially [confirmed](#) Kratsios by voice vote to be the first Chief Technology Officer since 2017. Kratsios, who has been the de facto technology adviser at OSTP for two years, discussed with Committee Members his past work and policy plan for emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and 5G technology. The full nominations hearing can be found on the [CST Committee website](#).

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

NIH Establishes Research Network on Opioid Use Disorder in the Criminal Justice System

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) [announced](#) the awarding of 12 grants to form the [Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network \(JCOIN\)](#), a network of institutions performing research on opioid use disorder in criminal justice settings. JCOIN will connect researchers, many of whom are social and behavioral scientists, with criminal justice stakeholders to help improve practices in responding to opioid abuse in high risk criminal justice institutions. The research institutions in JCOIN include treatment centers and universities - some of which are COSSA members. The network includes the following institutions:

- New York State Psychiatric Institute
- Baystate Medical Center
- Friends Research Institute, Inc.
- Texas Christian University
- New York University School of Medicine
- Brown University
- University of Chicago
- Chestnut Health Systems, Inc.
- University of Kentucky
- Yale University
- George Mason University (as an un-funded coordinating body)

More information about JCOIN may be found on the [NIDA website](#).

Nomination Opportunities

- NSF: [Vannevar Bush Award](#) (Closes: September 27, 2019)
- NSF: [Public Impact Award](#) (Closes: September 27, 2019)
- AHRQ: [National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality: Request for Nominations for Members](#) (Closes: August 12, 2019)

Funding Opportunities

- **NEW:** NIH/NCI: Participant Engagement and Cancer Genome Sequencing ([PE-CGS: Research Centers \(U2C Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)), ([PE-CGS: Coordinating Center \(U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#)) (LOIs Due: September 30, 2019; Closes: October 30, 2019)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** NIH/OBSSR: [Extension of Certain Flexibilities for Prospective Basic Experimental Studies With Human Participants](#)
- OMB: [Phase 1 Implementation of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018: Learning Agendas, Personnel, and Planning Guidance](#)
- NSF: [Request for Information on VIA Task Force Report: R&D Opportunities in Video & Image Analytics](#) (Closes: August 31, 2019)
- OMB: [Identifying Priority Access or Quality Improvements for Federal Data and Models for Artificial Intelligence Research and Development \(R&D\), and Testing; Request for Information](#) (Closes: August 9, 2019)

Open Positions

- NIH/NCI: [Program Director, Cancer Survivorship](#)
- NIH/NCI: [Program Director, Tobacco Cessation](#)
- NIH/NCI: [Program Director, Health Communication Research](#)
- CDC/NCHS: Director, National Center for Health Statistics ([Title 42: 0602](#)) ([Title 42: 0601](#)) ([Title 42: 1520](#)) ([SES: 1530](#)) (Closes: August 12, 2019)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- **NEW:** NIH/NCI: [Statistical Analysis, Measurement, and Informatics Fellowship in Cancer-Related Behavioral Research](#)

National Academies Releases Report on The Promise of Adolescence

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) recently published a consensus study report on [The Promise of Adolescence: Realizing Opportunity for All Youth](#), which details the neurobiological as well as the social and economic factors that affect adolescent mental and physical well-being and development. The report defines adolescence as beginning with the onset of puberty and ending in the mid-20s, and it claims that key areas of the brain mature and develop during this time. This process is impacted both by the biological components of development as well as the environmental factors and stressors surrounding it, which supports an epigenetic view on adolescence. After determining the biological and genetic components, this report delves into several policy recommendations regarding programs and policies affecting adolescents to bolster their mental and physical health as well as complement their natural brain development.

The policy recommendations surround four critical areas: education, the health system, the child welfare system, and the justice system. Within education, the report details the need to rectify disparities in resources, teach practical knowledge and emotional adaptability, and foster culturally sensitive learning environments, among others. Recommendations for the health system focus not just on providing adequate access to healthcare, but also on fostering independence among adolescents, improving training of providers, and supporting more data collection and research on adolescent-specific health services. The racial disparities and disconnect of systems related to child welfare and justice systems are also emphasized in this report, with calls for enacting policies that best support growth rather than establishing punitive and antagonistic measures.

This report hopes to highlight the collective responsibility that the U.S. has to build systems that support and promote resiliency and positive adolescent development so that young people can grow successfully.

More information about the report can be found on the [NASEM website](#).

This article was contributed by COSSA's summer intern, Joanna Hua of Cornell University.

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Strengthening the Military Family Readiness System for a Changing American Society](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [The Promise of Adolescence: Realizing Opportunity for All Youth](#)
- **NEW:** NASEM: [Criteria for Selecting the Leading Health Indicators for Healthy People 2030](#)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- Rita Allen Foundation: [Civic Science Fellow](#) (Priority Deadline: August 15, 2019)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- [Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting](#), August 7-10, 2019, Richmond, VA
- [COSSA Headlines | August Headlines](#), August 8, 2019, 2:00 pm
- [American Psychological Association Annual Convention](#), August 8-11, 2019, Chicago, IL
- [American Sociological Association Annual Meeting](#), August 10-13, 2019, New York, NY
- [NASEM: Decadal Survey of Behavioral and Social Science Research on Alzheimer's Disease and Alzheimer's Disease-Related Dementias: Workshop on Lived Experience, Epidemiology, and Models of Care](#), August 14, 2019, Washington, DC

- [American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition](#), August 29-September 1, 2019, Washington, DC
- [COSSA Headlines | September Headlines](#), September 12, 2019, 2:00 pm
- [2019 Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting](#), October 24-27, 2019, Denver, CO
- [2019 Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting](#), October 30 - November 2, 2019, San Diego, CA
- [2019 Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences Annual Meeting](#), November 6-9, 2019, Atlanta, GA
- [2019 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference](#), November 7-9, 2019, Denver, CO
- [Evaluation 2019 \(American Evaluation Association\)](#), November 11-16, 2019, Minneapolis, MN
- [2019 North American Regional Science Council Annual Meeting](#), November 13-16, 2019, Pittsburgh, PA
- [2019 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting](#), November 13-16, 2019, San Francisco, CA
- [2019 National Communication Association Annual Convention](#), November 14-17, 2019, Baltimore, MD
- [COSSA Headlines | November Headlines & Deep Dive TBA](#), November 14, 2019, 2:00 pm
- [2019 African Studies Association Annual Meeting](#), November 21-23, 2019, Boston, MA

A list of COSSA members' annual meetings and other events can be found on the COSSA [events page](#). COSSA members who have an upcoming event they would like to see listed in the Events Calendar and on our website should send an email to jmilton@coffa.org.

EDITOR'S NOTE

COSSA Washington Update will be on hiatus for the remainder of August. We will return to our normal schedule on September 3.

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