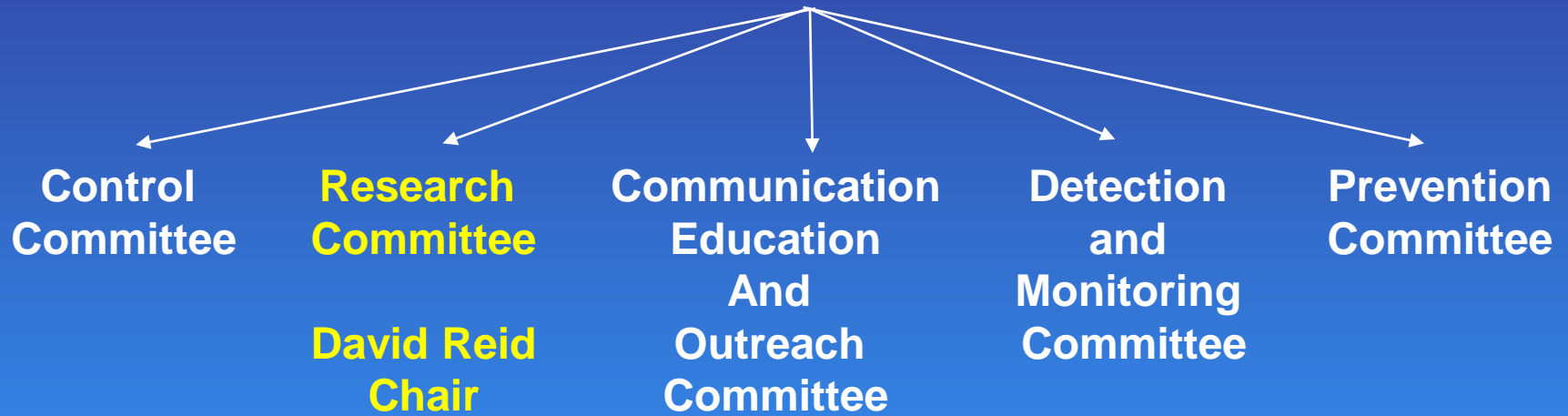


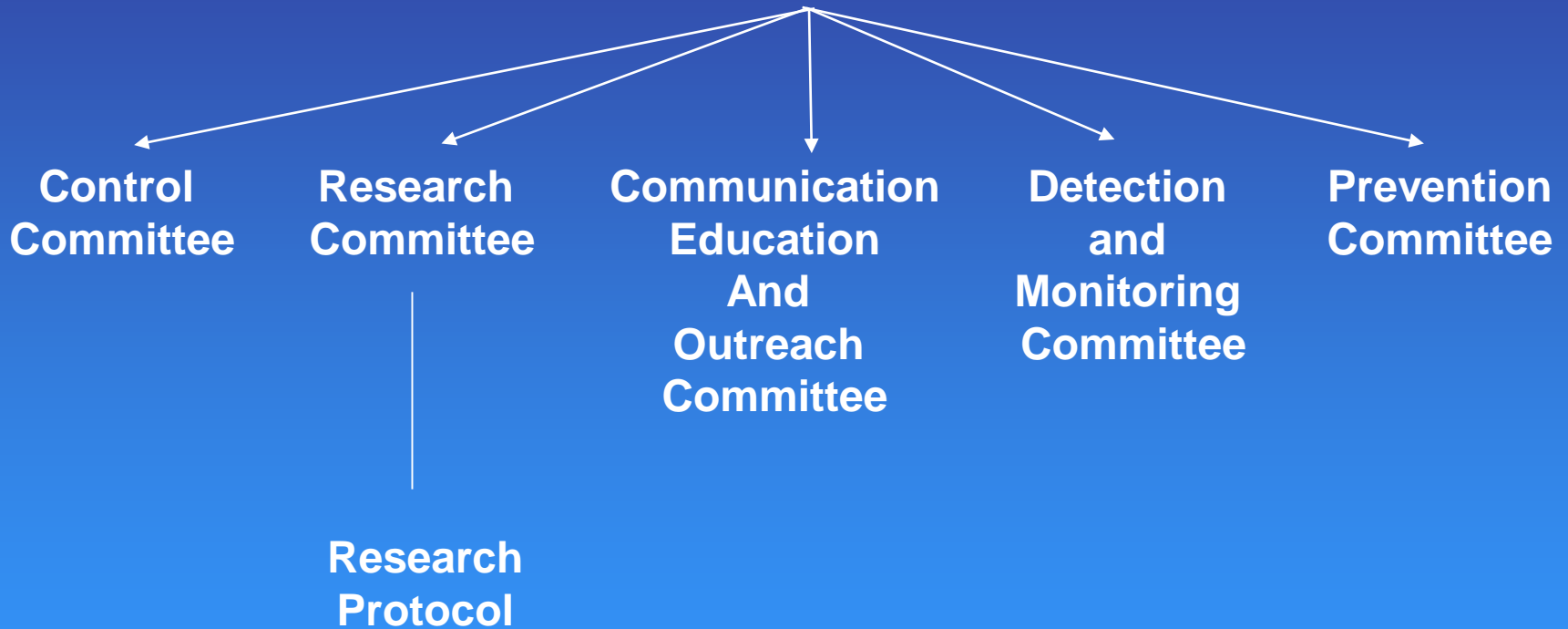
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The ANSTF does not have regulatory authority to implement such a committee.

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Not practical- Review of each all proposals submitted to all funding agencies would be costly and time-consuming.

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Each agency would have to define their standards and review grant proposals accordingly before approving funds.

Funding agencies may have different guidelines for safety and may or may not choose to link funding to guideline compliance.

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Safety guidelines are offered as information only without any requirement for compliance to obtain funding.

Examples of safety guidelines currently used for aquatic species research at various Universities may be included in Research Protocol

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Future revisions of the Research Protocol will be based upon ANSTF feedback from the funding agency members.

