



The College on Problems of Drug Dependence

Highlights from CPDD Advocacy Day



Several CPDD members, including about half of the Board of Directors, attended an Advocacy Day event on March 28, 2017 and met with 28 Congressional offices. Agenda items included requests for FY2017 support for funding of \$34.1 billion for NIH and \$1.1 billion for NIDA, and a FY2018 \$2 billion increase over the FY2017 level for NIH and a proportionate increase for NIDA. We also requested inclusion of a "drug abuse" category on the list of research areas that are eligible to compete for funding within the Peer-reviewed Medical Research Program in the FY2018 Department of Defense Appropriations bill, and inclusion of a special appropriation or alternative funding mechanism for NIH's Adolescent Brain and Cognitive Development (ABCD) study. We requested an exemption for academic research on synthetic compounds listed in various synthetic drugs bills and provided general education to the congressional offices about drug abuse, including the consequences of using drugs and our efforts to combat this problem. Thanks to those who contributed their time, money, and energy to this important endeavor. We are planning to make this an annual event, so please let us know if you are interested in being involved!

