

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC): Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee.

Times and dates: 8 a.m.–5 p.m., January 8, 1997.

Place: CDC, Auditorium A, Building 2, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: This committee is charged with providing scientific and technical advice and guidance to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the need for, and the nature of, revisions to the standards under which clinical laboratories are regulated; the impact of proposed revisions to the standards; and the modification of the standards to accommodate technological advances.

Matters to be discussed: Agenda items include an orientation for new members regarding the roles and responsibilities of an advisory committee member; an update on the HCFA/American Society for Cytotechnology (ASCT) contract for laboratory surveys; an update on cytology proficiency testing (PT); and a review of CDC laboratory-related research activities.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact person for additional information: John C. Ridderhof, Dr.P.H., Division of Laboratory Systems, Public Health Practice Program Office, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S G-25, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone 770/488-4674.

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Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Administration for Children and Families

[Proposed Program Priorities—ACF/ACYF/RHYP 97-1]

Runaway and Homeless Youth Program: Fiscal Year (FY) 1997 Proposed Program Priorities

AGENCY: Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), Administration on Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF),

Administration for Children and Families (ACF), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments on proposed Fiscal Year 1997 Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program Priorities for the following programs for runaway and homeless youth: Basic Center, Street Outreach for Runaway and Homeless Youth and the Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth.

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act requires the Secretary to publish annually, for public comment, a proposed plan specifying priorities the Department will follow in awarding grants and contracts under the Act. The final priorities selected will take into consideration the comments and recommendations received from the public in response to this notice.

The public, particularly those knowledgeable about and experienced in providing services to runaway and homeless youth, are urged to respond. The actual solicitations for grant applications will be published at later dates in the Federal Register. No proposals, concept papers or other form of application should be submitted at this time.

We welcome specific comments and suggestions on these proposed program priorities.

DATES: The closing date for submission of public comments is February 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: James A. Harrell, Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Attention: Family and Youth Services Bureau, P.O. Box 1182, Washington, D.C. 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Wright, Youth Development Program Specialist, (202) 205-8030.

SUMMARY: The Family and Youth Services Bureau of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families announces that public comments are being requested on proposed program priorities for Fiscal Year 1997 for the following programs, prior to being announced in its final form: Runaway and Homeless Youth Basic Center Grant Program (BCP): The purpose of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Basic Center Grant Program is to provide financial assistance to establish or strengthen locally-controlled centers that address the immediate needs (e.g., outreach, temporary shelter, counseling, and aftercare services) of runaway and homeless youth and their families.

Street Outreach for Runaway and Homeless Youth: The purpose of the Street Outreach Program is to provide

street-based outreach and education, including treatment, counseling, and information and referral services for runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of sexual abuse. Grants will be awarded for street-based outreach and education and referral for runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse.

Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth (TLP): The purpose of the Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth is to support projects which provide long term shelter, skill training and support services in local communities to homeless youth to assist them in making a smooth transition to self-sufficiency and to prevent long-term dependency on social services.

Financial Assistance from the Family and Youth Services Bureau for RHY programs is contingent upon the availability of funds. As indicated in previous proposed priorities, the Department proposes to award continuation funding to the National Communications System and to fund a number of program support activities during Fiscal Year 1997.

Central to all FY97 programs and activities is a priority that services be delivered with a comprehensive youth development approach. Practicing youth workers are well aware that "single-problem" youth are rare, and that interventions from many different perspectives, and supports, including funding, from many different sources, are required to effectively help adolescents.

Interventions from a developmental perspective view adolescence and youth as the passage from the almost total dependence of the child into the independence and self-sufficiency of the adult.

The various emotional, intellectual and physical changes, stages, and growth spurts of the passage may be considered as the youth's natural, healthy responses to the challenges and opportunities provided by functional families, peers, neighborhoods, schools and churches.

The tasks of youth services providers are seen, thus, not as correcting the "pathologies" of troubled youth, but rather as providing for the successive developmental needs of maturing individuals: The psychological need to develop a clear self-identity; the sociological need to resolve disagreements through talking and negotiating; the economic need to prepare for and enter into a career; and the familial needs for sharing, for trusting, for giving love and receiving

love, for commitment, and for all that establishing a family entails. This developmental approach is fundamental to all of FYSB programs and activities.

a. Basic Center Program Grants

Approximately 65 percent of the Basic Center grants awarded will be non-competing continuation grants and approximately 35 percent will be competitive new awards in Fiscal Year 1997.

Eligible applicants for new awards are current grantees with project periods ending in Fiscal Year 1997 and otherwise eligible applicants who are not current grantees. The applications will be reviewed by State, and awards will be made during the last quarter of Fiscal Year 1997 (July—September 1997).

Section 385(a)(2) of the Act requires that ninety percent of the funds appropriated for Basic Center grants will be used to establish and strengthen runaway and homeless youth Basic Centers.

b. Transitional Living Program Grants

All potential Fiscal Year 1997 TLP funds will be awarded in the form of continuation grants and as new grants to applicants who competed successfully during fiscal year 1996. Consideration will be given to soliciting applications for competitive review in Fiscal Year 1997. However, grant awards to successful 1997 applicants will be made during the first and second quarters of Fiscal Year 1998 using Fiscal Year 1998 funds, if available.

c. Street Outreach for Runaway and Homeless Youth

The Domestic Violence/Violence Against Women Act of the 1994 Crime Bill provides for education and prevention grants to reduce the sexual abuse of runaway, homeless, and street youth. Fiscal Year 1997 funds will be used to award new grants to eligible applicants. In addition, non-competitive continuation awards will again be made to current basic center grantees who competed successfully for a Street Outreach Program grant in Fiscal Year 1996.

d. National Communications System

In Fiscal Year 1994, a five-year grant was awarded to the National Runaway Switchboard, Inc., in Chicago, Illinois, to operate a National Communications System to assist runaway and homeless youth in communicating with their families and with service providers. Non-competitive continuation funding will be awarded to the grantee in Fiscal Year 1997.

e. Support Services for Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

(1) Training and Technical Assistance

Part D, Section 342 of the Act authorizes the Department to make grants to statewide and regional nonprofit organizations to provide training and technical assistance (T&TA) to organizations receiving service grants under the Act. The purpose of this T&TA is to strengthen the programs and to enhance the knowledge and skills of youth service workers.

The Family and Youth Services Bureau has ten Cooperative Agreements, one in each of the ten Federal Regions, to provide T&TA to agencies funded by FYSB to provide services to runaway and homeless youth. Each Cooperative Agreement is unique, being based on the characteristics and different T&TA needs in the respective Region. Each has a five-year project period that will end in Fiscal Year 1999. Non-competitive continuation funding will be awarded to the ten T&TA grantees in Fiscal Year 1997.

(2) National Clearinghouse on Runaway and Homeless Youth

The Family and Youth Services Bureau supports a National Clearinghouse on Youth and Families (NCFY). The purpose of the clearinghouse is to disseminate information to professionals and agencies involved in youth development efforts and/or the delivery of direct services to runaway, homeless and at-risk youth. The Clearinghouse collects, maintains and disseminates reports and other materials, identifies areas in which new or additional information is needed, and carries out other activities designed to provide the field with the information needed to improve services to runaway and homeless youth.

The contract with the National Clearinghouse on Families and Youth expires this fiscal year. A Request for Proposals will be published and a new five year contract will be awarded this fiscal year to sustain the National Clearinghouse for Runaway and Homeless Youth.

(3) Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System (RHYMIS)

The Family and Youth Services Bureau awarded a contract, which expires this fiscal year, for the development and implementation of a Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System (RHYMIS) for FYSB programs. The data generated by the system are used to

produce reports and information regarding FYSB's programs, including information for required reports to Congress. The RHYMIS also serves as a management tool for FYSB and for the individual programs.

In Fiscal Year 1997 a procurement for this activity will be published and a new contract awarded.

(4) Monitoring Support for FYSB Programs

The Family and Youth Services Bureau uses a standardized, comprehensive monitoring instrument and site visit protocols, including a peer-review component for monitoring runaway and homeless youth programs. The Family and Youth Services Bureau has a contractual agreement, which expires this fiscal year, to provide logistical support for the peer review monitoring process, including nationwide distribution of the monitoring instrument. The findings from the monitoring visits have been used by the Regional Offices and the T&TA providers as a basis for their activities. In Fiscal Year 1997 a procurement for this activity will be published and a new contract awarded.

f. Research and Demonstration Initiatives

Section 315 of the Act authorizes the Department to make grants to States, localities, and private entities to carry out research, demonstration, and service projects designed to increase knowledge concerning and to improve services for runaway and homeless youth. These activities serve to identify emerging issues and to develop and test models which address such issues.

(1) Services for Youth With Developmental Disabilities

The Family and Youth Services Bureau and the Administration on Developmental Disabilities are collaborating to address the needs of youth with developmental disabilities. In 1995, a competitive review process resulted in jointly funded grant awards to three projects designed to improve local coordination of services to youth with developmental disabilities. Non-competitive continuation funding will be awarded to these grantees in Fiscal Year 1997.

(2) Analysis, Synthesis, and Interpretation of New Information Concerning Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs

Over the past few years, considerable new knowledge and information has been developed concerning the runaway and homeless youth programs

administered by FYSB, and the youth and families served. The main sources of this new information are the Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System (RHYMIS), the results of RHY monitoring visits, and a number of evaluation studies underway or recently completed. The RHYMIS, monitoring reports, and the evaluation studies contain descriptions of FYSB's grantee agencies, along with detailed data on the youth and families served.

A contract was awarded in Fiscal Year 1995 to analyze and synthesize this valuable data and to explore program and policy implications. Results from this effort will be available in Fiscal Year 1997.

(3) Youth Development Framework

In Fiscal Year 1995 a contract was awarded to develop a youth development framework from a theoretical perspective. This framework will be designed to enhance the capacity of policy and program developers, program managers, and youth services professionals to develop service models and approaches that will redirect youth in high risk situations toward positive pathways of development.

It is our expectation that this document will serve as a basis for securing consensus on a working definition of youth development and for increasing awareness of the importance and benefits of a youth development perspective in serving youth. The report from this contract will be available in Fiscal Year 1997.

(4) Performance Based Outcomes for Youth Services

Much of the data gathering and assessment tools currently used by the Family and Youth Services Bureau are process oriented. Beginning in Fiscal Year 1997, FYSB will explore the feasibility of developing youth development performance based indicators and/or outcome measures as an alternative method to evaluating the effectiveness of youth services. Such a method would add an important dimension to FYSB's program monitoring and information gathering efforts and would, in addition, be useful to local youth service grantees.

g. Collaboration with State Units of Government

Establishing and/or maintaining effective local youth service delivery systems is increasingly contingent upon successful collaborations between federal government agencies, state governments and local community based organizations.

During Fiscal Year 1997 FYSB will begin a process in which FYSB and States engage in conversations about youth development, identify concerns and issues regarding youth services, provide expert information and assistance to each other, and encourage and foster State relationships with community based organizations that serve youth. This process might evolve to include FYSB/State partnerships and/or pilot efforts which also include local youth service providers.

h. Priorities for Administrative Changes

To support the increased emphasis on youth development, a number of management or administrative changes will be continued:

- The Regional Offices have and will continue to play a significant role in the assessment of grant applications. This role includes Regional staff involvement (1) as chairpersons for peer review panels held in Washington, D.C., and (2) in conduct of administrative reviews of new start applications. This level of regional office involvement will continue in fiscal year 1997.

- The Administration on Children and Families (ACF) will again change the deadline for receipt of a Runaway and Homeless Youth grant application from the postal date of the application to the actual receipt date of the application by ACF. Applicants should carefully examine information on receipt dates in Fiscal Year 1997 Federal Register announcements to assure that they meet deadlines in the manner prescribed.

- Efforts will be continued to avoid the problems of gaps in financial support between the expiration of one grant and the beginning of a new grant for current grantees that are successful in competition.

We welcome specific comments and suggestions on these proposed program priorities.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 93.623, Runaway and Homeless Youth Program; Number 93.657, Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth; and Number 93.557, Street Outreach for Runaway and Homeless Youth)

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James A. Harrell,

Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.

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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 96N-0374]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Reinstatement

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish a notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on requirements relating to the approval and labeling of food additives.

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by February 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim A. Sanders, Office of Information Resources Management (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 16B-19, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1473.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice