Special Minority Initiatives, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of General Medical Sciences; 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 Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: June 27–28, 2001.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Laura K. Moen, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Scientific Review, National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Room 1AS–13H, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–594–3998, moenl@nigms.nih.gov

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.375, Minority Biomedical Research Support; 93.821, Cell Biology and Biophysics Research; 93.859, Pharmacology, Physiology, and Biological Chemistry Research; 93.862, Genetics and Developmental Biology Research; 93.88, Minority Access to Research Careers; 93.96, Special Minority Initiatives, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Library of Medicine; Notice of 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 open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. 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.

The portions of the meeting devoted to the review and evaluation of journals for potential indexing by the National Library of Medicine will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(9)(B), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. Premature disclosure of the titles of the journals as potential titles to be indexed by the National Library of Medicine, the discussions, and the presence of individuals associated with these publications could significantly frustrate the review and evaluation of individual journals.

Name of Committee: Literature Selection Technical Review Committee.

Date: June 21–22, 2001.

Open: June 21, 2001, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Agenda: Administrative reports and program developments.

Place: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Board Room, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Closed: June 21, 2001, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate journals as potential titles to be indexed by the National Library of Medicine.

Place: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Board Room, Bldg 38, Rm 2E–09, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Closed: June 22, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate journals as potential titles to be indexed by the National Library of Medicine.

Place: National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Board Room, Bethesda, MD 20894.

Contact Person: Sheldon Kotzin, BA, Chief, Bibliographic Services Division, Division of Library Operations, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bldg 38A/Room 4N419, Bethesda, MD 20894.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.879, Medical Library Assistance, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program; Meeting of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors

Pursuant to Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors, U.S. Public Health Service, in Rooms A & B of the Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building, South Campus, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina on May 25, 2001.

The NTP Board of Scientific Counselors (the Board) is composed of scientists from the public and private sector and provides primary scientific oversight to the NTP.

Agenda

The May 25th meeting is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to adjournment with attendance limited only by the space available. A draft agenda with tentative schedule is provided below. Primary agenda topics include: (1) Review and discussion of draft guidelines for the NTP Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction's (CERHR) expert panels, (2) the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination's (ICCEC) testing recommendations for substances nominated for future NTP studies, (3) the NTP's tentative study plans for hexavalent chromium, and (4) presentations about chemical disposition and toxicokinetic studies of substances by the NTP and use of this data in pharmacokinetic modeling. There will also be updates on activities of the Board's Report on Carcinogens and Technical Reports Review Subcommittees. The Board will review a concept proposal for the continued use of a contract mechanism to investigate the mechanisms of toxicity, absorption, tissue distribution, metabolism and clearance of substances under study by the NTP. Time is allotted during the meeting for the public to present comments to the Board and NTP staff on agenda topics.

CERHR Draft Guidelines for Expert Panels

The Draft Guidelines are posted on the CERHR web site (*http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov*) or can be obtained in hard copy from the Executive Secretary (see below). Written public comments are being solicited on the Draft Guidelines (see the **Federal Register** notice posted on the NTP web site: *http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov*, under Announcements or contact the Executive Secretary). Persons wishing to provide oral comments to the Board and/or NTP staff may register to do so as instructed below. However, if the public submits written comments in response to the **Federal Register** notice noted above, they are under consideration and do not need to be resubmitted or readdressed.

ICCEC Testing Recommendations for Substances Nominated for Future NTP Studies

Information about substances nominated to the NTP for toxicology and carcinogenesis studies and the ICCEC's testing recommendations are provided in the **Federal Register** notice dated December 4, 2000 (Vol. 65, No. 233, pages 75727–75730). The **Federal Register** notice and supporting documents for each nomination are available on the NTP web site at *http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/htdocs/liason/ICCEC102700finalFR.html* or may be obtained by contacting the Executive Secretary. Substances under consideration are listed below.

Substances recommended for testing: Aluminum complexes found in drinking water (Aluminum fluoride and Aluminum citrate), Bilberry fruit extract, Black cohosh, Blue-Green algae (dietary supplement), Cefuroxime, Clarithromycin, D&C Red No. 27 and D&C Red No. 28, N,N-Dimethyl-p-toluidine, Lemon Oil and Lime Oil, Local anesthetics that metabolize to 2,6-xylidine or o-toluidine (Bupivacaine and Prilocaine), Microcystin-LR, Organotins occurring in drinking water (Monomethyltin trichloride, Dimethyltin dichloride, Monobutyltin trichloride, and Dibutyltin dichloride), All-trans-retinyl palmitate, S-Adenosylmethionine, and Senna.

Substances for which a testing recommendation is deferred pending receipt and consideration of additional information: 1,3-Dichloropropane, 2,2-Dichloropropane, and 1,1-Dichloropropene; Hydergine; and Yohimbe bark extract and Yohimbine.

Hexavalent Chromium

A study of the carcinogenic potential of hexavalent chromium administered in drinking water (CAS number 18540–29–9) was nominated to the NTP by the California Congressional delegation, the California Environmental Protection Agency, and the California Health and Human Services Agency. Although hexavalent chromium is an established human lung carcinogen in certain occupational settings, presumably as a result of inhalation exposure, there is uncertainty regarding long-term consequences of exposure to hexavalent chromium compounds in the water supply. Toxicological data on the chronic toxicity and carcinogenicity of hexavalent chromium after oral exposure are largely inadequate to establish or characterize the hazard. The NTP will present to the Board tentative study plans for its review and comment. This meeting also provides an opportunity for the public to offer comment to the Board and NTP staff on any issues to be considered in the design of the NTP rodent study on the carcinogenic potential of hexavalent chromium administered in drinking water. Persons may register to provide oral comments or submit written comments as instructed below. A primary source of background material on hexavalent chromium is a document prepared by the California Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment entitled ''Public Health Goal for Chromium in Drinking Water'' and is available on the California EPA's web site *http://calepa.ca.gov/*.

Public Comment Encouraged

Public input at the meeting is invited and time is set aside for the presentation of public comments on any agenda topic. At least seven minutes will be allotted to each speaker, and if time permits, may be extended to 10 minutes. Persons registering to make oral comments are asked to provide their name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization (if any). Each organization is allowed one time slot per agenda topic. To facilitate planning for the meeting, persons interested in providing formal oral comments are asked to notify Dr. Mary Wolfe, NTP Board Executive Secretary, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD A3–07, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (telephone 919–541–3971, fax 919–541–0295, and e-mail *wolfe@niehs.nih.gov*). Persons registering to make oral comments are asked, if possible, to provide a copy of their statement to the Executive Secretary by May 16, to enable review by the Board and NTP staff prior to the meeting. Written statements can supplement and may expand the oral presentation. Individuals will also be able to register to give oral public comments on-site at the meeting. However, if registering on-site and reading from written text, please bring 25 copies of the statement for distribution to the Board and NTP staff and to supplement the record.

Persons may also submit written comments in lieu of making oral comments. Written comments should be sent to the Executive Secretary and must be received by May 16, to enable review by the Board and NTP staff prior to the meeting as well as to supplement the record. Persons submitting written comments should include their name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization (if any) in the document.

Additional Information About Meeting

Prior to the meeting, a copy of the agenda and a roster of the Board's members will be available on the NTP web site at *http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov* and upon request to the Executive Secretary (contact information provided above). Following the meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and available through the NTP web site and upon request to Central Data Management, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD E1–02, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone 919–541–3419; fax 919–541–3687; and e-mail *CDM@niehs.nih.gov.*

NTP Board of Scientific Counselors

The Board is a technical advisory body comprised of scientists from the public and private sectors who provide primary scientific oversight to the overall Program and to the NTP Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction. Specifically, the Board advises the NTP on matters of scientific program content, both present and future, and conducts periodic review of the Program for the purposes of determining and advising on the scientific merit of its activities and their overall scientific quality. Its members are selected from recognized authorities knowledgeable in fields such as toxicology, pharmacology, pathology, biochemistry, epidemiology, risk assessment, carcinogenesis, mutagenesis, molecular biology, behavioral and neurotoxicology, immunotoxicology, reproductive toxicology or teratology, and biostatistics. The NTP strives for equitable geographic distribution and minority and female representation on the Board. Its members are invited to serve overlapping terms of up to four years and meetings are held once or

twice annually for the Board and its two subcommittees (the Report on Carcinogens Subcommittee and the Technical Reports Review Subcommittee).

Dated: April 19, 2001.

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Deputy Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

Preliminary Agenda —National Toxicology Program (NTP),Board of Scientific Counselors—May 25, 2001

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Rall Building, South Campus, Rodbell Conference Auditorium, Rooms A & BResearch Triangle Park, North Carolina

8:30 a.m.
Welcome and Opening Comments
NTP Update
Presentation on NTP Chemical Disposition and Toxicokinetic Studies
Presentation on Pharmacokinetic Modeling of Compounds Studied by the NTP
Concept Review (ACTION)
NTP CERHR—Draft Guidelines for Expert Panels
Public Comments
12:15 p.m.
Lunch
1:15 p.m.
ICCEC Testing Recommendations for Future NTP Studies
Public Comments
Hexavalent Chromium
Public Comments
NTP Board Subcommittee Reviews—Updates
- Report on Carcinogens
- Technical Reports

Public Comments
4–4:30 p.m.
Adjourn

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443–7978.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Participant Feedback Forms for Two CMHS Mental Health Education Training Initiatives—New—This project will collect feedback from mental health professionals who receive training from any of the CMHS-supported Minority Community Based Organizations or Behavioral Health Professional Association contractors. The forms proposed for use in collecting the feedback are refined versions of feedback forms required for use by the Mental Health Care Provider Education in HIV/AIDS Program II and approved by OMB under control number 0930–0195.

The range of mental health issues covered is broad and, depending on the needs of the audiences, the training sites may use any of the following types of curricula: General, ethics, neuropsychiatric, neuropsychiatric designed for non-psychiatrists, and an adherence curriculum. Education sites also vary the complexity and intensity of the training sessions, resulting in sessions of variable length. Service providers attending sessions shorter than 6 hours will provide feedback by completing a single form at the end of the training session. Those attending sessions 6 hours or longer will be asked to complete forms both before and after the training session in order to assess both satisfaction and perceived knowledge gain. Education sites funded under these initiatives will vary considerably in their prior experience in conducting trainings, with some organizations having significant prior experience while others will be developing their training programs. The burden estimates below incorporate and reflect reasonable assumptions regarding the volume, type and length of training sessions conducted by the various organizations likely to be funded under these two initiatives.

The Minority HIV/AIDS Mental Health Services Initiative is expected to be comprised of 12 minority community-based organizations providing mental health HIV/AIDS education trainings to traditional and non-traditional mental health service providers. Estimates of the numbers of mental health professionals trained and types of training sessions conducted are based on the assumption that half (6) of the funded education sites will be existing education programs and the other half will be new education sites. The six new education sites are expected to train about 300 individuals annually using the general curriculum (and corresponding form—The Participant Feedback Form) with their training sessions being less than 6 hours long. These sites will conduct, on average about 15 training sessions per year with approximately 20 people attending each session.

The remaining six sites are expected to be education sites with existing education training programs and are expected to conduct a total of 25 training sessions each per year with about 20 individuals attending each training session. These six sites should therefore train a total 500 individuals each per year. The majority of these sessions will be less than 6 hours long (about 76% or 19 sessions of the 25 sessions). In contrast to the new education sites, however, these sites are likely to use all of the following curricula: General, ethics, neuropsychiatric, neuropsychiatric designed for non-psychiatrists, and the adherence curriculum. Of the 19 training sessions that are shorter than 6 hours, 10 are expected to use the general curriculum, 3 will use the adherence curriculum, and 2 sessions each for the ethics, neuropsychiatric, neuropsychiatric for non-psychiatrists. Four of the 6 sessions that are longer than 6 hours are expected to use the general curriculum and corresponding pre/post participant forms, and 2 will use the neuropsychiatric curriculum with the accompanying corresponding pre/post neuropsychiatric participant forms. Burden estimates are presented in Table 1 below.

The Behavioral Health Professional Health Association Training Initiative is a continuation effort. This initiative will consist of three Associations providing training to mental health professionals both within and outside of their disciplines. These Associations are required to train a minimum of 1,000 mental health professionals per year using the general, ethics, neuropsychiatric, neuropsychiatric for non-psychiatrists, and adherence curricula. They all have prior experience training mental health professionals and will conduct sessions that are of variable length (i.e., shorter and longer than 6 hours long). Each Association will conduct about 57 trainings per year, the majority of which