

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 6C9, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: October 5, 1998, 4:30 PM to 5:45 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 6C9, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: October 6, 1998, 8:30 AM to adjournment.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 6C9, 31 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Story C. Landis, PhD, Director, Division of Intramural Activities, NINDS, National Institutes of Health, Building 36, Room 5A05, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-2232.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.853, Clinical Research Related to Neurological Disorders; 93.854, Biological Basis Research in the Neurosciences, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: September 3, 1998.

Anna Snouffer,

Acting Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Working Group on Public Participation in NIH Activities; Notice of Meeting

The Office of the Director (OD), National Institutes of Health (NIH), announces a meeting on public participation in NIH activities. The meeting is scheduled for September 23, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Conference Room 10, Building 31C, Sixth Floor, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. At the meeting, individual public participants invited by the NIH will discuss future activities and responsibilities of the proposed NIH Director's Council of Public Representatives, and the NIH Offices of Public Liaison. The NIH is the lead Federal agency that provides major support for medical research leading to the improvement of the nation's health. The NIH Director's Council of Public Representatives will serve as a forum for discussing issues and concerns and exchanging viewpoints that are important to NIH policies, programs, and research priorities. The NIH Offices of Public Liaison are expected to strengthen collaboration between the NIH and the public.

Establishment of the Director's Council of Public Representatives and the Offices of Public Liaison were recommendations from the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine's report—*Scientific Opportunities and Public Needs: Improving Priority Setting and Public Input at the National Institutes of Health*. The full text of the report is available on-line at the following site of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences: <http://www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/nih/>. Future activities will follow from the NIH's Office of Public Liaison and the Director's Council of Public Representatives.

The entire meeting is open to the public; however, seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be an overflow room available to listen to and view the proceedings of the meeting. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the contact person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Individual public participants invited by the NIH will be asked to express their views on matters related to the following:

Director's Council of Public Representatives

- What should be the responsibilities and activities of the Director's Council of Public Representatives?
- What is the role of this Director's Council of Public Representatives as compared to the role of other NIH Advisory Councils?
- Describe some activities that could be undertaken by the Director's Council of Public Representatives to encourage and improve public participation in NIH programs.
- What processes, mechanisms, and criteria should be used for identifying appropriate candidates to serve on the Director's Council of Public Representatives?

The NIH Offices of Public Liaison

- What should be the responsibilities and activities of the NIH Offices of Public Liaison?
- Should all of the Institute-level Offices of Public Liaison perform the same activities?
- How should the activities of the OD Office of Public Liaison differ from those of the Institute-level Offices of Public Liaison?
- How should NIH make the existence of the Offices of Public Liaison known and to whom?

- How should the Offices of Public Liaison reach out to draw the public into NIH activities?

- What programs and activities should the Offices of Public Liaison consider that have been particularly successful in providing public viewpoints to the NIH?

Additional Questions

- What should be the relationship between the Offices of Public Liaison and the Director's Council of Public Representatives?
- What programs from other research agencies or organizations could serve as models for either the Director's Council of Public Representatives or the Offices of Public Liaison in involving the public more effectively in NIH activities?
- What do various segments of the public need and want to know about the NIH's activities, research, and operations that could be imparted through the Director's Council of Public Representatives or the Offices of Public Liaison?
- How can the Director's Council of Public Representatives and/or the Offices of Public Liaison help in conveying this information to those segments of the public?
- Identify activities to disseminate information about and from the Offices of Public Liaison and the Director's Council of Public Representatives to the appropriate public audiences.

Discussion of these questions will help NIH in identifying people to serve on the Director's Council of Public Representatives and will be used by the Director's Council of Public Representatives and the Offices of Public Liaison to identify activities and frame the issues for discussion at future public meetings.

Public comments and requests for additional information should be mailed to Ms. Anne Thomas, Associate Director for Communications, National Institutes of Health, Building 1, Room 344, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Dated: September 2, 1998.

Anne Thomas,

Associate Director for Communications, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; 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 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: Microbiological and Immunological Sciences Special Emphasis Panel

Date: September 9, 1998.

Time: 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: William C. Branche, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4182, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1148.

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.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine, 93.306; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: September 3, 1998.

Anna Snouffer,

Program Analyst, NIH/CMO.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4341-N-26]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Johnston, room 7256, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1226; TTY

number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2465 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 24 CFR part 581 and section 501 of the Steward B. McKinney Homeless Assistant Act (42 U.S.C. 11411), as amended, HUD is publishing this Notice to identify Federal buildings and other real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. The properties were reviewed using information provided to HUD by Federal landholding agencies regarding unutilized and underutilized buildings and real property controlled by such agencies or by GSA regarding its inventory of excess or surplus Federal property. This Notice is also published in order to comply with the December 12, 1998 Court Order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.).

Properties reviewed are listed in this Notice according to the following categories: Suitable/available, suitable/unavailable, suitable/to be excess, and unsuitable. The properties listed in the three suitable categories have been reviewed by the landholding agencies, and each agency has transmitted to HUD: (1) Its intention to make the property available for use to assist the homeless, (2) its intention to declare the property excess to the agency's needs, or (3) a statement of the reasons that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use as facilities to assist the homeless.

Properties listed as suitable/available will be available exclusively for homeless use for a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice. Homeless assistance providers interested in any such property should send a written expression of interest to HHS, addressed to Brian Rooney, Division of Property Management, Program Support Center, HHS, room 5B-41, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443-2265. (This is not a toll-free number.) HHS will mail to the interested provider an application packet, which will include instructions for completing the application. In order to maximize the opportunity to utilize a suitable property, providers should submit their written expressions of interest as soon as possible. For complete details concerning the processing of applications, the reader is encouraged to refer to the interim rule governing this program, 24 CFR part 581.

For properties listed as suitable/to be excess, that property may, if

subsequently accepted as excess by GSA, be made available for use by the homeless in accordance with applicable law, subject to screening for other Federal use. At the appropriate time, HUD will publish the property in a Notice showing it as either suitable/available or suitable/unavailable.

For properties listed as suitable/unavailable, the landholding agency has decided that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use to assist the homeless, and the property will not be available.

Properties listed as unsuitable will not be made available for any other purpose for 20 days from the date of this Notice. Homeless assistance providers interested in a review by HUD of the determination of unsuitability should call the toll free information line at 1-800-927-7588 for detailed instructions or write a letter to Mark Johnston at the address listed at the beginning of this Notice. Included in the request for review should be the property address (including zip code), the date of publication in the **Federal Register**, the landholding agency, and the property number.

For more information regarding particular properties identified in this Notice (i.e., acreage, floor plan, existing sanitary facilities, exact street address), providers should contact the appropriate landholding agencies at the following addresses: ENERGY: Ms. Marsha Penhaker, Department of Energy, Facilities Planning and Acquisition Branch, FM-20, Room 6H-058, Washington, DC 20585; (202) 586-0426; GSA: Mr. Brian K. Polly, Assistant Commissioner, General Services Administration, Office of Property Disposal, 18th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20405; (202) 501-2059; INTERIOR: Ms. Lola D. Kane, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Mail Stop 5512-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; (202) 208-4080; NAVY: Mr. Charles C. Cocks, Department of the Navy, Director, Real Estate Policy Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Code 241A, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-2300; (703) 325-7342; VA: Mr. George L. Swarcman, Director, Land Management Service, 184A, Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Room 414, Lafayette Bldg., Washington, DC 20420; (202) 565-5941; (These are not toll-free numbers).

Note: Property Number 879630011 (Bldg. 439), Galveston, Texas was published in error on 8/28/98.