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Proposed DPCPSI Reorganization

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Legislative History

- **2006:** NIH Reform Act establishes the **Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives** (DPCPSI) within the NIH Office of the Director
- **2006:** The Act also mandated these offices be within the division: the Office of AIDS Research, the Office of Research on Women's Health, the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, the Office of Disease Prevention, the Office of Dietary Supplements, and the Office of Rare Diseases
- **2008:** NIH organizationally created DPCPSI in the OD. In addition to the above offices, the Office of Strategic Coordination (that manages the **Common Fund**) was placed in DPCPSI.





One Hundred Ninth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the third day of January, two thousand and six

An Act

To amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the authorities of the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Institutes of Health Reform Act of 2006".

TITLE I—NIH REFORM

NIH Reform Act of 2006, Public Law 109-482

DPCPSI–Broad Mission Defined in Statute

DPCPSI Mission

- Identify emerging scientific opportunities, rising public health challenges, or scientific knowledge gaps across NIH
- Coordinate NIH-wide planning, evaluation, analysis, and strategic initiatives
- Support research that benefits from NIH-wide collaboration

The NIH Director may assign additional functions to the Division in support of the above responsibilities as determined appropriate by the Director.

DPCPSI: NIH-wide Research Program Coordination

- While the research foci of each program office differs, they have a shared common mission to identify, coordinate, manage, and lead NIH-wide research activities working with the ICs
- The resource offices provide support to the ICs and NIH in planning, evaluation, reporting, and portfolio analysis, and administrative support to DPCPSI

DPCPSI Offices

All of Us Research Program Office*

Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes Program Office

Office of Administrative Management

Office of AIDS Research

Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research

Office of Data Science Strategy

Office of Dietary Supplements

Office of Disease Prevention

Office of Evaluation, Performance, and Reporting

Office of Nutrition Research

Office of Portfolio Analysis

Office of Research Infrastructure Programs*

Office of Research Innovation, Validation, and Application*

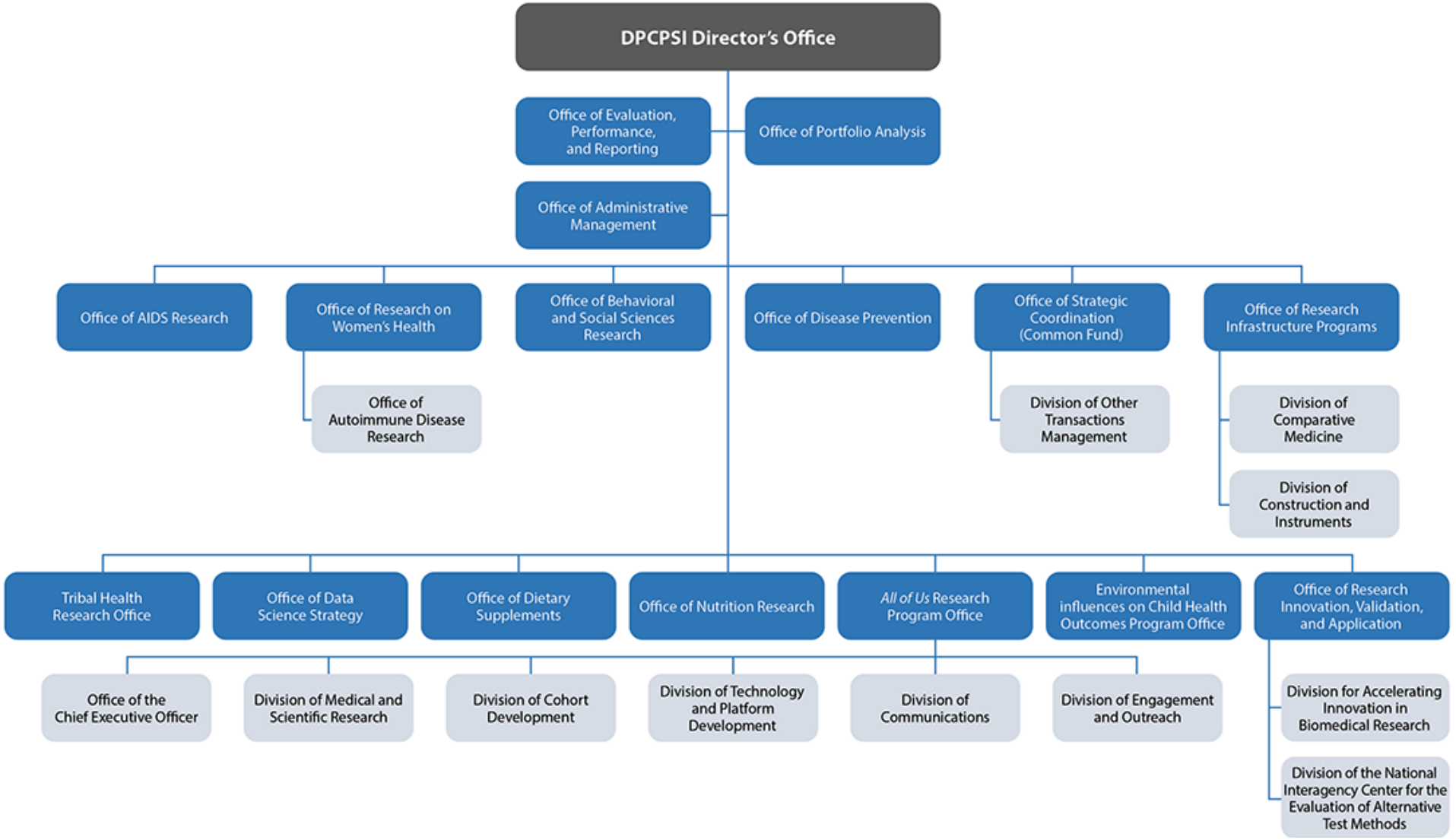
Office of Research on Women's Health*

Office of Strategic Coordination* (The Common Fund)

Tribal Health Research Office

*Contain sub-offices

Current DPCPSI Organizational Structure



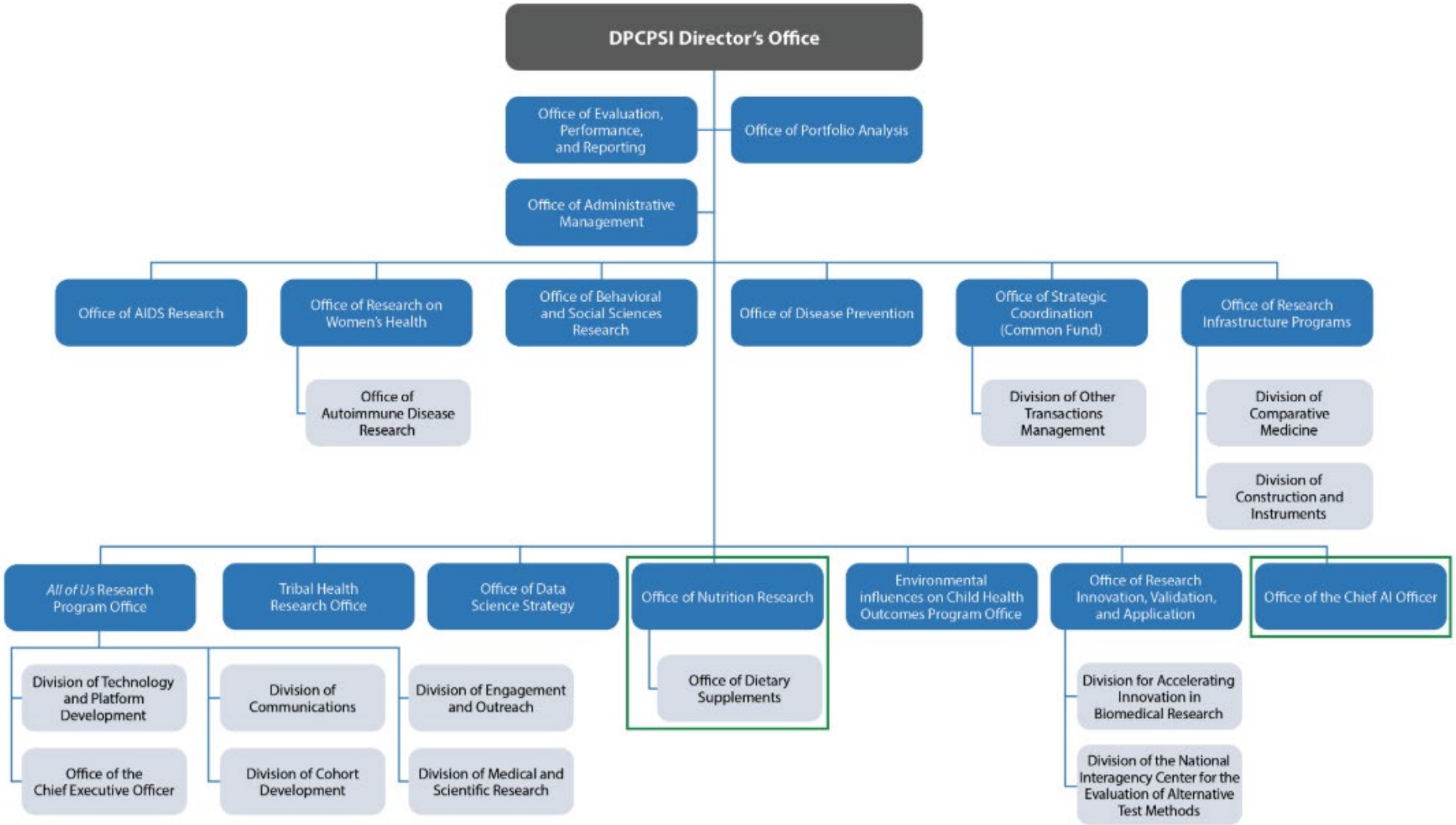
Proposed Changes

- Per the NIH Reform Act, the NIH Director may assign additional functions to the Division in support of its mission and responsibilities.
- **NIH priorities:** artificial intelligence and nutrition research

The proposed reorganization would:

- Establish the Office of the Chief AI Officer, and
- Align the Office of Dietary Supplements with the Office of Nutrition Research

Proposed DPCPSI Organizational Structure



Office of Nutrition Research

Mission: Stimulate innovative research to address the complexities of nutrition, its ecology, and its critical role in health across the lifespan.

Key functions:

- Coordinates implementation of the NIH Strategic Plan for Nutrition Research
- Identifies nutrition research areas warranting expanded NIH effort and support
- Develops, leads, and manages NIH-wide nutrition research initiatives in collaboration with the ICs
- Represents NIH on HHS and interagency nutrition research and policy committees
- Advises NIH leadership on nutrition research priorities and emerging issues

ONR serves as a coordinating and synergistic hub for NIH-wide nutrition research

Office of Dietary Supplements

Established by Congress through the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act (DSHEA) of 1994

Mission: Coordinate cutting-edge dietary supplement research across NIH and other federal agencies to foster knowledge and optimize health across the lifespan.

Key functions:

- Coordinates and supports scientific research on dietary supplements across NIH
- Promotes scientific study of the benefits and risks of dietary supplements
- Develops and disseminates authoritative scientific information and research resources
- Coordinates dietary supplement research with other federal agencies
- Serves an advisory role to HHS and NIH leadership on dietary supplement issues

ODS is the lead federal scientific entity to coordinate dietary supplement research

Align the Office of Dietary Supplements with the Office of Nutrition Research

The proposed reorganization would:

- Provide **organizational alignment, enhanced coordination,** and an **integrated approach** to advance nutrition science across the NIH
- Move the **Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS)** from a stand-alone DPCPSI office to an office within the **Office of Nutrition Research (ONR)**
  - Dietary supplement research is part of the broader nutrition research enterprise
- Preserve ODS's statutory mission, responsibilities, and scientific identity
- Integrate complementary NIH-wide nutrition and dietary supplement research coordination functions
- Strengthen alignment of strategic planning and NIH-wide coordination across nutrition and dietary supplement research

Greater Integration of NIH-wide Nutrition and Dietary Supplement Research Coordination

- **Consolidates complementary NIH-wide nutrition and dietary supplement research coordination functions** within a more integrated organizational structure
- **Strengthens coordination** of research priorities, strategic planning, and NIH-wide initiatives
- **Preserves ODS's statutory role and scientific identity** while improving organizational alignment
- Creates opportunities to leverage **shared scientific expertise, partnerships, and resources**
- Supports **a more coordinated NIH-wide approach** to nutrition and dietary supplement research

Artificial Intelligence at NIH

NIH must enable, support, and encourage trustworthy, AI-enabled acceleration of biomedical science.

NIH's AI efforts span:

- **Scientific discovery** – advancing responsible use of AI across intramural and extramural research
- **Mission delivery** – identifying opportunities to integrate AI across NIH activities
- **Strategic leadership** – establishing priorities and adapting to a rapidly evolving AI landscape
- **Governance and security** – supporting responsible, secure, and trustworthy AI
- **Workforce and capacity** – building AI literacy, expertise, and research capacity
- **Partnerships and translation** – coordinating across federal, academic, industry, and community partners

NIH is building a coordinated, NIH-wide approach to trustworthy AI

Office of the Chief AI Officer, NIH

The proposed reorganization would:

- Establish the **Office of the Chief AI Officer (OCAIO)** within DPCPSI
- Provide a formal organizational home for the **NIH Chief AI Officer and Chief AI Officer team**
- Support NIH-wide implementation and ongoing stewardship of the **NIH Strategic Plan for Artificial Intelligence**
- Strengthen coordination of AI priorities across **research, capacity, and operational activities**
- Provide an **organizational structure** to support continuous priority setting, progress monitoring, and adaptation as AI capabilities evolve

Expected Benefits of Establishing OCAIO

LEADERSHIP

- Formal organizational home for the NIH Chief AI Officer
- Supports implementation of the NIH AI Strategy

COORDINATION

- Connects AI priorities across research, capacity, and operations
- Improves NIH-wide visibility and alignment

ADAPTATION

- Enables continuous priority setting
- Helps NIH adapt as AI capabilities evolve

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Strengthens progress monitoring
- Supports collaboration across NIH and with partners

Provides the structure needed to coordinate, implement, and sustain NIH's AI strategy

Proposed DPCPSI Organizational Structure Changes

- Establish the Office of the Chief AI Officer (OCAIO) within DPCPSI
- Move the Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) under the Office of Nutrition Research (ONR)
- HHS Secretary approval is required—we hope the proposed reorganization can be effective in early 2027
- Public comments will be solicited through a Federal Register notice and the DPCPSI website

Questions?

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