

SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD

Climate Working Group (CWG) Review of the Draft Climate Program Office Strategic Plan 2023-2027

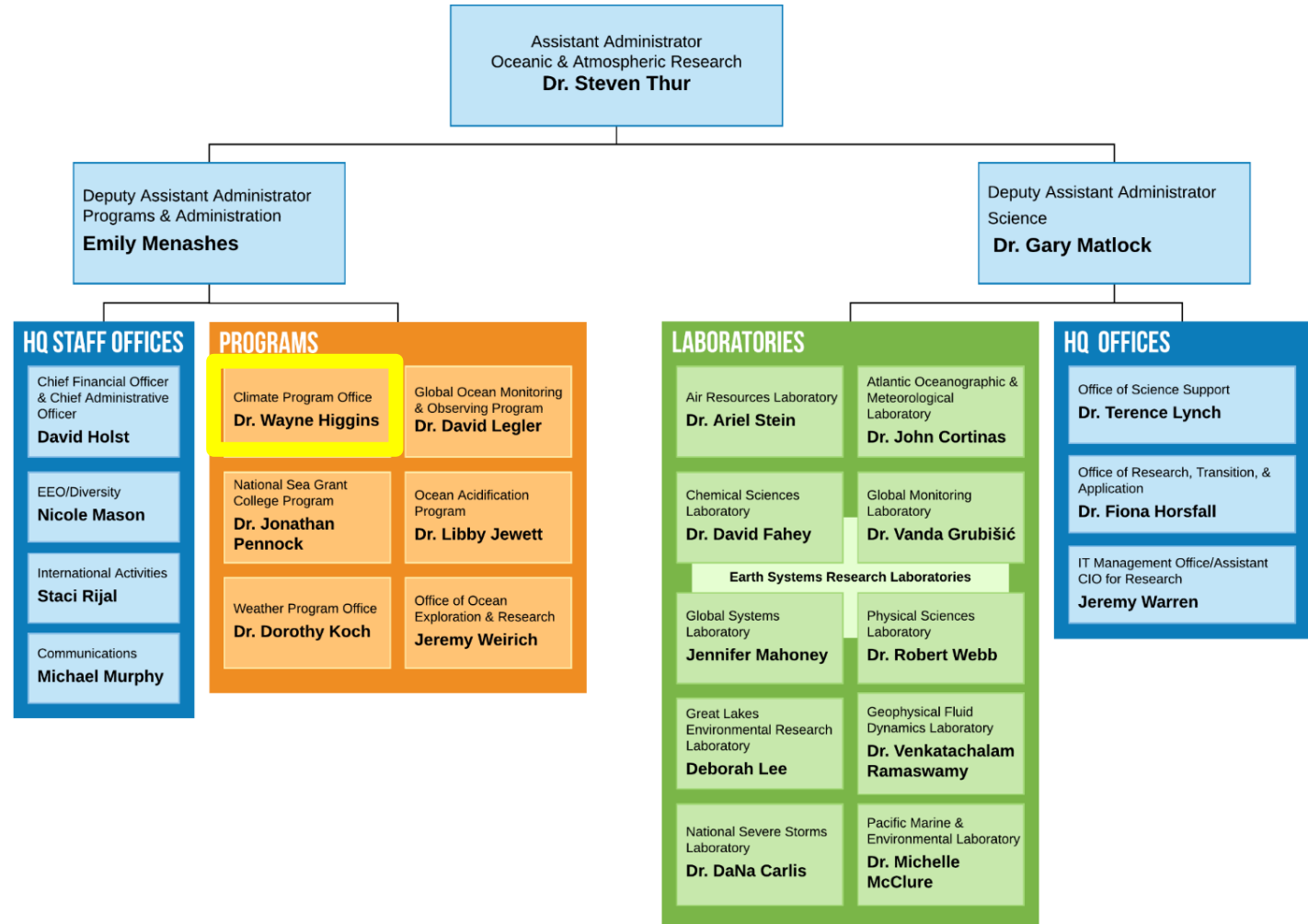
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Supporting science, service, and stewardship

Climate Program Office (CPO)

Oceanic & Atmospheric Research (OAR) Organization 02-28-2023

- Program of NOAA Ocean and Atmospheric Research (OAR)
- Mission: advance scientific understanding, monitoring, and prediction of climate and its impacts to enable effective decisions



CPO Strategic Plan 2023-2027

- Centers on four major goals
 - Advance the science foundation for climate change adaptation, resilience; and mitigation
 - Improve knowledge of climate, its risks and impacts, and solutions
 - Enhance literacy and capacity to respond to climate change; and
 - Empower our workforce to advance the National Oceanic and Atmospheric (NOAA) priorities
- To be followed by an implementation plan



Charge to the CWG

Review the draft CPO Strategic Plan in terms of:

- Its incorporation of recommendations from the CPO 2022 Program Review
- The most important contributions and opportunities that are within the scope of CPO to make/address for OAR, NOAA, and the Nation
- Its strengths and weaknesses



CWG Overarching Recommendation #1

More specific “moonshot” level goals in service of the nation are required for our citizens

- While the reviewers are very supportive of the directions suggested in the Strategic Plan, the high level presentation of goals and subgoals is very general.
- Specific goals are needed to fully represent the urgency and value of continued and expanded investment in NOAA’s Climate Program Office (the same could be said for NOAA’s strategic plan).



CWG Overarching Recommendation #2

The Strategic Plan should better articulate the significance of CPO to NOAA and national and international climate enterprises.

- The Strategic Plan should be edited with an eye to its potential as a communication product that can generate awareness, interest, and support for CPO efforts.
- Assess the plan for opportunities where succinct additions could better highlight the CPO's contributions.



CWG Overarching Recommendation #3

Engage key audiences by adding examples of broadly relevant initiatives under each goal

- Concrete descriptions highlight key strengths/initiatives and illustrate the importance of furthering this work.



Thank You!

