

The [House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health](#) has approved the [21st Century Cures Act](#) and sent it on to the full committee; the bill is currently stalled as legislators debate how to pay for it. Also, keeping in mind [Tourette Awareness Month](#), the [Tourette Syndrome Association \(TSA\)](#) has now has a new name and a brand new logo!

Here are more science policy updates:

SCIENCE ADVOCACY NEWS

- The [Society for Neuroscience](#) President Steve Hyman [submitted a testimony](#) in support of NIH and NSF funding.
- The [American Psychological Association](#) is preparing a Congressional briefing on June 1st, 2015.
- The [Friends of NIDA](#) is hosting the first Charles R. Schuster Congressional Briefing of 2015 entitled ‘*Heroin Addiction and Overdose: What Can We Do to Address This Growing Problem?*’ More details [attached](#) with this update.
- [FASEB](#) President Publishes Op-Ed About Importance of Federal Research Funding. [Read the article here](#).
- [Read](#) Kathy Giusti’s commentary in Forbes noting the need for a cultural shift to enable universal open data sharing. Kathy is a member of the [NIH Precision Medicine Initiative Working Group](#).
- [StoryCorps](#) - a national oral history project - returns to the NIH to record testimonies from individuals who have been affected by NIH research. [Read more](#) to participate.
- Medicare is celebrating its 50th anniversary! If you have benefited from Medicare and Medicaid programs, and would like to share your stories, participate by [clicking here](#).

IN THE NEWS

- In a [truly commendable effort](#), the law enforcement officials at Gloucester, Massachusetts have decided to try a different approach to the influx of heroin addicts in their town by vowing not to arrest anyone who suffers from the affliction.
- [Neuroscientists](#) lobbied for increased funding for neuroscience on Capitol Hill Day in March in an endeavor was supported by the [Society for Neuroscience](#).
- The Parkinson’s Disease Foundation® (PDF®) announced [new members](#) of its People with Parkinson’s Advisory Council. The council is made up of people living with Parkinson’s disease and care partners who help drive the goals of the [Parkinson’s disease Foundation](#) to end the disease and support those affected by it. Also, the [Parkinson’s Action Network](#) released its [2014 Annual Report](#).
- In this [LabTV video](#), a young researcher explores ways to reduce the effects of aging on the human brain.
- Drug abuse is more common than most think! [A recent poll](#) found that many Americans know someone who has abused prescription painkillers and suffered major harmful effects.

FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS

- [The American Brain Foundation](#) is [seeking candidates](#) for its board of directors.
- Now’s the time to [submit abstracts, posters and workshops](#) for the [American Academy of Addiction Psychiatrists](#) annual meeting. You can also apply for travel awards [here](#).
- The [Coalition for Health Funding](#) is celebrating its 45th anniversary. [Read](#) for more details and RSVP to CRDFELLOW@DC-CRD.COM or 202-484-1100.
- The Open Policy Session of the [National Advisory Mental Health Council](#) (NAMHC) will be held on Friday, May 29, 2015 for which you can [register here](#).
- [IMHRO](#) is an international mental health research organization and will be [featuring Robin Cunningham and Hakon Heimer](#) of [CURE Alliance](#) to advocate funding for brain health research.
- The deadline to provide comments on future funding priorities for the [NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience Research](#) is fast approaching. Submit your input [here](#).
- [RSVP](#) for a Capitol Hill Exhibition and Reception “Healthier Lives Through NIH-Supported Behavioral and Social Sciences Research”.