

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is requesting nominations to fill three vacancies on the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV). The ACCV was established by Title XXI of the Public Health Service Act (the Act), as enacted by Public Law (Pub. L.) 99-660 and as subsequently amended, and advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) on issues related to implementation of the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melissa Palmer, Principal Staff Liaison, Policy and Commission Branch, Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation, at (301) 443-3196.

DATES: Nominations are to be submitted by August 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All nominations are to be submitted to the Director, Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation, Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA, Parklawn Building, Room 8A-35, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authorities that established the ACCV, viz., the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (P.L. 92-463) and section 2119 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 300aa-19, as added by P.L. 99-660 and amended, HRSA is requesting nominations for three voting members of the ACCV.

The ACCV advises the Secretary on the implementation of the VICP; on its own initiative or as the result of the filing of a petition, recommends changes in the Vaccine Injury Table; advises the Secretary in implementing the Secretary's responsibilities under section 2127 regarding the need for childhood vaccination products that result in fewer or no significant adverse reactions; surveys Federal, State, and local programs and activities relating to the gathering of information on injuries associated with the administration of childhood vaccines, including the adverse reaction reporting requirements of section 2125(b); advises the Secretary on means to obtain, compile, publish, and use credible data related to the frequency and severity of adverse reactions associated with childhood vaccines; and recommends to the Director, National Vaccine Program Office, research related to vaccine injuries which should be conducted to carry out the VICP.

The ACCV consists of nine voting members appointed by the Secretary as follows: three health professionals, of whom at least two are pediatricians,

who are not employees of the United States, who have expertise in the health care of children, the epidemiology, etiology and prevention of childhood diseases, and the adverse reactions associated with vaccines; three members from the general public, of whom at least two are legal representatives (parents or guardians) of children who have suffered a vaccine-related injury or death; and three attorneys, of whom at least one shall be an attorney whose specialty includes representation of persons who have suffered a vaccine-related injury or death, and one shall be an attorney whose specialty includes representation of vaccine manufacturers. In addition, the Director of the National Institutes of Health, the Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (or the designees of such officials) serve as nonvoting ex officio members.

Specifically, HRSA is requesting nominations for three voting members of the ACCV representing: (1) a health professional with special experience in childhood diseases; (2) an attorney whose specialty includes representation of persons who have suffered a vaccine-related injury or death; and (3) a member from the general public who is a legal representative (parent or guardian) of a child (or children) who has suffered a vaccine-related injury or death. Nominees will be invited to serve 3-year terms beginning January 1, 1999, and ending December 31, 2001.

Interested persons may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the ACCV. Nominations shall state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the ACCV and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude the ACCV membership. Potential candidates will be asked to provide detailed information concerning such matters as financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflicts of interest. A curriculum vitae or résumé should be submitted with the nomination.

The Department of Health and Human Services has special interest in assuring that women, minority groups, and the physically handicapped are adequately represented on advisory committees and therefore extends particular encouragement to nominations for appropriately qualified female, minority, or physically handicapped candidates.

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Claude Earl Fox,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Project Grants for Health Care and Other Facilities

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of limited competition for grant funds.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces a limited competition to provide \$510,203 in construction funding to Iowa hospitals which were recipients of Rural Health Transition Grants from the Health Care Financing Administration. Funds were appropriated for this purpose by Public Law 105-78 under the Public Health Service Act.

Funds are available to support one or two construction/renovation projects. In accordance with the directive set forth in the House and Senate Conference Report on Public Law 105-78, competition is limited to the hospitals listed below (H.R. Report No. 105-390, dated November 7, 1997). Award consideration will be limited to the following Iowa facilities:

Adair County Memorial Hospital, Greenfield;
Audubon County Memorial Hospital, Audubon;
Cass County Memorial Hospital, Atlantic;
Davis County Hospital, Bloomfield;
Greene County Medical Center, Jefferson;
Guthrie County Hospital, Guthrie Center;
Hamilton County Public Hospital, Webster City;
Horn Memorial Hospital, Ida Grove;
Mahaska County Hospital, Oskaloosa;
Manning General Hospital, Manning;
Monroe County Hospital, Albia;
Montgomery County Memorial Hospital, Red Oak;
Palo Alto County Hospital, Emmetsburg;
Ringgold County Hospital, Mount Ayr;
St. Anthony Regional Hospital, Carroll;
St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Centerville;
Story County Hospital, Nevada;
Van Buren County Hospital, Xerosauqua;
Washington County Hospital, Washington;
Wayne County Hospital, Corydon;
Winnesieh County Memorial Hospital, Decorah.

Other Award Information: HHS strongly encourages all grant and contract recipients to provide a smoke free workplace and to promote the

nonuse of all tobacco products. In addition, Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities (or in some cases, any portion of a facility) in which regular or routine education, library, day care, health care, or early childhood development services are provided to children.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information relating to technical and program issues may be obtained from Mr. Paul Murphy, Chief, Facilities Monitoring Branch, Division of Facilities Compliance and Recovery, Office of Special Programs, HRSA, Twinbrook Metro Plaza Building, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 520, Rockville, Maryland 20857, (301) 443-4303. Information regarding business, administrative, or fiscal issues related to the awarding of grants under this Notice may be requested from Mr. Tom Castonguay, Grants Management Specialist, HIV/AIDS Bureau, HRSA, Parklawn Building, Room 7-27, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, 301 443-2385. Applicants for grants will use Form PHS 5161-1, approved under OMB Control Number 0937-0189.

The OMB Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for Health Care Facilities is 93.887.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel, Phase I Trial: Autologous, Tumor-pulsed Dendritic Cells.

Date: August 3-4, 1998.

Time: 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Contact Person: Martin H. Goldrosen, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Grants Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6130 Executive Boulevard, Room 635C, Rockville, MD 20852-7408, (301) 496-7930.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: July 10, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel, RFA 98-003—Peroxisome Proliferators and Mechanisms of Carcinogenesis.

Date: July 22, 1998.

Time: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIEHS-East Campus, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Bldg. 4401, Room 3162, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Contact Person: Carol K. Shreffler, Ph.D., Health Scientist Administrator, 104 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-1445.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel, Probing for Substrate Binding Residues of Mammalian FMOs.

Date: July 28, 1998.

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIEHS, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Conference Room 3446, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: David Brown, MPH, Nat'l Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-4964.

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Name of Committee: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel, Lead and CaMPKII Modulation of Hair Cells.

Date: July 29, 1998.

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIEHS, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Conference Room 3446, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: David Brown, MPH, Nat'l Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-4964.

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.115, Biometry and Risk Estimation—Health Risks from Environmental Exposures; 93.142, NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training; 93.143, NIEHS Superfund Hazardous Substances—Basic Research and Education; 93.894, Resources and Manpower Development in the Environmental Health Sciences; 93.113, Biological Response to Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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