

amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

Purpose/Agenda: To review individual grant applications.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: May 1, 1998.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5160, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Samuel Rawlings, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5160, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1243.

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

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: May 31–June 1, 1998.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Key Bridge Marriott, Arlington, VA.

Contact Person: Dr. Lee Rosen, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5116, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1711.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: June 22–23, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Ramada Inn, Rockville, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Joe Marwah, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5188, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1253.

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

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 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: April 20, 1998.

LaVeen Ponds,

Acting Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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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 Center

for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

Purpose/Agenda: To review individual grant applications.

Name of SEP: Microbiological and Immunological Sciences.

Date: May 5, 1998.

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4182, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. William Branche, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4182, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1148.

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

Name of SEP: Clinical Sciences.

Date: May 20, 1998.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4106, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Ms. Josephine Pelham, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4106, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1786.

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

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 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: April 22, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Cooperative Agreement With the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors

AGENCY: Center for Mental Health Services, SAMHSA, HHS.

ACTION: Cooperative agreement to support a technical assistance center for States in planning mental health services.

SUMMARY: This notice is to provide information to the public concerning a planned grant from the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) to the National Association of State Mental

Health Program Directors to fund the Technical Assistance Center (TA Center) for State Mental Health Planning. If the application is recommended for approval by the Initial Review Group, and the CMHS National Advisory Council concurs, funds will be made available. This is not a formal request for applications. Assistance will be provided only to the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors.

Authority/Justification

The cooperative agreement will be made under the authority of section 1948(a) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300x-58). A single source award will be made to the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) based on its close relationship with the single State mental health authorities (SMHAs). This relationship provides NASMHPD with a unique qualification to carry out the activities of this cooperative agreement, which require such an affiliation with the State agencies. As the organization representing all State mental health agencies, NASMHPD is the only organization whose membership is composed of the persons directly responsible for the administration of public mental health policies in the respective States. NASMHPD enjoys a full 59-State and territorial membership of the Mental Health Services Block Grant recipients, as well as a full, continuous, and fruitful communication with the leadership and staff of these agencies. It thus has staff who are uniquely knowledgeable about the needs of the States, and is in a unique position to assess the actual and verified needs of the States for technical assistance.

Background

One of the primary goals of the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant is to assist States in the creation of a comprehensive, community-based system of care for adults with severe mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbances. The burden of providing for mental health services lies primarily with the States. Block grant legislation requires CMHS to collaborate with the States in meeting this obligation by helping them to determine their needs and by cooperating with them in identifying appropriate technical assistance to help them in planning ways of meeting their programmatic obligations.

The primary goals of this program are:

(1) To assist States in the implementation of their mental health block grant plans and the enhancement of their comprehensive coordinated systems of care to better serve adults with severe mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbance;

(2) To promote the development of the Mental Health Planning Councils so they can assist the States in implementing mental health block grant plans and enhance their systems of care;

(3) To collaborate with stakeholders in the mental health system in the expansion and dissemination of knowledge and practices that will result in long-lasting improvements in the design, delivery, and evaluation of public mental health services;

(4) To assist States in developing mental health systems that are consumer oriented, sensitive to family member needs, and culturally competent;

(5) To be able to determine the "unmet need" and assist States in developing strategies to ensure that the gap is bridged between the need for services and service availability and delivery.

NASMHPD, through its needs assessment surveys, frequent contact in "meet me" telephone conferences, focus groups, semi-annual meetings, and electronic communication channels, can rapidly address information to the specific needs of the States, its members, and evaluate member response, and can communicate technical mental health information from the States to the TA Center and vice versa. Such capability provides a singular benefit to the States in that information that is invaluable to program success but generally unavailable because of Federal process requirements becomes available to States through NASMHPD's close organizational relationship with its members.

Because of its research activities, this organization is also able to identify the prime movers in the mental health field, and to enlist them in the creation of authority-articulated clinical, management, and fiscal model standards. Also through NASMHPD's membership, the TA Center's knowledge base and technical assistance extends to the State mental health planning councils, to block grant sub-recipient programs, and thence to consumers and their families.

Availability of Funds

The project will be for a 3-year period with \$700,000 available for the first year. Future year funding will depend

on the availability of funds and program performance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marie Danforth, M.S.W. or Velva Taylor Spriggs, L.I.S.W., CMHS/SAMHSA, Parklawn Building, Room 15C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone (301) 443-4257.

Dated: April 21, 1998.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-040-1610-00]

Draft Caliente Management Framework Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement for the Management of Desert Tortoise Habitat

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Caliente Management Framework Plan amendment and environmental impact statement for the management of desert tortoise habitat, Lincoln County, NV; and notice of 90 day public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Draft Plan Amendment/Environmental Impact Statement for the Caliente Management Framework Plan would implement management goals and actions for Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-administered desert tortoise habitat in Lincoln County, Nevada. The Mojave desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) was listed as a threatened species in 1990, based on declining numbers in some areas of its range. These goals and actions, recommended in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's approved Desert Tortoise (Mojave Population) Recovery Plan, would assist the recovery and delisting of the desert tortoise in the Northeastern Mojave Recovery Unit. This amendment is required to comply with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 which mandates that all federal agencies will conserve and recover listed species within their administrative units. The accompanying EIS satisfies the National Environmental Policy Act, which mandates that federal agencies analyze the environmental consequences of major federal action.

The planning area for this amendment consists of approximately 754,600 acres of public land in southern Lincoln County, administered by the Caliente Field Station, within BLM's Ely District.

No private lands would be directly affected by management direction described under the Proposed Action or alternatives. The planning area is located within the Northeastern Mojave Recovery Unit, as defined by the Recovery Plan. The document discusses several alternatives for the protection of desert tortoise habitat and recovery of the species.

DATES: Public Meetings will be held on June 17, 1998 at the Texas Station, 2101 Texas Star Lane in North Las Vegas, NV between 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on June 18, 1998 at the Caliente Youth Center in Caliente, NV between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. The Caliente public meeting will be held in conjunction with the Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council. Written comments on the Draft EIS will be accepted until August 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Public comments may be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, Ely Field Office, Gene L. Drais, Project Manager, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 98301-9408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Write to the above address or call Gene L. Drais, Project Manager at (702) 289-1880.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Action would assist desert tortoise recovery, while minimizing effects on human activities that occur within Desert Tortoise habitat. It includes recommendations derived from the Recovery Plan and public input, multiple use considerations, as well as management actions designed to be consistent with those proposed by adjacent BLM districts. The Proposed Action would: (1) Designate three Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs); (2) implement management prescriptions for desert tortoise habitat outside of the ACECs; (3) ensure BLM participation in a USFWS-developed environmental education program; and (4) implement a USFWS-approved interagency monitoring program. The three ACECs, totaling 212,500 acres, would protect 83 percent of designated critical habitat.

Management prescriptions, designed to improve desert tortoise habitat, would modify or restrict some multiple uses, including livestock grazing, off-highway vehicle recreation, land use authorizations, and mineral development within the ACECs. Section 7 consultation would continue to be conducted with the USFWS on any federal action that might affect listed species.

Alternative A (Habitat Management Alternative) contains management goals