

IACC Committee Business

IACC Full Committee Meeting
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2016 ASD Research Portfolio Analysis



- OARC is currently collecting data for the 2016 *IACC ASD Research Portfolio Analysis Report*
- Using 2016 data, OARC/NIMH/NIH, Autistica (UK), and the Canadian government are planning to collaborate to produce the first International Autism Research Portfolio Analysis
 - Preliminary results of this analysis will be presented at the INSAR annual meeting, May 2018
 - Hope to stimulate broader international participation in future years



Autism CARES Act Report to Congress



- OARC is coordinating the preparation of a report detailing progress on activities related to ASD and other developmental disorders across the federal government – required in the Autism CARES Act
- Requests for data have gone out to relevant federal agencies
- Report expected in Fall 2018



Social Security Administration Request for Information (RFI)



- SSA is soliciting input on strategies to improve adult outcomes for youth receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Comments must be received by **February 2, 2018**
- For more information, visit this site:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/01/03/2017-28397/request-for-information-on-strategies-to-improve-adult-outcomes-for-youth-receiving-supplemental>

New IACC Working Groups



- IACC has voted to convene 3 working groups on issues of critical importance to the autism community between January 2018 and September 2019:
 - **Improving Health Outcomes for Individuals on the Autism Spectrum (to start in 2018 Q1)**
 - Housing
 - Safety
- Timing will be staggered to allow timely completion of projects

Improving Health Outcomes for Individuals on the Autism Spectrum WG



- Co-chairs: Dr. David Amaral and Dr. Julie Taylor
- Scope
 - Health and general wellness for individuals with ASD
 - Co-occurring conditions and preventative approaches to address them, e.g. obesity
 - Co-occurring mental health conditions
 - Premature mortality (epilepsy, suicide, chronic health conditions, etc.)
 - Patient-provider interactions
 - Medical practitioner training (i.e. increasing understanding of autism among physicians, supporting community doctors who provide medical care for adults with autism)
 - Parental/family mental health

Improving Health Outcomes for Individuals on the Autism Spectrum WG



Activities:

- Phone meetings to discuss issues
- A written document (i.e., a white paper, report, or published article) outlining challenges and recommendations for health and wellness issues and/or recommendations for the provider community
 - This document can be used toward preparation of the 2018 IACC Strategic Plan update
- Opportunity for a panel discussion on health and wellness issues at the April 2018 IACC meeting:
 - IACC and WG members will submit suggestions for topics and speakers
 - Discussion can contribute to information gathered for preparation of the written document

Health and Wellness WG: Next Steps



- Topic suggestions from the committee?
- Send additional nominations for WG members to OARC by **Wednesday, January 24, 2018**
- First WG conference call planned for February 2018
- Panel discussion at April 2018 IACC meeting

Suggestions for Topics for Future IACC Meetings



- IACC Members – Please suggest topics and speakers for future IACC meeting presentations and panel discussions

Upcoming IACC Meeting



Next IACC Meeting:
Thursday, April 19, 2018