The Office of Portfolio Analysis and Strategic Initiatives (OPASI)

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Key provisions of the NIH Reform Act of 2006

- Establishes a Division of Program Coordination, Planning and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI)
- Establishes use of a Common Fund to support trans-NIH research
- Creates a Council of Councils to guide trans-NIH priorities
- Establishes a Scientific Management Review Board (SMRB) to oversee evaluation or organizational structures and authorities that may be used for improvements
- Initiates a public process to review potential organizational changes

“The first omnibus reauthorization of NIH in 14 years”
Structure of OPASI

- NIH Director
  - NIH Steering Committee OPASI Working Group
  - Division of Resource Development and Analysis (DRDA)
  - Division of Strategic Coordination (DSC)
  - Division of Evaluation and Systematic Assessments (DESA)

Develop and use analytic tools and information, like:
- Knowledge management
- Public health need/burden of illness

- Strategic coordination of NIH-wide planning
- Provide an “incubator space” for trans-NIH initiatives
  - NIH Roadmap

Plan, conduct, coordinate, and support program evaluations for:
- ICs
- Trans-NIH initiatives
- GPRA
- PART