

Working Group on the Use of Chimpanzees in NIH-Supported Research

A Working Group of the Council of Councils

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Background

December
2010

- NIH commissioned the IOM to assess if chimpanzees are or will be necessary for biomedical or behavioral research

December
2011

- IOM issued its findings, NIH Director accepted the IOM recommendations
- NIH announced plan to convene Working Group to implement the recommendations
- NIH reported it will not fund any new projects for research involving chimpanzees until it issues policy implementing the IOM's recommendations

February
2012

- Working Group of the Council of Council established and charged to:
 - Advise on the implementation of the IOM recommendations
 - Consider the size and placement of the active and inactive populations of NIH-owned or -supported chimpanzees.
- Public Input into the Working Group process requested through Requests for Information

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The WG Charge Includes:

- Developing a plan for implementation of the IOM's guiding principles and criteria;
- Analyzing currently active NIH-supported research using chimpanzees to advise on which studies currently meet the principles and criteria defined by the IOM report and advising on the process for closing studies if any do not comply with the IOM recommendations;
- Advising on the size and placement of active and inactive populations of NIH-owned or-supported chimpanzees that may need to be considered as a result of implementing the IOM recommendations; and
- Developing a review process for considering whether potential future use of the chimpanzee in NIH-supported research is scientifically necessary and consistent with the IOM principles.

Update on Activities

- Four meetings since formally constituted in February
- Established 4 subgroups aligned with specific themes and topics for discussion
 - Review of Current Grants and Contracts
 - Colony Management and Environments
 - Implementation of IOM Report Recommendations
 - Process Review for Future NIH Funding Requests
- Reviewed awarded projects for conformance with IOM recommendations
- Conducted 2 trips to chimpanzee facilities, more discussed
- Outlined major topic headings for the WG recommendations to the Council

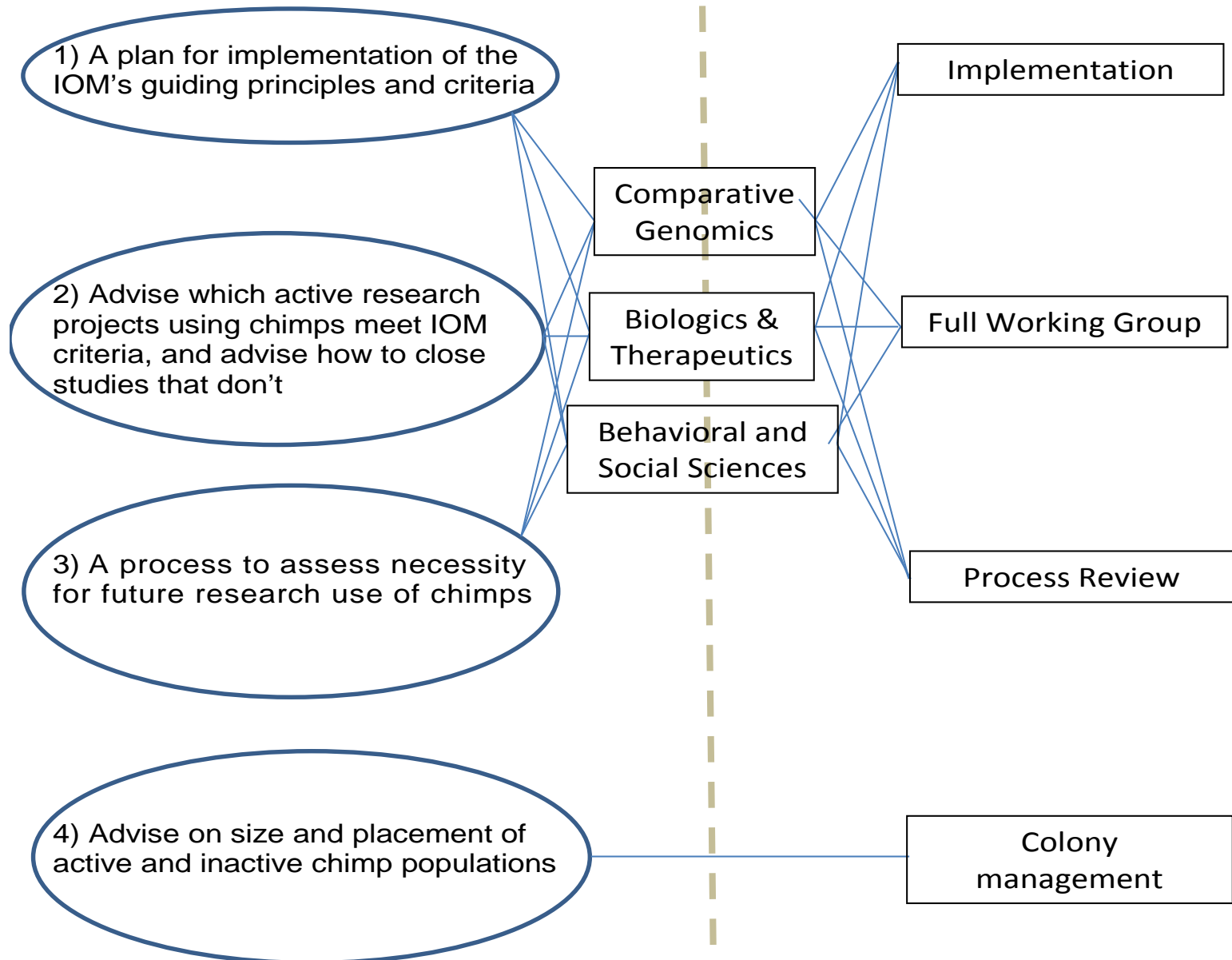
Update on Activities, cont'd

- Discussed public comments received in response to NIH's Requests for Information
 - 110 comments received.
 - 23 from organizations, 87 prepared on behalf of submitter or "self"
 - 56 submitted identical info (i.e., form letter)
 - 54 unique comments, which were summarized
 - Provided input on areas of ambiguity, e.g.:
 - Ethologically appropriate environments
 - Minimally invasive techniques
 - Acquiescence
 - Input on colony size and placement of active/inactive chimpanzees
 - Comments about chimpanzee retirement and retirement criteria
 - Feedback on anticipating future research needs
 - Alternative models and methods to chimpanzees

WG Report Outline to CoC

Deliverables

Working SubGroups



Timeline



June 2012

- Update to the Council of Councils

June –
September

- Additional meetings, teleconferences, facility visits
- Likely consultations with virology, other experts

September
2012

- Update to the Council of Councils; Initial recommendations

January
2013

- Final report to the Council of Councils
- 60 days for public comment period

Thank you