Discussion of Tasks

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Goals for Today for Discussion and Modification

- Any questions regarding 2010 SMRB Report on Deliberating Organizational Change and Effectiveness
- Agree on principles to follow during our evaluation
- Agree on what data we need from Dr. Tabak and team
- Define subcommittees (How many? Who is the lead? Outside consultants needed?)

Topics for Consideration

Oversight issues

- Improving oversight of allegations of misconduct and protection of whistleblowers
- Updating, communicating, and implementing agency COI policies
- Explore options to balance administrative burden with truly meaningful oversight tools
- NIH must make restoring public trust in the scientific process and scientific institutions a priority

NIH structure and leadership

- Minimizing duplication and redundant infrastructure among ICs
- ICD/IC leadership term limits
- Eliminating silos between ICs and requiring NIH biennial reports

Innovation

- Analysis of NIH internal data could help research community, policymakers, and stakeholders better understand how to appropriately balance competing interests of targeted vs investigatorinitiated research
- Encourage replication studies and/or encourage the voluntary sharing of negative results