
42 U.S. Code § 290aa-1

Advisory councils

(a) Appointment

(1) In general

The Secretary shall appoint an advisory council for—

- (A) the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration;
- (B) the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment;
- (C) the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention; and
- (D) the Center for Mental Health Services.

Each such advisory council shall advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary or Director of the Administration or Center for which the advisory council is established concerning matters relating to the activities carried out by and through the Administration or Center and the policies respecting such activities.

(2) Function and activities

An advisory council—

- (A)
 - (i) may on the basis of the materials provided by the organization respecting activities conducted at the organization, make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary or Director of the Administration or Center for which it was established respecting such activities;
 - (ii) shall review applications submitted for grants and cooperative agreements for activities for which advisory council approval is required under section 290aa-3(d)(2) of this title and recommend for approval applications for projects that show promise of making valuable contributions to the Administration's mission; and
 - (iii) may review any grant, contract, or cooperative agreement proposed to be made or entered into by the organization;
- (B) may collect, by correspondence or by personal investigation, information as to studies and services that are being carried on in the United States or any other country as to the diseases, disorders, or other aspects of human health with respect to which the organization was established and with the approval of the Assistant Secretary or Director, whichever is appropriate, make such information available through appropriate publications for the benefit of public and private health entities and health professions personnel and for the information of the general public; and
- (C) may appoint subcommittees and convene workshops and conferences.

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