

Proposed Project: Survey of Provider Practices in Retrieving Statewide Authorized Newborn Screening Results NEW

The ability of the primary care pediatrician to access rapidly the results of mandated State newborn screening test results for their patients may suffer from poor communication from the State newborn screening system. The purpose of this preliminary survey is:

(1) To determine current practices of primary care pediatricians in retrieving

results of Statewide newborn screening tests;

(2) To assess the effectiveness and timeliness of State newborn screening systems in providing results to the primary care pediatrician; and,

(3) To assess the satisfaction of primary care pediatricians with the communication and retrieval aspects of the mandated State newborn screening system.

This survey is being conducted in order to obtain more direct information regarding current practices as they

impact on the primary care providers ability to access, retrieve and document the results of newborn screening. The study population will consist of 4,000 randomly selected board certified primary care pediatricians who are members of the American Academy of Pediatrics. An assessment of current practices in retrieving results of Statewide newborn screening will be accomplished using a self-administered mail questionnaire.

The estimated respondent burden is as follows:

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Pediatricians	4,000	1	8 minutes	533

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: October 5, 1998.

Jane Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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Resources, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Two Rockledge Center, Suite 10160, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301/435-0080).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: October 5, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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Place: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Federal Building, Room 9C10, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892-9175, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Phillip F. Wiethorn, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, NINDS, National Institutes of Health, PHS, DHHS, Federal Building, Room 9C10, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-9223.

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. 93.853, Clinical Research Related to Neurological Disorders; 93.854, Biological Basis Research in the Neurosciences, 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 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 Sickle Cell Disease Advisory Committee.

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: Sickle Cell Disease Advisory Committee.

Date: November 13, 1998.

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

Agenda: To discuss recommendations on the implementation and evaluation of the NHLBI sickle cell disease program.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Two Rockledge Center, Conference Room 9104, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Elaine Sloand, MD, Acting Director, Division of Blood Diseases and

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 552(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 Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: October 14, 1998.

Time: 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4385-D-01]

Designation of Senior Procurement Executive and Revocation and Delegation of Procurement Authority

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of designation of Senior Procurement Executive and revocation and delegation of procurement authority.

SUMMARY: In this Notice, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development transfers the designation of Senior Procurement Executive from the Assistant Secretary for Administration

to the Chief Procurement Officer, and transfers all procurement authority for the Department to the Chief Procurement Officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 6, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Edward L. Girovasi, Jr., Director, Policy and Field Operations Division, Office of Procurement and Contracts, Room 5262, 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-0294 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD is implementing a major agency-wide improvement effort. The details of this reform effort are set forth in the HUD 2020 Management Reform Plan, which was published in the **Federal Register** on August 12, 1997 (62 FR 43204). The reforms are directed toward: (1) empowering people and communities to improve themselves; and (2) restoring the public trust in the Department's programs and operations.

As part of Secretary Cuomo's efforts to redesign the contract performance process to improve management oversight and operations, the Secretary recently created the position of Chief Procurement Officer. The Chief Procurement Officer, who will report directly to the Deputy Secretary, will be responsible for all Departmental procurement activities and for leading the implementation of contracting best practices and reforms.

This Notice presents a major step toward reforming the Department's procurement activities. In this Notice, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development revokes the Notice of Delegation of Authority published in the **Federal Register** on April 15, 1994 (59 FR 18276), which designated the Assistant Secretary for Administration as the Department's Senior Procurement Executive, and which delegated all procurement authority for the Department to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development then designates the Chief Procurement Officer as the Department's Senior Procurement Executive and delegates all procurement authority for the Department to the Chief Procurement Officer.

Accordingly, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development hereby revokes, designates and delegates as follows:

Section A. Authority Revoked

This document revokes the Notice of Delegation of Authority published in the

Federal Register on April 15, 1994 (59 FR 18276), which designated the Assistant Secretary for Administration as the Department's Senior Procurement Executive, and which delegated all procurement authority for the Department to the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

Section B. Designation and Delegation of Authority

The Chief Procurement Officer is herein designated as the Department's Senior Procurement Executive, and is authorized to exercise all duties, responsibilities, and powers of the Secretary with respect to Departmental procurement. The authority delegated to the Chief Procurement Officer includes the following duties, responsibilities and powers:

1. Authority to enter into, administer, and/or terminate all procurement contracts and interagency agreements within the Department and make related determinations and findings. Included within the authority delegated herein is the authority to order debarment, suspension, and/or limited denial of participation sanctions, pursuant to HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 24.

2. Responsibility for procurement program development, including:

(a) Implementation of procurement initiatives, best practices, and reforms;

(b) In coordination with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, determination of specific areas where Government-wide performance standards should be established and applied, and development of Government-wide procurement policies, regulations, and standards;

(c) Establishment and maintenance of an evaluation program for all procurement activities within the Department;

(d) Development of programs to enhance the professionalism of the Department's procurement work force, including the establishment of educational, training and experience requirements for procurement personnel; and,

(e) Development of all Departmental procurement policy, regulations and procedures.

Section C. Authority To Issue Rules and Regulations

The Chief Procurement Officer is authorized to issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the authority delegated under Section B.

Section D. Authority To Redelegate

The Chief Procurement Officer is authorized to redelegate to qualified

employees of the Department any of the authority delegated under Section B.

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 414(2) and (3); Sec. 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: October 6, 1998.

Andrew Cuomo,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4386-D-01]

Revocation and Redelegation of Procurement Authority

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of revocation and redelegation of procurement authority.

SUMMARY: In this Notice, the Chief Procurement Officer revokes all current redelegations of procurement authority and redelegates procurement authority to the Director, Office of Procurement and Contracts. The Director, Office of Procurement and Contracts further redelegates certain procurement authority to each Director, Field Contracting Operations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 6, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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In an accompanying Notice published elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**, the Secretary of HUD transfers the designation of Senior Procurement Executive from the Assistant Secretary for Administration to the Chief Procurement Officer, and transfers all Departmental procurement authority to