

the agreement and proposed order, or to modify in any way their terms.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary; Findings of Scientific Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

James B. Boone, Jr., Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia: Based upon an investigation conducted by the University of Missouri-Columbia, information obtained by the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) during its oversight review, and Dr. Boone's own admission, ORI found that Dr. Boone, former Research Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Biomedical Sciences at the University of Missouri-Columbia, engaged in scientific misconduct by fabricating and falsifying data in biomedical research supported by a grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Specifically, Dr. Boone fabricated the weights of individual, isolated muscles that, in fact, had not been separated by dissection, and falsely presented unrelated gamma counter results as having been obtained from the same individual muscles. He presented these data to his laboratory director as the results from two experiments that Dr. Boone admitted he did not complete. Dr. Boone committed additional falsifications in conducting research, including presenting: (1) A computer spread sheet that used the above described sets of the fabricated primary data of muscle weights and the falsified gamma counter results to generate false computations of blood flow in separate muscles; (2) A computer spread sheet for the statistical computations of the data from the two sets of fabricated and falsified reduced data; and (3) A histogram derived from the falsified reduced data that showed significant differences in some of the fabricated experimental measurements on individual muscles.

Dr. Boone has accepted the ORI finding and has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with ORI in which he has voluntarily agreed, for the three

(3) year period beginning February 10, 1997:

(1) To exclude himself from serving in any advisory capacity to the Public Health Service (PHS), including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant; and

(2) That any institution that submits an application for PHS support for a research project on which the respondent's participation is proposed or which uses the respondent in any capacity on PHS supported research must concurrently submit a plan for supervision of his duties. The supervisory plan must be designed to ensure the scientific integrity of the respondent's research contribution. The institution must submit a copy of the supervisory plan to ORI.

No scientific publications were required to be corrected as part of this Agreement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

State Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Grantees Meeting

The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

NAME: Meeting of State Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Grantees.

TIMES AND DATES: 12 p.m.-4:10 p.m., February 24, 1997. 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., February 25, 1997. 8 a.m.-5:10 p.m., February 26, 1997. 8:30 a.m.-11:40 a.m., February 27, 1997.

PLACE: Holiday Inn Select-Atlanta-Decatur Hotel and Conference Plaza, 130 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur, Georgia 30030, telephone 404/371-0204.

STATUS: Open to the public, limited only by space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 80 people.

PURPOSE: This meeting will provide a forum for childhood lead poisoning prevention coordinators and data administrators to review program progress and discuss prevention issues and concerns. Persons wishing to make

written or oral comments at the meeting should notify the contact person listed below, in writing or by phone, no later than close of business February 21, 1997.

Requests to make oral comments should contain the name, address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation of the presenter. Depending on the time available and the number of requests to make oral comments, it may be necessary to limit the time of each presenter.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: Topics to be discussed at this meeting include CDC's proposed revised screening guidelines, establishment of a data system to implement screening guidance, and data recommendations. There will be information presented regarding computer programming and how it relates to data analysis and using data to make decisions. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Claudette Grant, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S F42, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, telephone 770/488-7330, fax 770/488-7335.

Dated: February 13, 1997.

Joseph E. Salter,

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

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Administration for Children and Families

Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation; Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

This Notice amends Part K, Chapter K of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) as follows: Chapter KM, The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) (60 FR 56606) as last amended, November 9, 1995. This reorganization will establish the Division of Data Collection and Analysis within the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation.

Amend Chapter KM as follows:

1. Delete KM.00 Mission in its entirety and replace with the following: KM.00 Mission. The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) is the principal advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy

and External Affairs and the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families on improving the effectiveness and efficiency of programs designed to make measurable improvements in the economic and social well-being of children and families.

The Office provides guidance, analysis, technical assistance, and oversight to ACF programs and across programs in the agency on: strategic planning aimed at measurable results; performance measurement; research and evaluation methodologies; demonstration testing and model development; statistical, policy and program analysis; synthesis and dissemination of research and demonstration findings; and application of emerging technologies to improve the effectiveness of programs and service delivery. The Office also is responsible for the collection, compilation, analysis, and dissemination of data.

The Office oversees and manages the section 1110 and section 1115 social service research programs, including: priority setting and analysis; processing waivers for welfare reform demonstrations; managing and coordinating major cross-cutting, leading-edge studies and special initiatives; collaborating with states, communities, foundations, professional organizations and others to promote the development of children, family focused services, parental responsibility, employment, and economic independence; and providing coordination and leadership in implementing the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA).

2. Delete KM.10 Organization in its entirety and replace with the following:

KM.10 Organization. The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation is headed by a Director who reports to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and External Affairs. The Office is organized as follows:

- Office of the Director (KMA)
- Division of Economic Independence (KMB)
- Division of Child and Family Development (KMC)
- Division of Data Collection and Analysis (KMD)

3. Delete KM.20 Functions in its entirety and replace with the following:

KM.20 Functions. A. The Office of the Director provides direction and executive leadership to OPRE in administering its responsibilities. It serves as principal advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and External Affairs and the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families on

all matters pertaining to: improving the effectiveness and efficiency of ACF programs; strategic planning; performance measurement; program and policy evaluation; research and demonstrations; state and local innovations and progress; collection, analysis, and dissemination of data; and public/private partnership initiatives of concern to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families. It represents the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and External Affairs and the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families at various planning, research, evaluation and data collection and analysis forums and carries out special Departmental and Administration initiatives.

B. The Division of Economic Independence, in cooperation with ACF income support programs and others, works with Federal counterparts, states, community agencies, and the private sector to understand and overcome barriers to economic independence; promote parental responsibility; and assist in improving the effectiveness of programs that further economic independence.

The Division provides guidance, analysis, technical assistance and oversight in ACF on: strategic planning and performance measurement for economic independence; statistical, policy and program analysis; surveys, research, and evaluation methodologies; demonstration testing and model development; synthesis and dissemination of research and demonstration findings; and application of emerging technologies to programs which promote employment, parental responsibility, and economic independence.

The Division analyzes, processes and coordinates Federal review and decision-making for all section 1115 state welfare reform waiver demonstration requests; develops policy-relevant priorities; conducts, manages and coordinates major cross-program, leading-edge research, demonstrations, and evaluation studies; manages and conducts statistical, policy and program analyses on trends in employment, child support payments, and other income supports; and works in partnership with states, communities, and the private sector to promote employment, parental responsibility, and family economic independence.

C. The Division of Child and Family Development, in cooperation with ACF programs and others, works with Federal counterparts, states, community agencies, and the private sector to: improve the effectiveness and efficiency of programs; assure the protection of

children and other vulnerable populations; strengthen and promote family stability; and foster sound growth and development of children and their families.

The Division provides guidance, analysis, technical assistance and oversight in ACF on: Strategic planning and performance measurement for child and family development; statistical, policy and program analysis; surveys, research and evaluation methodologies; demonstration testing and model development; synthesis and dissemination of research and demonstration findings; and application of emerging technologies to improve the effectiveness of programs and service delivery.

The Division: Manages the section 1110 social service research budget; develops policy-relevant priorities; conducts, manages and coordinates major cross-program, leading-edge research, demonstration, and evaluation studies; manages and conducts statistical, policy and program analyses on social trends and behaviors which impact child and family well-being; and works in partnership with states, local communities, and the private sector to promote the well-being of children and families.

D. The Division of Data Collection and Analysis is responsible for all aspects of the collection, compilation, analysis, and dissemination of data on selected ACF programs.

The Division develops regulations to implement data collection requirements; designs, develops, implements, and maintains systems for the collection and analysis of data including: Participation rate information, recipient characteristics, administrative data, State expenditures on families, work activities of non-custodial parents, transitional services, and data used in the assessment of State performance.

The Division provides leadership in and coordinates with other ACF and HHS offices and external organizations in the dissemination and use of these data for policy and research purposes. The Division also develops and maintains statistical protocols and manuals for data collection purposes and provides technical assistance in the use of these materials.

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Laurence J. Love,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Operations.

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