Operationalizing the DNTP Strategic Realignment

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Overview

The Division of the National Toxicology Program's (DNTP's) mission is to improve public health through data and knowledge development that are translatable, predictive, and timely. We accomplish our mission through research, testing, and analysis activities to achieve the following goals:

- Collaborate with public stakeholders and global partners to identify and address public health issues.
- Generate and communicate trusted scientific information to support decision-making on environmental hazards of public interest.
- Lead the transformation of toxicology through the development and application of innovative tools and strategies.
- Educate and train the next generation of translational scientists to be innovative leaders in the field.

For the past couple of years, DNTP has taken the opportunity to reflect on our mission, our scientific portfolio, our operational processes, and our organizational structure. We have engaged the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors as our primary external scientific advisors to help us understand our value to the broader National Institutes of Health, NTP, and the toxicology communities. We have used our reflections and their input to establish an operational and strategic scientific framework within which we have been implementing refinement and realignment of our operational model. This framework has considered our human-focused mission, our funding model, our team-based approaches, and our commitment to innovative science and training. Like many other organizations, our efforts have been challenged by the current SARS-CoV-2 pandemic. This presentation will review basic concepts that have supported our strategic realignment, share fundamental concepts of our resourcing model and workforce structure, relate our adaptation to the SARS pandemic, and summarize our productivity over the past year. We expect that this presentation will provide the "State of the DNTP" update and will be a useful foundation for subsequent presentations with more detail on our scientific efforts.