

Dr. Tom Beres Named Chief of the Health Services and Systems (HSS) Review Branch



Dr. Tom Beres has been selected as the Chief of the Health Services and Systems (HSS) Review Branch, formerly the Healthcare Delivery and Methodologies (HDM) Integrated Review Group (IRG), at the Center for Scientific Review (CSR). Dr. Beres joined CSR in 2015 as a scientific review officer in the Cell Biology IRG and, in 2020, became a Referral Officer assuming responsibility for referral of applications in a broad range of scientific areas including basic, clinical, and translational sciences. Recently, he served as Acting Chief for the HDM IRG.

He has overseen reviews involving a range of grant mechanisms and has led high-profile reviews for trans-NIH and inter-agency initiatives such as the Common Fund and NIH-NSF joint reviews. Beyond this work, he has served on both the Scientific Overlap Committee and the Outreach Committee.

Dr. Beres brings to this role excellent policy knowledge, strong communication skills, a commitment to diversity, and interest and experience in mentoring staff. As HSS Chief, Dr. Beres will oversee six standing panels and two recurring special emphasis panels that cover a range of topics related to health service delivery and policy and bioinformatic systems to improve care and its delivery.

Dr. Beres earned a Ph.D. in Genetics and Development from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center and did postdoctoral training at the Eccles Institute of Human Genetics at the University of Utah. He came to CSR from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research where his research focused on multidisciplinary approaches to study the roles of O-linked glycosylation in both embryonic development and disease.