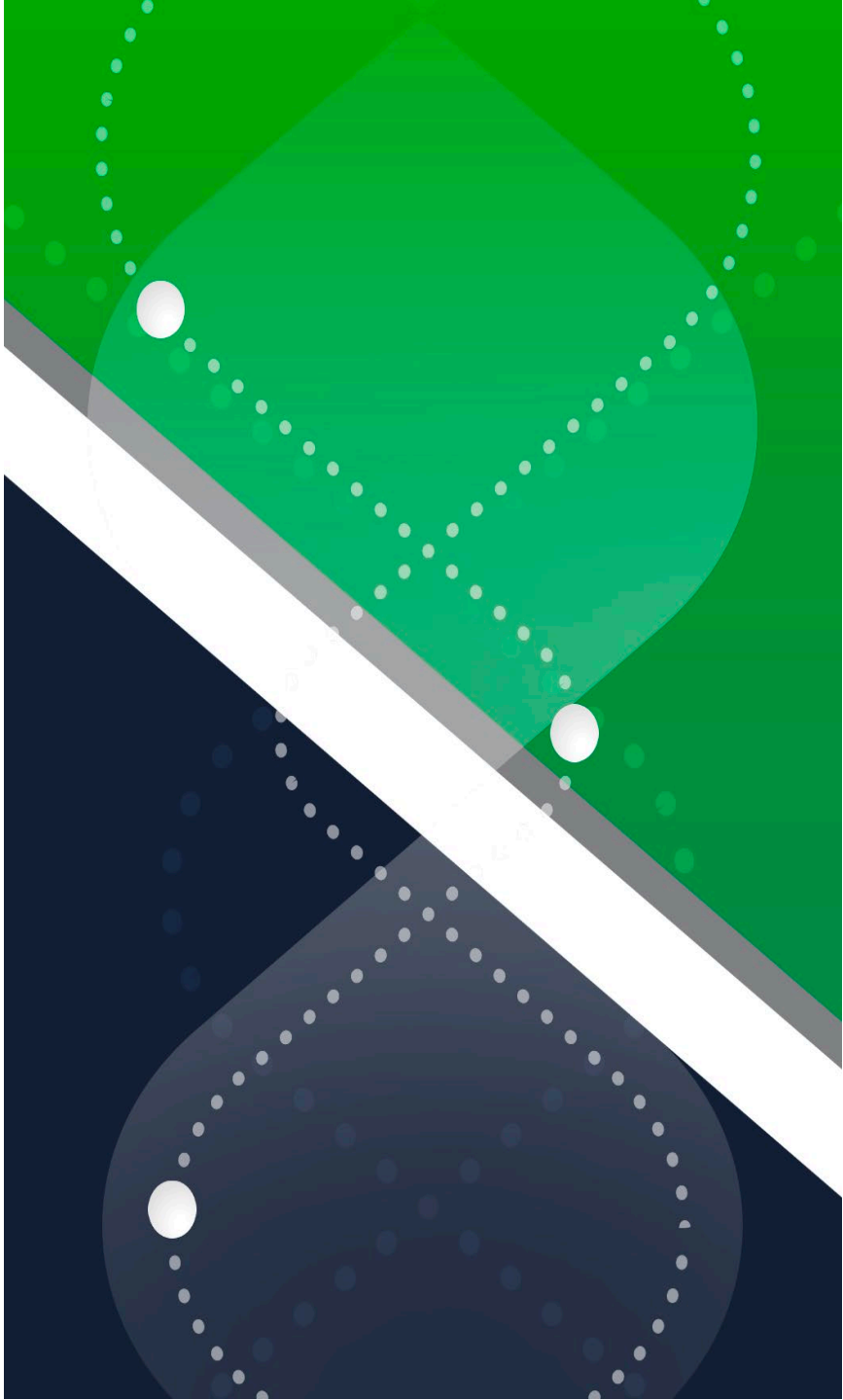


***NIH STRATEGIC PLAN TO ADVANCE
RESEARCH ON THE HEALTH AND
WELL-BEING OF SEXUAL AND GENDER
MINORITIES FYs 2021 – 2025:
A MIDCOURSE REVIEW WITH
RECOMMENDATIONS***

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SEXUAL & GENDER MINORITY RESEARCH STRATEGIC PLAN



Second NIH SGM Research Strategic Plan

- Focuses on FY 2021 - FY 2025
- Includes activities across the agency
- Serves as a blueprint for Sexual & Gender Minority Research Office (SGMRO) priorities and collaborations



Strategic Plan Management & Accountability

- As outlined within the strategic plan, a mid-course review will be conducted by the SGM Research Working Group of the Council of Councils to:
 1. Evaluate progress on the goals of the plan
 2. Provide recommendations for capitalizing on progress made

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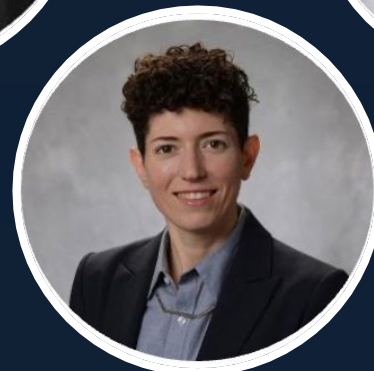
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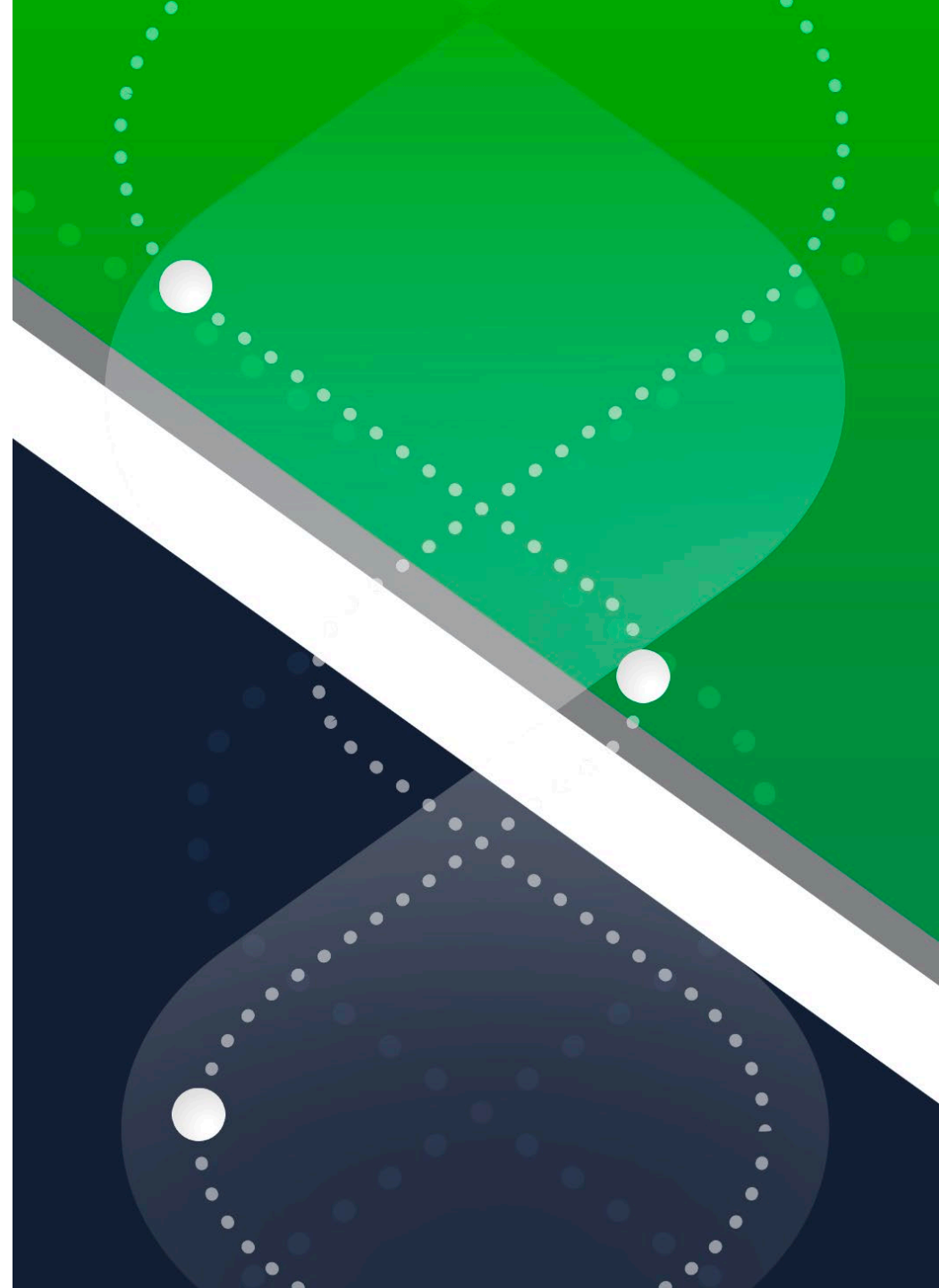


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SGM Research Working Group of the NIH Council of Councils


- Convened on September 7, 2022
 - Reviewed progress made to date on NIH SGM Research Strategic Plan
 - Developed report with recommendations for Council consideration
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**SGM RESEARCH WORKING
GROUP MID-COURSE
REVIEW:
RECOMMENDATIONS BY
GOAL AREA**



GOAL AREA 1

Advance rigorous research on the health of SGM populations in both the extramural and intramural research communities




Goal 1 Recommendation

1. Provide funding to SGMRO for U54 Centers of Excellence in SGM health research.
2. Expand research on gender-affirming care for transgender and gender-diverse populations. Increase funding to SGMRO to develop, with partner Institutes, Centers and Offices (ICOs), a network to research gender-affirming care and related health outcomes.
3. Increase education-related research via R25s focused on implementation and assessment to improve medical and allied health professional training related to LGBTQI+ health.
4. Identify GM health-related research as a priority for the Loan Repayment Programs.

GOAL AREA 2

Expand SGM health research by fostering partnerships and collaborations with a strategic array of internal and external stakeholders




Goal 2 Recommendation

1. Enhance collaborations with Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to identify ways to increase funding for health services research related to SGM health.
2. SGMRO should collaborate with the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) to update NIH-wide policies and external-facing educational materials to be more inclusive of sexual and gender diversity.
3. SGMRO should continue to enhance collaborations with the Intramural Research Program and the Office of Intramural Training and Education (OITE).
4. SGMRO should continue to collaborate with CSR to encourage mentoring of early-stage reviewers.

GOAL AREA 3

Foster a highly skilled and diverse
workforce in SGM health research




Goal 3 Recommendation

1. Provide funding to SGMRO for T32 grants in SGM-related health research.
2. Update NIH *Notice of Interest in Diversity* to explicitly include SGM populations.
3. Conduct barrier analyses by collecting SOGI data on principal investigators applying for funds.

GOAL AREA 4

Encourage data collection related to SGM
populations in research and the health
research workforce



Goal 4 Recommendation

1. Building on the research agenda in the NASEM report on SOGI measurement, release FOAs to fund more research on SGM health-related methods and measurement, attraction and behavior, intersex status and variations in sex characteristics, etc.
2. NIH Clinical Center should add sexual orientation and intersex status to its electronic health record system.
3. SGMRO should collaborate with ORWH and National Library of Medicine on guidance related to the collection, analysis, and reporting of sex and gender in journals.
4. SGMRO should work with the Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology's SOGI research group to develop a primer on measurement science.

Council Action

- Discussion
- Vote to **accept** recommendations made by the SGM Research Working Group within the Mid-Course Review of the *NIH Strategic Plan to Advance Research on the Health and Well-being of Sexual & Gender Minorities*

THANK YOU!

