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Dear Academy Supporters,

Given the interest in this issue today, we are sending out to our membership an update on what we know about the HHS downsizing efforts. Over the last 24 hours, many leaders and high-ranking staff at the NIH have been relieved of their positions.

The Academy has learned that Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo, the Director of the National Institute of Allergies and infectious Disease (NIAID), has been placed on administrative leave. Also placed on administrative leave are Dr. Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable, the Director of The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD); Dr. Diana Bianchi, the Director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD); and Dr. Shannon Zenk, Director of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR). All those placed on administrative leave were offered a reassignment to the Indian Health Services. According to the Washington Post, "HHS officials offered reassignment to a number of locations, including Alaska; Billings, Montana; the Navajo Nation; and Oklahoma, and asked leaders to respond with a preference by Wednesday at 5 p.m. Eastern."

The Academy has learned that several Deputy Directors, HR Professionals, and Communications Specialists, among others, are part of the HHS RIF. Many NIH employees were arriving at the NIH Campus not knowing if they would get a RIF notice. We have been following this link that highlights the positions, and the Institutes and Centers people are being let go from.

The Academy will continue to keep you posted as we learn new information. This will be disruptive to the research community. The Academy is working with its coalition partners and reaching out to Congressional leadership in an attempt to blunt further reductions.

Warmest regards,

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