

Adaptation and Resiliency in a Changing Landscape

Academic and Research Field

- Profound impact stirs dramatic language from a stoic group (ABPD)
- Special Issue of the Canadian Journal of Bioethics on the Role of Bioethicists in Addressing Current Threats to Clinical Care, Research, and Public Health edited by Ann Heesters and Jason T. Eberl
- NIH bioethics department impacted – bioethicists practicing at clinical center unknown



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Federal Bureaucracy

Changes are profound and “irrecoverable”

Example: Administration for Community Living (ACL)

- “Tiny” federal agency of ~100 employees.
- Parts and pieces moved, but fully dismantled
- Spending is the focus over what the government buys
- Difficult to perceive opportunity to align with fast and inconsistent changes
 - Focus on chronic disease, but ACL is dismantled.
 - What are the needs that will now not be met?



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Closer to home

Example: Mid-America Regional Council, USAging Center of Excellence

- Center holds a 2-year, \$10,000 agreement (June 2024 – May 2026)
- A MARC staff member stated that USAging requested that all grantees **change language in the grant goals and objectives** to comply with Executive Order 14151 (no DEI in government).
- No administrative agency – ACL is dismantled.

Example: Kansas City, MO Public Health Department

Example: FCI Advisors Newsletter



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Will nonprofit sector remain?

- Urban Institute* estimates 29% of sector funding from government grants/contracts
- 68% of nonprofits receive government funding
- Larger nonprofits at greater risk

*https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/2024-10/Nonprofit_Trends_and_Impacts_2021-2023_National_Findings_on_Government_Grants_and_Contracts.pdf



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Center Opportunity



- Clarity, confidence, and assurance in our work
- Neutrality in our recommendations and individual interactions
- Many are seeking a path ahead. We offer guidance and grounding.
- Today, not having federal funds is an asset – we have no need to bend and sway with the breeze



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