**

House Labor HHS Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing Notes**

* House Labor HHS subcommittee appropriations bill would provide $2 billion more for the NIH including an across the board increase for all NIH institutes.
	+ This funding will allow NIH to increase research and innovation.
* What are some of the advantages/effects of increased funding for the past 4-5 years?
	+ Dr. Francis Collins (Director, NIH):
		- With more funding, there has been a lot of excitement for more innovative research and has given us insight into new treatments.
		- Investing in the next generation of researchers.
		- Ramping up technology for new treatments.
		- More Big Data and AI opportunities.
* Dr. Francis Collins specified that new funding will help NIH be sure that new generation of anti-biotics will be successful in the private sector and will reach customers.
* Research topics of interest include to the NIH include:
	+ human fetal tissue, cancer research, antibiotics, autism research for those transitioning from youth to adult, and reproductive health.
* Committee Chair Rosa DeLauro stressed that money funded by congress needs direction from the NIH in order to fund projects that will work.
	+ The dollars will follow recommendation of science conducted by the NIH institutions.
* Dr. Collins:
	+ All NIH institutes have been asked to provide the most innovative options to solve the opioid crises.
* Committee Chair DeLauro:
	+ What innovative research would you like to be funded for you to pursue?
		- Dynamic testing
		- More research on how to restore health, recover from being sick, physical resilience
		- Advancing analysis to make information for useful for society
		- Just-in-time gene therapy = customized gene therapy in a short amount of time
		- More brain research