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What I learned from AACI annual meeting

- No show by NCI leaders due to government shutdown
- At present reviews are done in the following order: Research programs, Shared resources, CRTEC, COE and six essential characteristics
- To date, reviewers included in the panel are experienced CCSG reviewers
- CRTEC write up will remain six pages
- Strategic plan gets lots of importance - cannot be superficial
- We need to make sure CRTEC is included in the strategic plan

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- Each section is reviewed standalone
- Cannot assume that other sections that reference CRTEC are read by reviewers
- Unlike before, CCSG is now reviewed for impact instead of process
- Focus is on what has been done due to CCSG instead of starting with what is the problem
- Inter-directionality of research programs, COE and CRTEC are important, but the structure of review is intentionally diminishing this point

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- At present, CCSG review by CSR has oversight by NCI
- Therefore, there is no triage but future is uncertain
- There may be a truncated site visits in future
- New guidelines have to be released by November 26 if the guidelines have to be implemented in January cycle (minimum 60 days)
- Perception of reviews by CSR varied amongst cancer center directors
- Several cancer centers are rethinking how to have their EAB meetings