

NIEHS 2014-15 Core Centers Evaluation

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NIEHS's Program Analysis Branch conducts evaluation as a critical strategy for continuous extramural program improvement. NIEHS has previously conducted major evaluations of the Core Centers program in 2004 and 2009. This year, we plan to assess the ability of the Core Centers to address **complex**, **translational** and **emerging** environmental health issues and to better understand the role the center structure plays in facilitating Environmental Health research. Findings from the evaluation will be used to identify opportunities for program improvement and to inform the Director's understanding of the state of the program and her vision of how the centers can be used to implement our strategic plan. In this talk, Dr. Pettibone, will provide an overview of the planned evaluation methods and logistics, describe our plans for an evaluation advisory workgroup, and gather feedback from council on these plans. She also will present attributes of complex, translational and emerging research that grantees proposed at the Core Centers meeting in April and will seek feedback from Council on these definitions.