

# **Update on Council of Councils Common Fund Evaluation Working Group**

**Council of Councils Meeting  
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# Common Fund Evaluation Working Group Membership

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## **Overarching Evaluation Goals**

Assess and advise on the processes used to manage the CF, including those used to plan and implement/oversee programs.

- Are planning processes optimal for identifying program areas that meet the CF criteria?
- Are management/oversight processes optimal for achieving program goals?

## **Technical and Administrative Support**

Windrose Vision

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## **Approach**

- Participate in bi-weekly conference calls
- Review CF documents
- Develop questions for survey and interviews with diverse NIH groups – IC Directors, members of the Common Fund Working Groups, Planning and Evaluation Officers, Budget Points of Contact, Chief Grants Management Officers, members of the trans-NIH Extramural Program Management Committee (EPMC), and OSC staff.
- Conduct interviews
- Review survey responses
- Develop recommendations

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**Documents Reviewed:** Strategic planning reports, program summaries, evolution of concepts for selected programs, etc.

## **Timeline of Key Events:**

Sept. 24, 2013 – Working Group established

Nov. 19, 2013 – Bi-weekly conference calls initiated

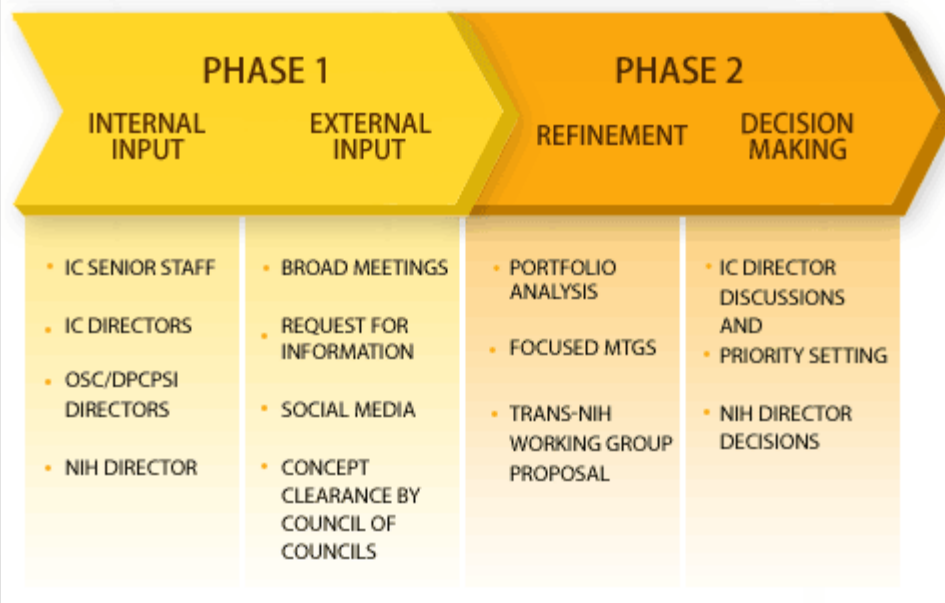
Jan. 30, 2014 – Face-to face meeting, interviews with ICDs, and group interviews with CF Working Group members

Feb. 3, 2014 – Interviews with ICDs, and group interviews

Feb. - Mar. 2014 – Surveys completed; results compiled

Jun. 20, 2014 – Working Group presents to Council of Councils findings and recommendations from this effort

# SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING



- What are the best methods to engage the broader scientific community?
- Do the concepts, as currently written at the end of Phase 1, allow effective review by the CoC? Should the format and content of the concepts be adjusted?
- Do Phase 2 processes result in clearly articulated goals and expected milestones?
- What should the process be for planning intramural-only programs?
- Do IC Directors and the CoC have appropriate levels of input to guide the development of Phase 2 proposals?

## SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT

- Are expectations for programs clearly articulated in funding announcements, program kick-off documents, websites, program materials?
- Are management/oversight processes helpful in ensuring goals are met?
- Are management processes flexible and adaptive to changing scientific landscapes?
- What should the process be for management of intramural-only programs?
- Is the Working Group structure meeting the management and oversight needs of the programs?

**QUESTIONS?**