

The Role of the Foundation for the NIH in GAIN

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What is a Public-Private Partnership?

- A collaborative venture between national, state and/or local government and one or more private sector entities
- Built on the expertise of each partner
- Effectively meets clearly-defined public needs
- Governed by formal agreement

Each partner agrees to share its assets
in order to deliver an outcome
that will benefit the general public



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Examples of Key FNIH Partnerships

Global Health

- Grand Challenges in Global Health (GCGH)
 - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, CIHR, Wellcome Trust
 - \$450 million in private funds, 43 grants

Genomics

- Genetic Association Information Network (GAIN)
 - Pfizer, Affymetrix, Perlegen, Broad Institute, Abbott, others
 - \$24 million in private funds to date
- Mouse Sequencing Consortium
 - Merck, Affymetrix, GlaxoSmithKline
 - \$18 million in private funds of \$ 58 million initiative

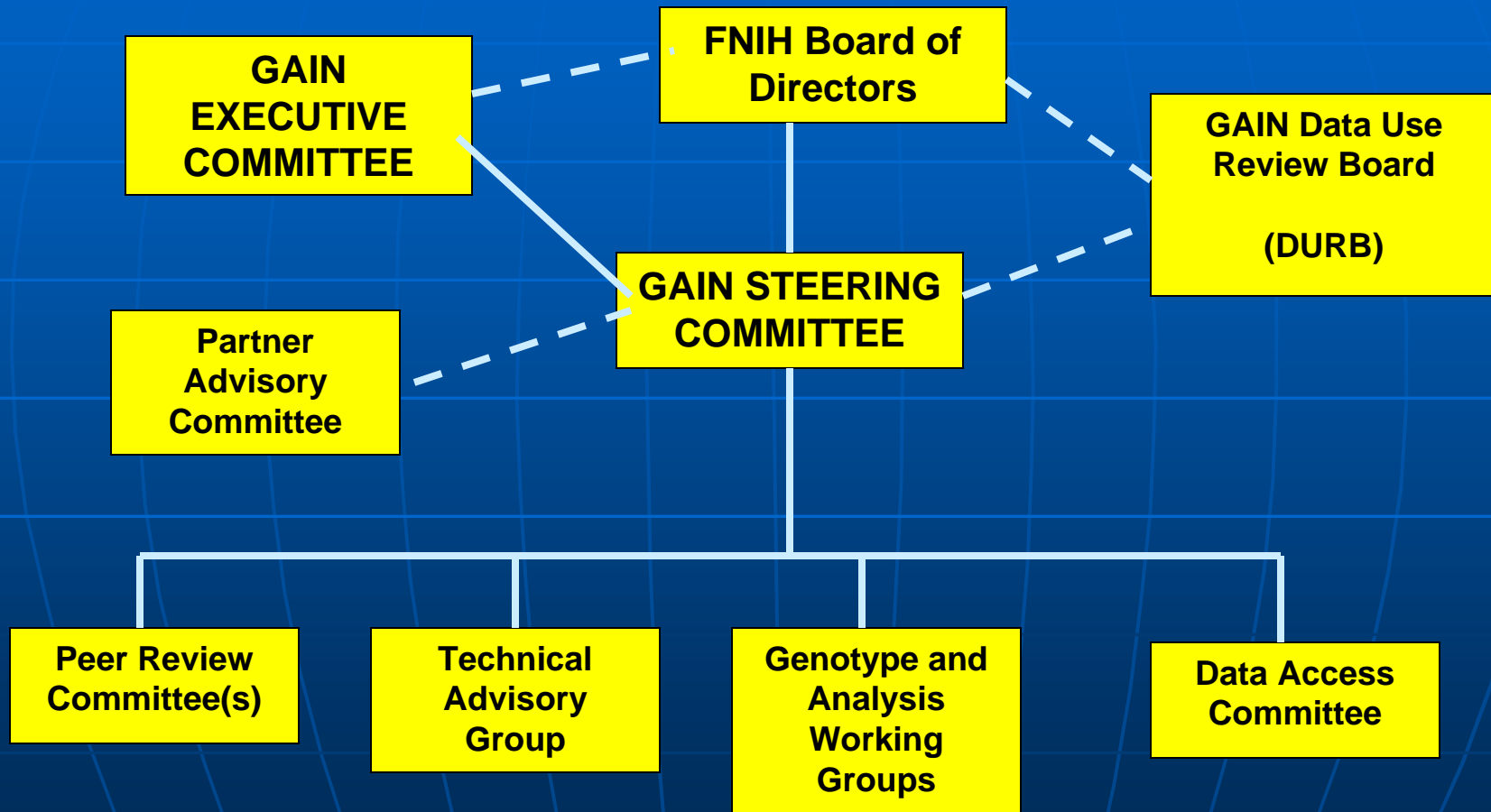
Biomarker research

- Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative (ADNI)
 - 10 pharmaceutical and biotech companies, 2 non-profits
 - \$23 million in private funds of \$60 million initiative
- The Biomarker Consortium
 - FNIH, NIH, FDA, PhRMA launch major public-private biomedical partnership in October 2006 to find and validate new biomarkers and tools
 - 12+ Industry Contributing Members currently signed on

The FNIH's Role in GAIN

- Fundraising and funds management
 - ~ \$26 million raised to date
- Governance and policy management
 - Staff support for GAIN Executive, Steering Committees
 - FNIH Board provides final approval for GAIN awards
 - FNIH Board administers COI & Confidentiality Policies; approves additional policies (co-developed with NIH)
- Project management: A partnership with NHGRI and NCBI
 - GAIN selection process (peer review, TAG, Steering Committee) & awards
 - Genotyping contracts & support
 - Analysis workshops
 - Database
 - Media relations, website, etc.

GAIN Governance



Benefits of Working with FNIH

- Leverages funding/expertise from additional partners and/or stakeholders
- Enables dialogue among all partners including researchers, funders, regulators, and industry
- Accelerates high priority projects by packaging and procuring services in new ways;
- Creates specialized management capacity based on efficient private business practices for large and complex programs;
- Facilitates the delivery of new technology developed by private entities;
- Acquires private sector expertise in accessing and organizing the widest range of financial resources; and
- Brings entrepreneurial development, ownership, and operation of assets
- Ensures private funds received for partnerships are spent appropriately; align with donors' intentions



The Foundation for NIH

- Ten years new and evolving
- NIH priorities are Foundation's points of reference
- Public-private partnerships are key feature of NIH Road Map
- Programs specially configured, no rigid template for partnership arrangements, not formulaic
- Flexible, agile
- Leap extraneous obstacles
- Access to \$ and other resources



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