

education efforts in support of Agency programs.

- Serves as the focal point for all Agency interactions with managed health care organizations for issues relating to Agency programs' policy and operations.

- Develops national policies and procedures related to the development, qualification and compliance of health maintenance organizations, competitive medical plans and other health care delivery systems and purchasing arrangements (such as prospective pay, case management, differential payment, selective contracting, *etc.*) necessary to assure the effective administration of the Agency's programs, including the development of statutory proposals.

- Handles all phases of contracts with managed health care organizations eligible to provide care to Medicare beneficiaries.

- Coordinates the administration of individual benefits to assure appropriate focus on long term care, where applicable, and assumes responsibility for the operational efforts related to the payment aspects of long term care and post-acute care services.

6. Office of Research, Development and Information

- Provides analytic support and information to the Administrator and the Executive Council needed to establish Agency goals and directions.

- Performs environmental scanning, identifying, evaluating, and reporting emerging trends in health care delivery and financing and their interactions with Agency programs.

- Manages strategic, crosscutting initiatives.

- Designs and conducts research and evaluations of health care programs, studying their impacts on beneficiaries, providers, plans, States and other partners and customers, designing and assessing potential improvements, and developing new measurement tools.

- Coordinates all Agency demonstration activities, including development of the research and demonstration annual plan, evaluation of all Agency demonstrations, and assistance to other components in the design of demonstrations and studies.

- Manages assigned demonstrations, including Federal review, approval, and oversight; coordinates and participates with departmental components in experimental health care delivery projects.

- Develops research, demonstration, and other publications and papers related to health care issues.

- Serves as a contact in CMS for international visitors. Responds to requests from intergovernmental

agencies and the international community for information related to the United States health care system.

- Designs and conducts payment, purchasing, and benefits demonstrations.

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Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Environmental Factors in the Development of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection: Title: Environmental Factors in the Development of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of OMB No. 0925-0483 and expiration date 2/28/2003. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* The purpose of this study is to identify a cohort of living female twin pairs in which at least one member is likely to have Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) for future study. Potential participants (~3,700) will come from the Mid-Atlantic Twin Registry (MATR) and were chosen based on their answers to several questions (in a preliminary MATR survey) concerning irregular periods and a history of polycystic cystic ovaries. The instrument to be used here will be administered by telephone by professional interviewers at the MATR. It contains 15 simple and direct questions and will take about 10 minutes to complete. Its contents deal with the frequency of menstrual periods, a history of polycystic ovaries, obesity, excess facial hair and other evidence of hyperandrogenism. Since this is such a short telephone survey,

participants will receive no prior notification. Informed consent will be asked for verbally over the phone at the time of the interview. All participants will be asked about their willingness to participate in future studies if their answers meet certain criteria. The major objectives of future studies using this cohort are to determine more reliable concordance rates for PCOS in monozygotic and dizygotic twins, establish baseline heritability estimates, and develop hypotheses concerning possible pathogenetic and/or environmental factors. The findings from this study will aid in developing: (1) genetic tests to identify high risk women; (2) preventative strategies; and (3) more effective therapies for PCOS and related syndromes such as type 2 diabetes, obesity, idiopathic hyperandrogenism, and male pattern baldness. *Frequency of Response:* One time. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households. *Type of Respondents:* Adult women. The annual reporting burden is as follows: *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 3,700 *Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 1; *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 0.167; and *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 206 per year for 3 years. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$6,179.00. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For Further Information Contact: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Dr. Patricia C. Chulada, Clinical Research Scientist, Clinical Research Office, NIEHS, PO Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 or call non-toll-free number (919)

541-7736 or e-mail your request, including your address to: "chulada@niehs.nih.gov".

Comments Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60-days of the date of this publication.

Dated: October 11, 2002.

Francine Little,

Associate Director for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Sleep Disorders Research Advisory Board.

The meeting will be open to the public, 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.

Name of Committee: Sleep Disorders Research Advisory Board.

Date: December 11, 2002.

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

Agenda: To discuss sleep research and education priorities and programs.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Conference Room D, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Carl E. Hunt, MD, Director, National Center on Sleep Disorders Research, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 10138, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0199.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's Home page: www.nhlbi.nih.gov/meetings/index.htm, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.233, National Center for Sleep Disorders Research; 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: October 18, 2002.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research; 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 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: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel 03-16, Review of R13 Grants.

Date: November 20, 2002.

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 45 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Room 3AN12, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: H. George Hausch, PhD, Acting Director, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel 03-06, Review of R01 Grants.

Date: December 3, 2002.

Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

Place: Natcher Building, Room 4AN44, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: H. George Hausch, PhD, Acting Director, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel 03-19, Review of R44 Grants.

Date: December 6, 2002.

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: H. Peter Zelazowski, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Inst. of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of

Health, 45 Center Dr., Rm, Bethesda, MD 20892-6402.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel 03-24, Review of R01 Grants.

Date: December 10, 2002.

Time: 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 45 Center Drive, Natcher Bldg., Conf. Rms. A & D, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: H. George Hausch, PhD, Acting Director, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel 03-20, Review of R44 Grants.

Date: December 18, 2002.

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 45 Center Drive, Natcher building, Conference Room C, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: H. Peter Zelazowski, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Inst. of Dental and Craniofacial Research, National Institutes of Health, 45 Center Dr., Rm, Bethesda, MD 20892-6402.

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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.

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