

*Date:* October 24–25, 1999.

*Time:* 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Pooks Hill Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* William A. Kachadorian, PhD, The Bethesda Gateway Building, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue/Suite 2c212, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-9666.

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**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; 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.

The meetings 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:* Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Initial Review Group, Visual Sciences C Study Section.

*Date:* October 11–12, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Carole L. Jelsema, PhD, Chief, MDCN Scientific Review Group, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5210, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1249, jelsemac@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Musculoskeletal and Dental Sciences Initial Review Group, General Medicine B Study Section.

*Date:* October 12–13, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Chevy Chase Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Shirley Hilden, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4218, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1198.

*Name of Committee:* Musculoskeletal and Dental Sciences Initial Review Group, Oral Biology and Medicine Subcommittee 1.

*Date:* October 12–13, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Old Town Alexandria, 480 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

*Contact Person:* Priscilla B. Chen, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4104, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1787.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 12–13, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* The Doyle Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

*Contact Person:* Joanne T. Fujii, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5218, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1178, fujij@drj.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 12–13, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Lee S. Mann, PhD, JD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3186, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0677.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 12, 1999.

*Time:* 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* St. James Hotel, 950 24th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Anita Miller Sostek, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3176, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0910.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1END01.

*Date:* October 12, 1999.

*Time:* 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Syed Amir, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific

Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6168, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1043.

*Name of Committee:* Biophysical and Chemical Sciences Initial Review Group, Medicinal Chemistry Study Section.

*Date:* October 13–15, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Ramada Inn, 1775 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Ronald J. Dubois, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, room 4156, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1722, duboisr@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Cell Development and Function Initial Review Group, Cell Development and Function 3.

*Date:* October 13–14, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Gerhard Ehrenspeck, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5138, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1022, ehrenspeckg@nih.csr.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 13–15, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Holiday Inn, Versailles III, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Gamil C. Debbas, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5170, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1018.

*Name of Committee:* Oncological Sciences Initial Review Group, Chemical Pathology Study Section.

*Date:* October 13–15, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Georgetown Holiday Inn, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Syed Quadri, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4144, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1211.

*Name of Committee:* Integrative, Functional, and Cognitive Neuroscience Initial Review Group, Visual Sciences B Study Section.

*Date:* October 13–14, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Leonard Jakubczak, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for

Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5172, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1247.

*Name of Committee:* Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Initial Review Group, Epidemiology and Disease Control Subcommittee 1.

*Date:* October 13-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Holiday Inn, Versailles, III, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* J. Scott Osborne, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4114, MSC 7816, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1782.

*Name of Committee:* Genetic Sciences Initial Review Group, Genetics Study Section.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Georgetown Holiday Inn, Kaleidoscope Room, 2101 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* David J. Remondini, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6154, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1038.

*Name of Committee:* Cell Development and Function Initial Review Group, Cell Development and Function 1.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Ramada Inn, 1775 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Michael H. Sayre, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5140, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1023.

*Name of Committee:* Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Initial Review Group, Alcohol and Toxicology Subcommittee 3.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Ave, Palladian West, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Christine Melchior, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4102, MSC 7816, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1713.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Georgetown Inn, 1310 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Carole L. Jelsema, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for

Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5222, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1249, jelsemac@drg.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Cardiovascular Sciences Initial Review Group, Hematology Subcommittee 1.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Robert Su, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4134, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1195.

*Name of Committee:* Cell Development and Function Initial Review Group, Cell Development and Function 5.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Sherry L. Dupere, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5136, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1021, duperes@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Initial Review Group, Virology Study Section.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Holiday Inn, Bethesda, MD 20017.

*Contact Person:* Rita Anand, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4188, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1151.

*Name of Committee:* Biochemical Sciences Initial Review Group, Medical Biochemistry Study Section.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Town Center, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

*Contact Person:* Alexander S. Liacouras, PhD, Scientific Review, Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5154, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1740.

*Name of Committee:* Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Initial Review Group, Tropical Medicine and Parasitology Study Section.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Jean Hickman, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for

Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4194, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1146.

*Name of Committee:* Cell Development and Function Initial Review Group, International and Cooperative Projects Study Section.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road, NW, Washington, DC 20015.

*Contact Person:* Sandy Warren, DMD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5134, MDC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1019.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

*Contact Person:* Victoria S. Levin, MSW, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3172, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0912, levinv@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Georgetown Suites, 1111 30th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Michael J. Kozak, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3170, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0913.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Carl D. Banner, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5212, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1251, banner@drg.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 IFCN-7 (01).

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* One Washington Circle, 1 Washington Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Bernard F. Driscoll, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for

Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5158, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1242.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 15, 1999.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Georgetown Inn, 1310 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Carole L. Jelsema, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5222, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1249, jelsemac@drg.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1-HEM-1 (01).

*Date:* October 15, 1999.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Robert T. Su, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4134, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1195.

*Name of Committee:* Surgery, Radiology and Bioengineering Initial Review Group, Diagnostic Imaging Study Section.

*Date:* October 17-19, 1999.

*Time:* 5 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Chevy Chase Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Lee Rosen, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5116, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1171.

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*Dated:* September 20, 1999.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Call for Public Comment: Changing the Conversation—A National Plan To Improve Substance Abuse Treatment

**AGENCY:** Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on five issues (domains) of concern to the substance abuse treatment field when assessing substance abuse treatment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is formally inviting public comment on five issues (domains) that are of concern to the substance abuse treatment field and require development and exploration. Via several mechanisms, including public hearings, CSAT intends that findings from the exploration of individual domains will ultimately be synthesized into a coherent national strategy to guide substance abuse treatment program and policy development for the future. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to comment in one of several ways: (1) In writing, by submission through the U.S. Mail or courier service; (2) via the National Treatment Plan web site (<http://www.NaTxPlan.org>); or (3) in person at one of the remaining two public hearings scheduled at locations across the country. The final cutoff date for comments is December 1, 1999. This notice discusses the public hearings at which interested individuals/organizations may testify regarding the five substance abuse treatment domains discussed below.

**DATES/LOCATIONS:** In addition to the public hearings held on July 8 in Hartford, Connecticut; September 16 in Chicago, Illinois; and October 18 in Washington, DC, CSAT plans to conduct two more public hearings in 1999—October 26 in Portland, Oregon, and November 8 in Tampa, Florida. The next hearing will be held at The Portland Building, 1120 S.W. Fifth Avenue, Meeting Room C-Second Floor, Portland, Oregon 97204, on October 26, 1999, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Specific details regarding subsequent hearings will be published in the **Federal Register** approximately one month prior to each hearing.

Requests to testify at the Portland, Oregon, public hearing must be submitted to the addressee indicated below by October 20, 1999. Seating is limited. In the event that interpretive services for the hearing-impaired are required, please indicate these special needs to the addressee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information regarding the hearing and/or testimonies, as well as requests to testify must be addressed to: Carol Coley, [Tele: (301) 443-6539; e-mail: [ccoley@samhsa.gov](mailto:ccoley@samhsa.gov); Fax: (301) 443-

8345], Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, SAMHSA, Rockwall II Building, Suite 880, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Written comments (without a request to personally testify) will also be accepted by the above addressee. Written testimonies are limited to five (5) typed pages using 1.5 line spacing and 12 point font.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Building on recent advances and studies, CSAT has initiated plans to focus on how to apply its extensive knowledge to the practical objective of improving treatment outcomes. The plans include synthesizing current knowledge and recommendations about treatment, service systems, application of best practices, diffusion methods, and organization and financing of substance abuse treatment services. Federal Government and outside experts, as well as the interested public, will explore the current state of the knowledge, resources, needs, and service and organizational capacity. The objective is the culling of priorities for action by the government and by others in the substance abuse treatment field. As noted above, CSAT is inviting the public to comment on five domains as part of the initial step of the plan. The domains, as well as some initial questions for exploration, include:

##### (1) Closing the Treatment Gap

Where are the gaps? How big are they for different populations? For different types of settings and treatment modalities? How big are gaps in other related systems of care, e.g., welfare, child welfare, housing? What are the policy, organization, and financing issues that must be addressed in the private and public systems, including Medicaid and Medicare, to close the treatment gap?

##### (2) Reducing Stigma and Changing Attitudes

What are the nature, causes and consequences of addiction stigma? What can CSAT, the treatment field, consumers and families do to address stigma related to addiction, substance abuse treatment and individuals with substance abuse disorders? How do other stigmas impact/compound the stigma of addiction?

##### (3) Improving and Strengthening Treatment Systems

What are the clinical and organizational challenges facing treatment organizations in the public and private sectors? What can CSAT,