

# Fall 2010 Government and Public Affairs Update

## Appropriations Update

At press time, Congress had recessed until September 13, 2010. Prior to its departure in August, the House of Representatives had passed 2 of its 12 appropriations bills. The full Senate had not considered any of its appropriations bills. With Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 ending on September 30, and the looming the mid-term elections, Congress is expected to pass a continuing resolution to keep the federal government funded until it reconvenes for a lame duck session in November. This scenario increases the likelihood that Congress will pass an omnibus spending bill, or several smaller “mini bus” bills, to fund most federal agencies in FY 2011.

Despite increasing pressure to cut federal spending, a trend expected to continue into FY 2012, agencies important to the Population Association of America (PAA) are faring well during the ongoing deliberations. Below is a table comparing the President’s request with funding levels recommended, thus far, by Congress. Bear in mind that the House and Senate numbers will change as action occurs in the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and on the floor of each chamber. The PAA Government and Public Affairs Office will send alerts to members when key votes occur in the House and Senate, threatening proposed FY 2011 funding levels.

### **FY 2011 Proposed Budgets for Federal Agencies Important to PAA**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>FY 11 President’s Budget</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>House</b>
NIH	\$32.0 billion	\$32.0 billion	\$32.0 billion
Census Bureau	\$1.3 billion	\$1.23 billion	\$1.23 billion
NCHS	\$162.0 million	N/A	\$162.0 million
NSF	\$7.42 billion	\$7.35 billion	\$7.42 billion
USAID FP/RH	\$715.7 million	\$700.0 million	\$735.0 million

## Appropriations Highlights

- **NIH**—As members of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, PAA endorsed the coalition’s call to provide the National Institutes of Health (NIH) with \$35 billion in FY 2011. Although the mark recommended by the Administration, Senate, and House fell short, PAA is pleased NIH is poised to receive \$32 billion in FY 2011—a \$1 billion increase over FY 2010 and equal to the rate of biomedical inflation (3.5 percent).

On July 27, the Senate Appropriations Committee considered the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill and released an accompanying bill. The Senate report included language praising demographic research programs at the National Institute on Aging (NIA) and Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). This language helps inform people outside and inside the NIH about the important role population research

programs play in furthering the NIH mission to improve public health and well being. The language as it appears in Senate Report #111-243 is below. The House Appropriations Committee has not considered the House Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations Subcommittee's bill; therefore, at press time, no House report was available. At press time, it wasn't clear when the House Appropriations Committee might consider the Labor-HHS-Education bill

*National Institute on Aging--Demographic and Economic Research--*The Committee urges the NIA to continue to invest in its demographic research portfolio, particularly large-scale longitudinal studies such as the Health and Retirement Study. The Committee also urges the NIA to continue working with other Federal agencies, including the Fogarty International Center, to support and expand its investment in national and international demographic research projects.

*National Institute of Child Health and Human Development--Demographic Research--*The NICHD's historic support for demographic research on the non-aged population has yielded landmark scientific findings, confirming how health and well being in the early years affects long-term health and socioeconomic outcomes. Many of these advances have derived from the Institute's investment in large-scale, longitudinal studies such as the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health and Child Development Supplement to the Panel Study of Income Dynamics, and inter-agency studies, including the National Survey of Family Growth and National Longitudinal Survey of Youth. The Committee expects the Institute to sustain its support for these important resources and reaffirm its commitment to supporting research on how maternal factors before and during pregnancy and early life events affect health and well being in later life.

- **Census Bureau**—The Senate mark is approximately \$22 million below the Administration's request, while the House mark is slightly more than \$29 million below the request. The Senate report does not specify how the agency should apply the reduction. However, it does express concern about the costs associated with Census 2010 and requires the agency to submit a 10-year strategic and budgetary plan for Census 2020 to the Senate Appropriations Committee within 90 days after the bill's enactment. At press time, the House report had not been released.
- **Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)**—The BEA is funded by the same funding bill that supports the Census Bureau. For FY 2011, the Senate recommends BEA receive \$113.2 million, an increase of almost \$16 million over FY10. The House Appropriations Committee approved a proposed BEA budget of \$112 million.
- **National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)** - The Senate Appropriations Committee's report encourages NCHS to consider ways to expand the applicability of National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) reports to the State and local level. It also expressed support for efforts to transition vital statistic collection to electronic systems, particularly phasing in electronic death records, and

encourages NCHS to work with other agencies to pilot test the integration of birth and death records and electronic medical records. The Senate Appropriations Committee also recommended NCHS receive an additional \$34 million from the Prevention and Public Health Fund, which was created by the recent health reform act.

The House bill includes \$6.782 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)--the parent agency of NCHS. Details on how that spending will be allocated--including how much might be provided to the NCHS--are not available until after the full House Appropriations Committee has a chance to vote on the spending package.

- **NSF** - The Research and Related Activities account, which includes funding for the research directorates, including the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences, received \$5.967 billion from the Senate, slightly more than the House Commerce, Justice, and Science Subcommittee's mark of \$5.961 billion. The overall Senate number for NSF is \$403.3 million above the FY 2010 appropriation, but \$71 million below the President's request.
- **USAID** – The FY 2011 Senate State Department-Foreign Operations Appropriations bill, which includes the USAID budget, new statutory guidance to USAID to make international family planning/reproductive health (FP/RH) funds available to programs in areas where “population growth threatens biodiversity or adversely affects the capacity of inhabitants to adapt to the impacts of climate change, including declines in agricultural productivity and availability of water.”

## **Agency News**

### **National Institutes of Health**

#### ***Dr. James Anderson Appointed Director of the NIH Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives***

On August 9 NIH Director Francis S. Collins announced the appointment of James M. Anderson, M.D., Ph.D., as the new Director of the NIH Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI) to begin in September 2010. The NIH DPCPSI mission includes identifying emerging scientific opportunities, rising public health challenges, and scientific knowledge gaps that merit further research. The Division plans and implements trans-NIH initiatives supported by the Common Fund and coordinates research related to AIDS, behavioral and social sciences, women's health, and disease prevention.

Dr. Anderson is currently Professor and Chair of the Department of Cell and Molecular Physiology in the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a position he has held since 2002.

***Alan Guttmacher, M.D., Appointed Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)***

On July 22 NIH Director Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D. announced that Dr. Guttmacher will be the new director of NICHD. He has been the Acting Director since December 1, 2009. During his time with NICHD, Dr. Guttmacher initiated the *NICHD's Scientific Vision: The Next Decade* initiative, which will define a scientific vision for the Institute and its research. Dr. Guttmacher began his NIH career at the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) as a special assistant to the director. He became deputy director in 2002 and acting director in 2008. While at NHGRI, Dr. Guttmacher also oversaw the NIH's involvement in the Surgeon General's Family History Initiative, an effort to encourage Americans to learn about and use their families' health histories to promote personal health and prevent disease.

A high-level delegation of PAA officials, including three former presidents, met with Dr. Guttmacher on February 4, 2010, to discuss the important role NICHD plays in supporting the population research field.

***Dr. Robert Kaplan Appointed Director of the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research***

On July 29, NIH Director Francis Collins announced that Dr. Robert Kaplan will become the new Director of the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) in early 2011. OBSSR is responsible for stimulating and coordinating behavioral and social sciences research across NIH's institutes and centers to improve the understanding, treatment, and prevention of disease.

Dr. Kaplan comes to the NIH from the University of California, Los Angeles, where he is distinguished professor in the Department of Health Services at the School of Public Health and the Department of Medicine. He has also served as the principal investigator of the UCLA/RAND CDC Prevention Research Center and director of the UCLA/RAND Health Services Research training program. He was also professor and chair of the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine. Dr. Kaplan has an M.A. and Ph.D. in psychology.

***Dr. Sally Rockey Appointed Director of NIH Office of Extramural Research***

On August 10, NIH Director Francis Collins announced that Dr. Sally J. Rockey had been selected as the new NIH Deputy Director for Extramural Research (DDER). Dr. Rockey had been serving as Acting DDER since the fall of 2008.

She joined the NIH as Deputy Director of the Office of Extramural Research in 2005. An insect physiologist by training, Dr. Rockey has worked in research administration for almost 25 years. Before joining the NIH, she led the US Department of Agriculture Extramural Competitive Research Program at the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service.

### ***Dr. Lawrence Tabak Appointed NIH Deputy Director***

On August 19, NIH Director Francis Collins announced his selection of Dr. Lawrence Tabak as the new Principal Deputy Director. Since September 2000, Dr. Tabak has served as the director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. He served as acting NIH deputy director in 2009 and most recently as the acting director of the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives.

He came to NIH from the School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Rochester, where he had most recently been the senior associate dean for research, director of the Center for Oral Biology, professor of dentistry, and professor of biochemistry and biophysics.

### **National Science Foundation**

#### ***Dr. Cora Marrett Nominated NSF Deputy Director***

On August 6, President Obama nominated Cora Marrett to become the NSF Deputy Director. The U.S. Senate must confirm her appointment. At press time, the Senate had not considered her appointment. She has been serving as the Acting Director of NSF since May.

In the early 1990s, she was the first Assistant Director for the NSF Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences directorate. In between her NSF stints, Dr. Marrett served as the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin and as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

#### ***Dr. Subra Suresh Nominated NSF Director***

On June 3, President Obama nominated Dr. Subra Suresh as the new NSF director. Dr. Suresh currently serves as Dean of the School of Engineering and the Vannevar Bush Professor of Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The U.S. Senate must confirm his appointment and, at press time, had not done so.

Dr. Suresh would replace Arden Bement, who left NSF at the end of May after serving as director since 2004. The NSF director-designate has a bachelor's degree from the Indian Institute of Technology in Madras, an M.S. from Iowa State University, and a Sc.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

### **PAA in Washington, DC**

***Reception Honoring 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Coalition for Health Funding***—On June 8, PAA cosponsored a reception on Capitol Hill, honoring the 40th anniversary of the Coalition for Health Funding (CHF). PAA has been a member of the CHF since 2004. Former HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan spoke at the event and awards were given to

congressional staffs who have supported U.S. public health agencies, including the NIH and NCHS.

***Reception Honoring Raynard Kington***—On June 25, PAA cosponsored a reception, honoring Dr. Raynard Kington, the outgoing NIH Deputy Director. Since 2003, Dr. Kington served as NIH Deputy Director, as well as Acting NIH Director from October 2008 to August 2009. Dr. Kington is leaving the NIH to become the president of Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa.

***Congressional Research Service Workshop***—On July 12, 2010, PAA sponsored a seminar, “The Long-Term Implications of Recession and Recovery,” in conjunction with the Domestic Social Policy (DSP) Division at the Congressional Research Service (CRS). This was the second in a series of seminars PAA is sponsoring for the CRS. CRS is a department of the Library of Congress that provides authoritative, non-partisan, and objective information to members of Congress and their staffs.

The seminar featured two former PAA presidents, Dr. Greg Duncan and Dr. Kathleen Mullan Harris. Dr. Duncan, of the University of California at Irvine, discussed findings from his research, using the Panel Study of Income Dynamics, showing how economic hardships in childhood influence earnings over the life course. Dr. Harris, of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, presented data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, illustrating how the recession affects young adults transitioning to higher education or the workforce. Mr. Gene Falk, Specialist in Social Legislation, DSP, CRS, provided commentary, highlighting how the research findings relate to current debates about policies affecting needy families, children, and youth.

***Recession and Recovery: How Are Americans Affected?***—On July 12, 2010, PAA, with support from eight other organizations and several members of Congress (U.S. Senators Jeff Bingaman and Charles Schumer and Congressmen Vern Ehlers and Rush Holt and Congresswomen Carolyn Maloney and Lucille Roybal-Allard), sponsored a session on Capitol Hill, *Recession and Recovery: How Are Americans Affected?* Speaking at the event were: Michael Hurd, Director of the Center for the Study of Aging at the RAND Corporation; Kathleen Mullan Harris, Distinguished Professor of Sociology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and Greg Duncan, Distinguished Professor in the Education Department at the University of California, Irvine. Matt Stagner of the University of Chicago moderated. The session was attended by over 90 congressional staff and officials from federal agencies and outside organizations. A complete summary of the event is posted on the PAA home page at:

<http://www.populationassociation.org/2010/08/17/recession-and-recovery-how-are-americans-affected-2/>

***Surveying for Dollars***—On July 26, PAA cosponsored a congressional briefing sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The purpose of the briefing was to unveil a new report by the Brookings Institution on how the American Community Survey is used

to allocate funding to almost 200 federal programs. The report is posted at:  
[http://www.brookings.edu/reports/2010/0726\\_acs\\_reamer.aspx](http://www.brookings.edu/reports/2010/0726_acs_reamer.aspx)

***NCHS celebrates 50 years of monitoring the Nation's health***—On August 17 the PAA, along with 14 other organizations, co-sponsored a reception honoring the 50th anniversary of the National Center for Health Statistics. The reception was held in conjunction with the 2010 National Conference on Health Statistics. PAA Director of Government and Public Affairs, Mary Jo Hoeksema, spoke at the reception on behalf of the Friends of NCHS coalition.

***Reception Honoring Congressman Ehlers***—On July 28, PAA cosponsored a reception on Capitol Hill, honoring Congressman Vernon Ehlers (R-MI). Congressman Ehlers is retiring after serving eight terms in the U.S. House of Representatives. During his tenure, Congressman Ehlers has been an ardent supporter of the National Science Foundation.