

CHARTER
of the
SUBCOMMITTEE ON SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE
NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

A. Official Designation

The Subcommittee on Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) was established by action of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Committee on Science (CoS) in June 2004 and re-chartered in November 2011. This CoS Subcommittee is being re-established as the Subcommittee on Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS).

B. Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the SBS is to advise, assist, and respond to inquiries from the CoS and the NSTC on Federal social and behavioral science policies, procedures and plans that relate basic and applied research and development (R&D) efforts to national priority areas, and the use of social and behavioral research knowledge for the benefit of all Americans. SBS will strive to enhance the Federal R&D enterprise by embracing diversity, recognizing that inclusion of a broad range of backgrounds and perspectives is critical to achieving robust intellectual dialogue.

C. Functions

The main functions of the SBS are:

1. Improve coordination and collaboration of social and behavioral sciences R&D agendas across Federal agencies and departments.
2. Identify cross-cutting national R&D priorities that could be informed by input from the social and behavioral sciences and recommend action on relevant policy and R&D issues to the CoS.
3. Serve as a resource for Federal agencies and departments regarding the ways in which social and behavioral research might facilitate accomplishment of their goals and missions.
4. Provide guidance and expertise to the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), the Subcommittee on the Social and Behavioral Sciences Team of the Committee on Technology, and other NSTC subcommittees on matters related to social and behavioral science research across the Federal government.

As deemed necessary or as required by law, the SBS co-chairs will establish and oversee Interagency Working Groups, Task Forces, and/or Fast-Track Action Committees to support SBS functions.

D. Membership

The following NSTC departments and agencies are represented on the SBS:

Department of Agriculture;
Department of Commerce;
Department of Defense;
Department of Education;
Department of Energy;
Department of Health and Human Services (Co-Chair);
Department of Homeland Security;

Department of the Interior;
Department of Justice;
Department of Labor;
Department of State;
Department of the Treasury;
Department of Transportation;
Department of Veterans Affairs;
U.S. Agency for International Development;
Central Intelligence Agency;
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau;
Environmental Protection Agency;
Federal Communications Commission (*Ex officio*);
National Aeronautics and Space Administration;
National Endowment of the Arts
National Science Foundation (Co-Chair); and
Smithsonian Institution.

The following organizations in the Executive Office of the President shall also be represented on the SBS:

Council of Economic Advisers;
Domestic Policy Council;
National Economic Council;
Office of Management and Budget; and
Office of Science and Technology Policy (Co-Chair).

Cooperating departments and agencies shall include other such Executive organizations, departments and agencies as the Co-Chairs may, from time to time, designate.

E. Private Sector Interface

The SBS may work with the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology to secure appropriate private sector advice and will recommend to the CoS and/or the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy the nature of additional private sector advice needed to accomplish its mission. The SBS may also interact with and receive *ad hoc* advice from various private-sector groups as consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

F. Termination Date

Unless renewed by the Co-chairs of the CoS prior to its expiration, the SBS shall terminate no later than March 31, 2017.

G. Determination

We hereby determine that the formation of the Subcommittee on Social and Behavioral Sciences is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Executive Branch by Law, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

Approved:



Francis Collins
Co-Chair of the CoS and
Director, National Institutes of Health

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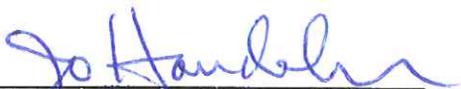
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France Cordova
Co-Chair of the CoS, and
Director, National Science Foundation

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Date



Jo Handelsman
Co-Chair of the CoS, and
Associate Director for Science, Office of Science and Technology Policy
Executive Office of the President

10/28/15

Date