

respondents, academic administrators, as well as students—to understand their particular experiences and perspectives and to explore possible improvements.

Three major areas are currently of great interest to the Commission:

1. *A New Definition of Research Misconduct.* The Commission believes that any definition needs to address the full extent of serious research misconduct, but must avoid a definition that is too broad, vague, and potentially unfair. In addition, a two-tiered approach for research integrity, or failures thereof, would be useful; it would emphasize institutional responsibility, and reserve an oversight role for the Federal Government.

2. *Assurance for Institutions and Accountability for Federally-Funded Research.* The Commission is considering that each institution receiving Federal funds develop and submit for Federal review and approval assurances concerning the establishment and implementation of: (a) Good research practices and professional norms; (b) procedures for disseminating that information throughout its community; and (c) educational activities designed to foster practice of the highest ethical standards in the conduct of research for all researchers. Topics affecting good research practices that might be addressed in institutional assurances include: data recording and retention; supervisory responsibility; authorship practices; protection of witnesses; and other professional conduct bearing directly on the integrity of Federally supported research.

3. *Bill of Rights for Witnesses.* Testimony from witnesses (also called "whistleblowers") who had challenged perceived research misconduct reaffirms the Commission's mandate to propose effective whistleblower protection rules. Witnesses have stated that retaliation occurs with sufficient frequency and impact to have a chilling effect on potential witnesses throughout the research community. The Commission is considering a Witness Bill of Rights and procedures for its implementation.

The Commission will also continue its discussion of other issues on which the Commission is planning to make recommendations in its final report.

The Commission is inviting oral or written statements from interested parties. Lengthy statements exceeding 10 or 15 minutes of oral presentation should be submitted in writing to the Executive Secretary before or at the meeting. Each statement will be reviewed by Commission Members.

Henrietta D. Hyatt-Knorr, Executive Secretary, Commission on Research

Integrity, at Rockwall II, Suite 700, 5515 Security Lane, Rockville MD 20852, (301) 443-5300 or (301) 443-9369 (voice mail), will furnish the Committee charter, a roster of the Committee members upon request, a preliminary report of the Commission, and a meeting agenda upon request. Members of the public wishing to make presentations should contact the Executive Secretary. Depending on the number of presentations and other considerations, the Executive Secretary will allocate a reasonable timeframe for each speaker.

Henrietta D. Hyatt-Knorr,

Executive Secretary, Commission on Research Integrity.

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Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Filing of Annual Reports of Federal Advisory Committees

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 13 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), the Annual Reports prepared for the public by the committees set forth below have been filed with the Library of Congress:

Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel
Health Care Technology Study Section
Health Services Research and Developmental Grants Review Committee
Health Services Research Dissemination Study Section
National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research and Evaluation

Copies of these reports, prepared in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, are available to the public for inspection at: (1) The Library of Congress, Special Forms Reading Room, Main Building, on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; and (2) the Information Resource Center, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 501, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Copies may be obtained from Mr. James E. Owens, Committee Management Officer, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 601, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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Clifton R. Gaus,

Administrator.

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Agency for Health Care Policy and Research Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2) announcement is made of the following special emphasis panel scheduled to meet during the month of March 1995:

Name: Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel.

Date and Time: March 9-10, 1995, 8:30 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 1750 Rockville Pike, Parklawn Room, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Open March 9, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: This Panel is charged with conducting the initial review of grant applications on research that will provide convincing evidence for or against the effectiveness and cost effectiveness of alternative interventions used to prevent, diagnose, treat, and manage common clinical conditions.

Agenda: The open session of the meeting on March 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters. During the closed session, the committee will be reviewing grant applications dealing with complex, clinical medical effectiveness issues in response to the medical treatment effectiveness PORT II initiative. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6), the Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, has made a formal determination that this latter session will be closed because the discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or other relevant information should contact Gerald E. Calderone, Ph.D., Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 602, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-2462.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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Clifton R. Gaus,

Administrator.

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Health Care Financing Administration [OPL-004-N]

Medicare Program; Meeting of the Practicing Physicians Advisory Council

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.