

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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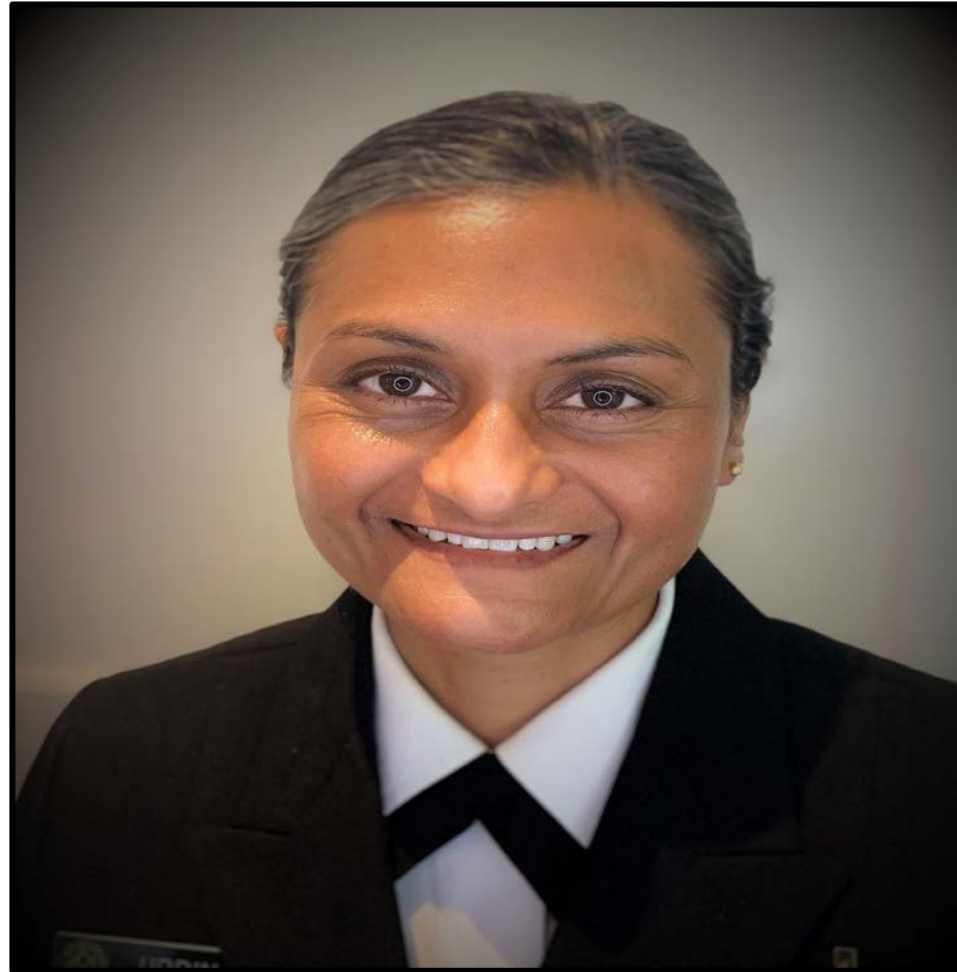
Welcome Dan Jernigan

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



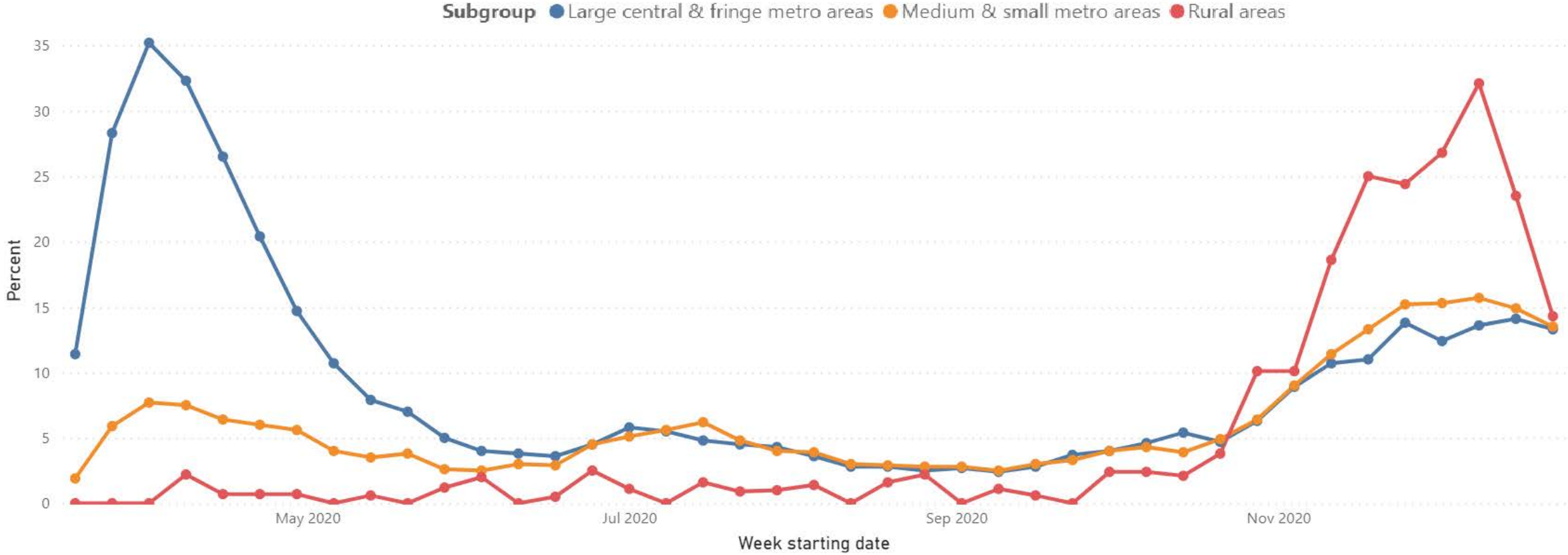
New Administration Priorities

- 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 [declared racism a serious public health threat](#), it is a critical step in advancing health equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- NCHS is actively involved in the [CDC Diversity and Inclusion Executive Steering Committee \(DIESC\)](#).
 - 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

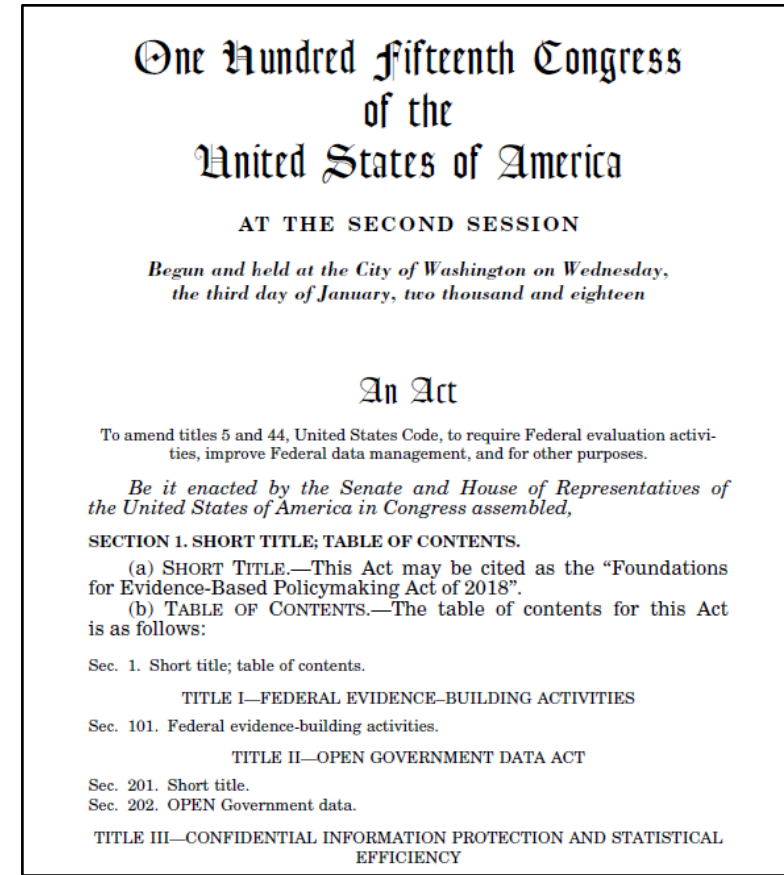
Improve agency data through sharing and linkage of existing data sets

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

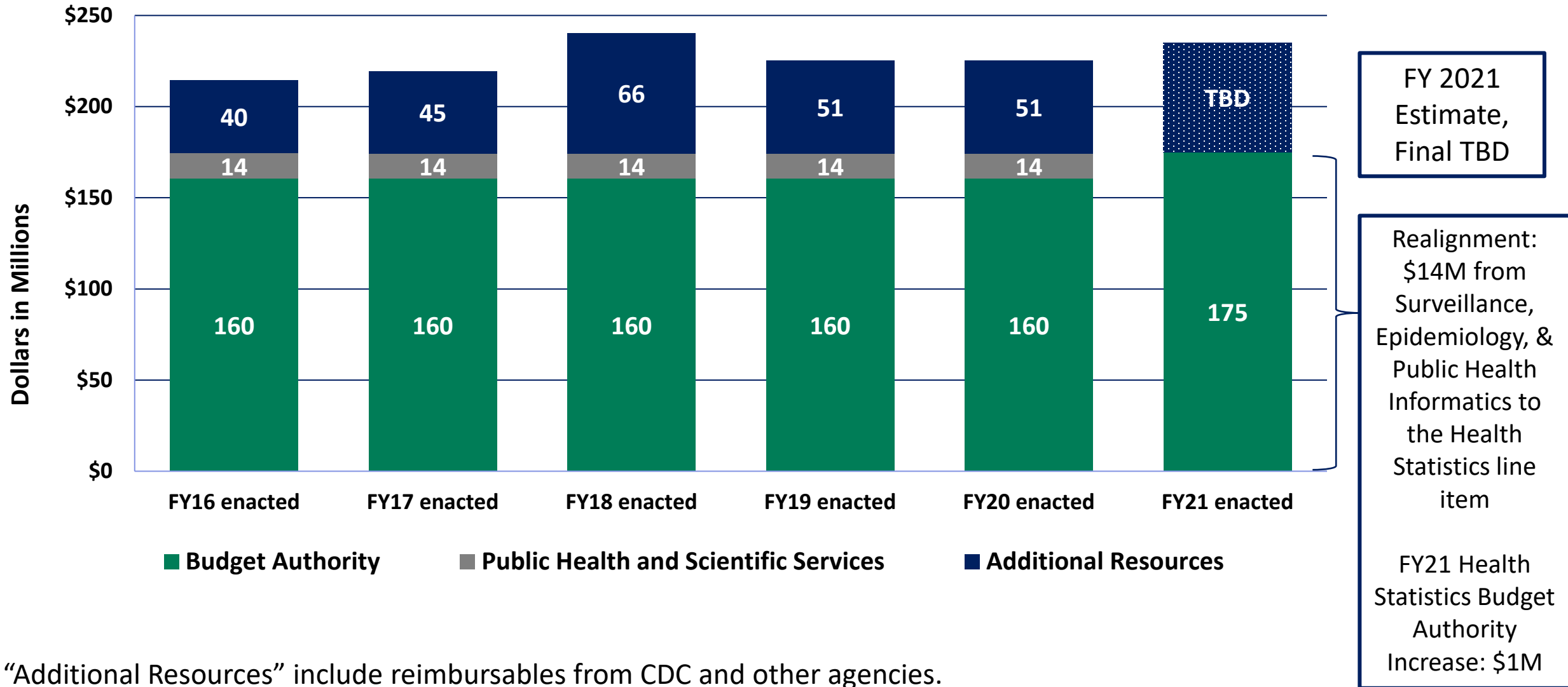
Examine data gaps as a result of pandemic and new data sources implemented during the Public Health Emergency

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.



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