Annual Fiscal Year 2020 Report for Conferences Sponsored by HHS Staff Divisions that are considered "Scientific Meetings" under the 21st Century Cures Act

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About the Department:

As the principal Department responsible for protecting the public health and providing essential human services to the American people, effective outreach to our partners, grantees and to the general public is central to the mission of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Our success is contingent on our ability to collaborate with the tens of thousands of health care and human services providers, scientific researchers, clinicians, advocates, and other key non-government partners across the country and internationally. Our research catalyzes innovative breakthroughs that are shared across a broad audience who attend HHS conferences and other related meetings to accelerate collaboration that is critical for the work of our researchers to leverage and advance the mission of their respective agencies.

About the Report/Summary Background

This report addresses HHS Staff Divisions (STAFFDIVs) within the Office of the Secretary and is submitted as required by regulatory policy and law to promote efficient spending on Conferences and Meetings in support of Agency Operations (OMB M-12-12; OMB M-17-08; the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017); and the 21st Century Cures Act. With respect to HHS Operating Divisions (OPDIVs), it is noted they are responsible for preparing and publishing their own individual reports on conference expenses as set forth in the referenced appropriations law and the 21st Century Cures Act. It is noted that due to COVID 19 working environment conferences planned for this time frame were either postponed or held virtually. In as much as these events did not involve federal employee travel, they do not apply to the government-wide reporting requirements and are not covered in this report.

Report

For the Fiscal Year 2020 the Department STAFFDIVs are reporting a negative report.