

# Board of Scientific Counselors Update from the NCHS Director

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# Welcome New Board Members/Farewell to Departing Board Members

- BSC members rotating off the board:
  - Robert M. Hauser, Ph.D.
  - Linette T. Scott, M.D., M.P.H.
  - Gretchen Van Wye, Ph.D., M.A.
- New BSC board members:
  - Bradley A. Malin, Ph.D.
  - Lucila Ohno-Machado, M.D., Ph.D.
  - C. Matthew Snipp, Ph.D.



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## Welcome Dan Jernigan

Congratulations to New (acting) Deputy Director of Public Health Science and Surveillance

- Role: Responsible for strengthening CDC's scientific foundation
  - Focus is to provide leadership for CDC's Data
     Modernization Initiative
- Previously, Dr. Jernigan served as Director of the Influenza Division in CDC's National Center for Influenza and Respiratory Diseases



## Farewell Sayeedha Uddin



#### **New Administration Priorities**

- COVID-19
- Health Equity
- Economy

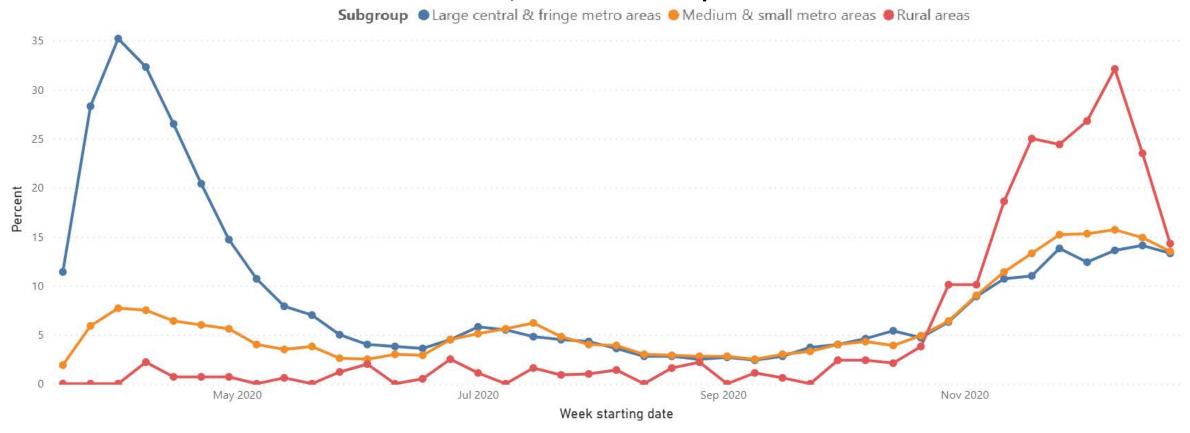


- Climate Change
- Infrastructure: R&D for Race & Ethnicity



### **Recent Data on COVID-19**

Inpatient Encounters with Confirmed COVID-19 by Urban-Rural Location and Week, From Select Hospitals



## **Health Equity**

- CDC Director Walensky laid out agency's priorities around Diversity and Inclusion and Health Equity Science.
  - Dr. Walensky <u>declared racism a serious public health threat</u>, it is a critical step in advancing health equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- NCHS is actively involved in the <u>CDC Diversity and Inclusion Executive Steering</u> <u>Committee (DIESC)</u>.
  - This work further promotes and ensures that our Center plays a pivotal role in building and maintaining a diverse workforce and that health-equity data are collected and disseminated broadly.
    - All NCHS data systems collect demographic data

### **2021 HHS Data Council Priorities**

# New Subcommittees

Harmonize
collection and
use of Data to
Support Equity
in Health and
Human
Services Efforts

Explore
implications of
making data
open and
safeguarding
Personally
Identifiable
Information

Improve
agency data
through
sharing and
linkage of
existing data
sets

Develop HHS
data quality
standards
particularly in
terms of
blended data
that could
build on FCSM
framework

Examine data gaps as a result of pandemic and new data sources implemented during the Public Health Emergency

### **Evidence Act and the Standard Application Process**

- The Evidence Act requires statistical agencies to establish an identical application process to grant access to confidential data assets.
- The Interagency Council on Statistical Policy, led by OMB, is going through an initial review process for the Standard Application Process Policy.
- End goal is to provide consistent requirements for accessing protected data to encourage data analyses for evidence-building.

# One Hundred Fifteenth Congress of the United States of America

#### AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday, the third day of January, two thousand and eighteen

#### An Act

To amend titles 5 and 44, United States Code, to require Federal evaluation activities, improve Federal data management, 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: TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018".

(b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—FEDERAL EVIDENCE-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Sec. 101. Federal evidence-building activities.

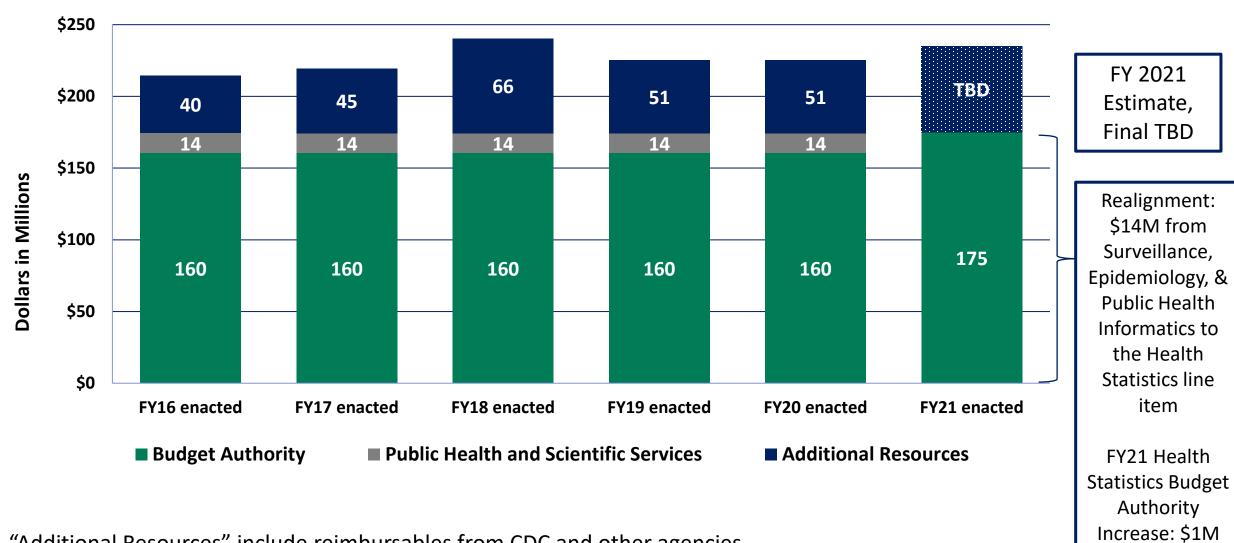
TITLE II—OPEN GOVERNMENT DATA ACT

Sec. 201. Short title.

Sec. 202. OPEN Government data.

TITLE III—CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION PROTECTION AND STATISTICAL EFFICIENCY

## **NCHS** Budget Update



"Additional Resources" include reimbursables from CDC and other agencies.

# Recently Published Reports in Apr/May 2021

- Maternal Mortality Rates in the United States 2019
- Births: Provisional Data for 2020
- Changes in Births to New York
   City Residents Occurring Outside
   New York City by Race and
   Hispanic Origin of the Mother:
   2018-2019 and 2019-2020

# Upcoming Reports May/June 2021

- Declines in Infant Mortality in Appalachia and the Delta, 1995-96 and 2017-18 (May 26)
- Drug-involved Infant Deaths in the United States, 2015-2017 National Vital Statistics Report (June 3)
- Declines in Births by Months:
   United States, 2020 (June 23)

## Discussion