

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Cooperative Agreement With the National Rural Health Association

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of cooperative agreement award.

SUMMARY: The federal Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announces its intent to award funds in fiscal year (FY) 1998 to continue support of a cooperative agreement with the National Rural Health Association (NRHA), Kansas City, Missouri.

The Federal ORHP seeks solutions to the health care problems of rural communities by working with Federal agencies, the States, national associations, foundations, and private sector organizations. This award will continue a number of projects designed to (1) help build national, State, and community infrastructure through a variety of approaches including workshops, conferences, technical assistance, and other outreach efforts, and (2) help develop and provide current information to a wide audience through various mechanisms including journals, meetings, educational forums, and other dissemination efforts. This cooperative agreement will continue an ongoing partnership with significant involvement and input from ORHP staff in selection of all projects and in development and implementation of the work plan.

HRSA plans to award this cooperative agreement to the NRHA because of its unique characteristics, skills, and superior qualifications in the area of rural health care. NRHA is the only organization with a broad and diverse membership from rural areas throughout the country, a clear mission to improve the delivery of health services in rural areas, and the staff capability to provide research, educational, leadership, and information support to help rural citizens build, maintain, and improve the institutions that can meet their health care needs.

This cooperative agreement is authorized under Sec. 301 of the PHS Act, with funds appropriated under Pub. L. 105-78 (HHS Appropriations Act for FY 1998).

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS: Approximately \$460,000 will be made available for obligation to support this cooperative agreement for a budget period of one

year and a project period of five years beginning in FY 1999.

OTHER AWARD INFORMATION: This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented by 45CFR Part 100). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.912C. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Jerry Coopey, Director of Government Affairs, Office of Rural Health Policy, Parklawn Building, Room 9-05, Rockville, Maryland 20857 at (301) 443-0835.

Dated: July 27, 1998.

Claude Earl Fox,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Notice of Establishment

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), the Director, National Institutes of Health, announces the establishment of the National Cancer Institute Director's Consumer Liaison Group (Committee).

This Committee will advise and make recommendations to the Director, National Cancer Institute, from the perspective and viewpoint of cancer consumer advocates on a wide variety of issues, programs and research priorities. The Committee will serve as a channel for consumer advocates to voice their views and concerns.

Unless renewed by appropriate action prior to its expiration, the charter for the National Cancer Institute Director's Consumer Liaison Group will expire two years from the date of establishment.

Dated: July 24, 1998.

Harold Varmus,

Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; 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 on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel Program Projects Review Committee.

Date: August 5, 1998.

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institute on Drug Abuse, Office of Extramural Program Review, Parklawn Bldg., Room 10-42, Rockville, MD 20857 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Rita Liu, Health Scientist Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-22, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443-9042.

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. 93.277, Drug Abuse Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, Scientist Development Awards, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, (HHS)

Dated: July 28, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; 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 Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, ZDK1 GRB B O1

Date: August 10–11, 1998

Time: August 10, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications

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

Contact Person: Ned Feder, Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, Building 45, Room 6AS–25S, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: July 28, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the National Institute of Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel, August 3, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to August 3, 1998, 5:00 p.m., Ritz-Carlton Hotel at Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA, 22202 which was published in the **Federal Register** on July 10, 1998, Citation #004683.

The date of this meeting has been changed to August 3–4, 1998. The Committee will convene from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on August 3, and from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on August 4. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: July 28, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; 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 a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIDA.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, including consideration of personnel qualification and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Board of Scientific Counselors, NIDA.

Date: August 4, 1998.

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

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

Place: Division of Intramural Research, NIDA, John Hopkins Bayview Campus, Bldg. C, 2nd Floor Auditorium, 5500 Nathan Shock Drive, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Contact Person: Stephen J. Heishman, Research Psychologist, Clinical Pharmacology Branch, Addiction Research Center, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 5500 Nathan Shock Drive, Baltimore, MD 21224, (410) 550–1547.

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

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos., National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: July 28, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; 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 contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 18, 1998.

Time: 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: Parklawn Building—Room 17–94, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Contact Person: Michael J. Moody, Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 9–105, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–443–3367.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.242, Mental Health Research Grants; 93.281, Scientist Development Award, Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, and Research Scientist Award; 93.282, Mental Health National Research Service Awards for Research Training, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; 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 contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.