

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Office of the Secretary****Findings of Scientific Misconduct**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made final findings of scientific misconduct in the following case:

James T. Kurtzman, M.D., University of California at San Francisco. An investigation conducted by the University found that Dr. Kurtzman, a former Resident/Fellow in the Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences, falsified results of research on the kinetics of nitric oxide synthase in cells and homogenates of human myometrial tissue in pregnant women. Dr. Kurtzman admitted that he had altered data in eight experiments that he performed during December 1993 and January 1994. Dr. Kurtzman reported that he had conducted the enzyme assays and entered the data into a computer-based spreadsheet, but then changed the data to generate graphs that would reproduce the type of results that he had submitted earlier to the Journal of Clinical Investigation. The paper was not published. Dr. Kurtzman executed a Voluntary Exclusion and Settlement Agreement in which he has agreed not to apply for Federal grant or contract funds and will not serve on PHS advisory committees, boards or peer review groups for a three-year period beginning March 18, 1995. The voluntary exclusion, however, shall not apply to Dr. Kurtzman's future training or practice of clinical medicine whether as a resident, fellow, or licensed practitioner, as the case may be, unless that practice involves federally funded research or the direct receipt of an award for federally funded research training.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Director, Division of Research Investigations, Office of Research Integrity, 301-443-5330.

Lyle W. Bivens,

Director, Office of Research Integrity.

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Agency for Health Care Policy and Research**Notice of Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel 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 May 1995:

Name: Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel.

Date and Time: May 8-9, 1995, 8:00 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Chevy Chase, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Palladian East Room, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Open May 8, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: This Panel is charged with conducting review of Health Services Research grant applications requesting dissertation support.

Agenda: The open session of the meeting on May 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters. During the closed session, the committee will be reviewing Health Services Research grant applications requesting dissertation support. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6), the Administrator, AHCPR, 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 J. Terrell Hoffeld, D.D.S., Ph.D., Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 602, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1449.

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

Dated: April 13, 1995.

Clifton R. Gaus,

Administrator.

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Agency for Health Care Policy and Research**Notice of Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel 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 June 1995:

Name: Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel

Date and Time: June 15-16, 1995, 8:30 a.m.

Place: Ramada Inn, 1775 Rockville Pike, Montrose Room, Rockville, MD 20852.

Open June 15, 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 clinical interventions used to prevent, diagnose, treat, and manage common clinical conditions.

Agenda: The open session for the meeting on June 15, 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, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6), the Administrator, AHCPR, 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.

Dated: April 13, 1995.

Clifton R. Gaus,

Administrator.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**[Announcement 600]****Public Health Conference Support Grant Program****Introduction**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of funds in fiscal year (FY) 1996 for the Public Health Conference Support Grant Program. The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2000," a PHS-led national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to all of Healthy People 2000 priority areas, except HIV Infection (an announcement for HIV entitled, "Public Health Conference Support Cooperative

Agreement Program for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention" will be published). (For ordering a copy of "Healthy People 2000," see the Section "Where To Obtain Additional Information.")

Authority

This program is authorized under Section 301 [42 U.S.C. 241] and Section 310 [42 U.S.C. 242n] of the Public Health Service Act.

Smoke-Free Workplace

The Public Health Service strongly encourages all grant recipients to provide a smoke-free workplace and promote the nonuse of all tobacco products, and Public Law 103-227, the Pro-Children Act of 1994, prohibits smoking in certain facilities that receive Federal funds in which education, library, day care, health care, and early childhood development services are provided to children.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include public and private (e.g., community-based, national and regional) organizations, nonprofit and for-profit organizations and governments and their agencies. Thus, universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, other public and private organizations, State and local governments or their bona fide agents, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, Indian tribes or Indian tribal organizations, and small, minority-and/or women-owned businesses are eligible for these grants.

Availability of Funds

Approximately \$300,000 is expected to be available in FY 1996 to fund approximately 15-20 awards. The awards range from \$1,000 to \$30,000 with the average award being approximately \$15,000. The awards will be made for a 12-month budget and project period. The funding estimates may vary and are subject to change, based on the availability of funds.

Use of Funds

- CDC funds may be used for direct cost expenditures: salaries, speaker fees, rental of necessary equipment, registration fees, and transportation costs (not to exceed economy class fare) for non-Federal employees.
- CDC funds may NOT be used for the purchase of equipment, payments of honoraria, alterations or renovations, organizational dues, entertainment or personal expenses, cost of travel and payment of a Federal employee, nor per diem or expenses other than local mileage for local participants.

- CDC funds may NOT be used for reimbursement of indirect costs.
- Although the practice of handing out novelty items at meetings is often employed in the private sector to provide participants with souvenirs, Federal funds CANNOT be used for this purpose.
- CDC funds may be used for only those parts of the conference specifically supported by CDC as documented in the grant award.
- CDC will NOT fund 100% of any conference proposed under this announcement.

Purpose

The purpose of conference support grants is to provide PARTIAL support for specific non-Federal conferences in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention information/education programs, (EXCEPT HIV INFECTION). Applications are being solicited for conferences on: (1) Chronic disease prevention; (2) infectious disease prevention; (3) control of injury or disease associated with environmental, home, and work-place hazards; (4) environmental health; (5) occupational safety and health; (6) control of risk factors such as poor nutrition, smoking, lack of exercise, high blood pressure, and stress; (7) health education and promotion; (8) laboratory practices; and (9) efforts that would strengthen the public health system. Because conference support by CDC creates the appearance of CDC co-sponsorship, there will be active participation by CDC in the development and approval of those portions of the agenda supported by CDC funds. In addition, CDC will reserve the right to approve or reject the content of the full agenda, speaker selection, and site selection. CDC funds will not be expended for non-approved portions of meetings. Contingency awards will be made allowing usage of only 10% of the total amount to be awarded until a final full agenda is approved by CDC. This will provide funds for costs associated with preparation of the agenda. The remainder of funds will be released only upon approval of the final full agenda. CDC reserves the right to terminate co-sponsorship if it does not concur with the final agenda.

Because CDC's mission and programs relate to the promotion of health and the *prevention* of disease, disability, and premature death, only conferences focusing on such programmatic areas will be considered. Those topics concerned with health-care and health-service issues and areas *other than*

prevention should be directed to other public health agencies.

Program Requirements

Grantees must meet the following requirements:

A. Manage all activities related to program content (e.g., objectives, topics, attendees, session design, workshops, special exhibits, speakers, fees, agenda composition, and printing). Many of these items may be developed in concert with assigned CDC project personnel.

B. Provide draft copies of the agenda and proposed ancillary activities to CDC for approval. Submit copy of final agenda and proposed ancillary activities to CDC for approval.

C. Determine and manage all promotional activities (e.g., title, logo, announcements, mailers, press, etc.). CDC must review and approve any materials with reference to CDC involvement or support.

D. Manage all registration processes with participants, invitees, and registrants (e.g., travel, reservations, correspondence, conference materials and hand-outs, badges, registration procedures, etc.).

E. Plan, negotiate, and manage conference site arrangements, including all audio-visual needs.

F. Participate in the analysis of data from conference activities that pertain to the impact on prevention.

Letter of Intent

Potential applicants must submit an original and two copies of a one-page typewritten Letter of Intent that briefly describes the title, location, purpose, and date of the proposed conference and the intended audience (number and profession). This letter must also include the estimated total cost of the conference and the percentage of the total cost (which must be less than 100%) being requested from CDC. THE ONE PAGE LIMITATION MUST BE OBSERVED OR THE LETTER OF INTENT WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT REVIEW.

Letters of Intent will be reviewed by program staff for consistency with CDC's health promotion and disease prevention goals and priorities and the purpose of this program.

An invitation to submit a final application will be made on the basis of the proposed conference's relationship to the CDC funding priorities and on the availability of funds.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated according to the following criteria (TOTAL 100 POINTS):

A. Proposed Program and Technical Approach (25 points)

Evaluation will be based on:

1. The applicant's description of the proposed conference as it relates to specific non-Federal conferences in the areas of health promotion and disease prevention information/education programs (except HIV infection), including the public health need of the proposed conference and the degree to which the conference can be expected to influence public health practices. Evaluation will be based also on the extent of the applicant's collaboration with other agencies serving the intended audience, including local health and education agencies concerned with health promotion and disease prevention.

2. The applicant's description of conference objectives in terms of quality and specificity and the feasibility of the conference based on the operational plan.

3. The quality of the proposed agenda in addressing the chosen non-HIV health and disease prevention/education topic.

B. Applicant Capability (10 points)

Evaluation will be based on the adequacy of applicant's resources (additional sources of funding, organization's strengths, staff time, proposed facilities, etc.) available for conducting conference activities.

C. The Qualification of Program Personnel (20 points)

Evaluation will be based on the extent to which the application has described:

1. The qualifications, experience, and commitment of the principal staff person, and his/her ability to devote adequate time and effort to provide effective leadership.

2. The competence of associate staff persons, discussion leaders, speakers, and presenters to accomplish conference objectives.

3. The degree to which the application demonstrates the knowledge of nation-wide and education efforts currently underway which may affect, and be affected by, the proposed conference.

D. Conference Objectives (25 points)

Evaluation will be based on:

1. The overall quality, reasonableness, feasibility, and logic of the designed conference objectives, including the overall workplan and timetable for accomplishment.

2. The likelihood of accomplishing conference objectives as they relate to disease prevention and health promotion goals, and the feasibility of

the project in terms of the operational plan.

E. Evaluation Methods (20 points)

Evaluation will be based on the extent to which evaluation mechanisms for the conference will be able to adequately assess increased knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of the target attendees.

F. Budget Justification and Adequacy of Facilities (not scored)

The proposed budget will be evaluated on the basis of its reasonableness, concise and clear justification, and consistency with the intended use of grant funds. The application will also be reviewed as to the adequacy of existing and proposed facilities and resources for conducting conference activities.

Executive Order 12372 Review

Applications are not subject to review as governed by Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

Public Health System Reporting Requirements

This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

Catalog Of Federal Domestic Assistance

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number is 93.283.

Letter of Intent and Application Submission and Deadline

THE ORIGINAL AND TWO COPIES of the Letter of Intent must be postmarked by October 9, 1995, in order to be considered. (FACSIMILES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.)

Following submission of a Letter of Intent, successful applicants will receive a written notification to submit an application for funding. Applications may be accepted by CDC only after the Letter of Intent has been reviewed by CDC and written invitation from CDC has been received by prospective applicant. An invitation to submit an application does not constitute a commitment to fund the applicant. Availability of funds may limit the number of Letter of Intent, regardless of merit, that receive an invitation to submit an application.

The original and two copies of the invited application must be submitted on PHS Form 5161-1 (OMB Number 0937-0189) by January 26, 1996. The earliest possible award date is June 1996.

Invited applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline date to Henry S. Cassell, III, Grants

Management Officer, Attention: Karen Reeves, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Mailstop E-09, Room 300, Atlanta, GA 30305.

A. Deadline

Letters of Intent and Applications shall be considered as meeting the deadline if they are either:

1. Received on or before the deadline date, or

2. Postmarked on or before the deadline date and received in time for submission to the independent review group. (Applicants must request a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier or the U.S. Postal Service. Private metered postmarks will NOT be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.)

B. Late Applications

Applications that do not meet the criteria in A.1. or A.2. above are considered late applications and will be returned to the applicant.

Where To Obtain Additional Information

To receive additional written information call (404) 332-4561. You will be asked to leave your name, address, and phone number and will need to refer to Announcement Number 600. You will receive a complete program description, information on application procedures. If you have questions after reviewing the contents of all the documents, business management assistance (application information) may be obtained from Karen Reeves, Grants Management Specialist, Grants Management Branch, Procurement and Grants Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 255 East Paces Ferry Road, NE., Room 300, Mailstop E-09, Atlanta, GA 30305, telephone (404) 842-6596. Programmatic technical assistance may be obtained from Bruce Granoff, Program Analyst, or Freida Quarles, Program Specialist, Public Health Practice Program Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E-42, Atlanta, GA 30333, telephone (404) 639-0425.

Please refer to Announcement Number 600 when requesting information and when submitting your Letter of Intent and application in response to the announcement.

Potential applicants may obtain a copy of "Healthy People 2000" (Full Report, Stock No. 017-001-00474-0) or

"Healthy People 2000" (Summary Report, Stock No. 017-001-00473-1) referenced in the "Introduction" through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington DC 20402-9325, telephone (202) 512-1800.

Dated: April 14, 1995.

Joseph R. Carter,

Acting Associate Director for Management and Operations, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Food and Drug Administration

Grassroots Regulatory Partnership Meetings

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) (Office of External Affairs, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of the Southwest Region, Office of the Southeast Region, Office of the Mid-Atlantic Region, Office of the Pacific Region, and Office of the Mid-West Region) is announcing a series of five free public meetings around the country to promote the President's initiative for a partnership approach with front-line regulators and the people affected by the work of this agency, and to create local partnerships.

DATES: The public meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. Monday, April 24, 1995, 9 a.m. to 12 m., Dallas, TX.
2. Tuesday, April 25, 1995, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Atlanta, GA.
3. Tuesday, April 25, 1995, 9 a.m. to 12 m., Cherry Hill, NJ.
4. Thursday, April 27, 1995, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Burlingame, CA.
5. Thursday, April 27, 1995, 9 a.m., to 12 m., Chicago, IL.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held at the following locations:

1. Dallas—FDA Regional Office, 7920 Elmbrook Rd., suite 102, Dallas, TX.
2. Atlanta—Sheraton Colony Square Hotel, Peachtree at 14th St., Atlanta, GA.
3. Cherry Hill—Cherry Hill Hilton Hotel, Cherry Hill, NJ.
4. Burlingame—Crowne Plaza San Francisco Airport, 600 Airport Blvd., Burlingame, CA.
5. Chicago—Sheraton Gateway Suites, 6501 North Manheim Rd., Rosemont, IL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regarding attendance at the Dallas, TX public meeting: Marie T. Falcon,

Small Business Representative Southwest Region, Food and Drug Administration, 7920 Elmbrook Dr., suite 102, Dallas, TX 75247, 214-655-8100, ext. 129 or FAX 214-655-8130. Regarding attendance at the Atlanta, GA public meeting: Barbara Ward-Groves, Small Business Representative Southeast Region, Food and Drug Administration, 60 Eighth St., NE., Atlanta, GA 30309, 404-347-4347 or FAX 404-347-4349.

Regarding attendance at the Cherry Hill, NJ public meeting: Joseph X. Phillips, Deputy Regional Director, Mid-Atlantic Region, Food and Drug Administration, 900 U.S. Customhouse, 2d & Chestnut Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19106, 215-597-0492 or FAX 215-597-8212.

Regarding attendance at the Burlingame, CA public meeting: Mark S. Roh, Small Business Representative Pacific Region, Federal Office Bldg., 50 United Nations Plaza, rm. 526, San Francisco, CA, 94102, 415-556-2263 or FAX 415-556-2822.

Regarding attendance at the Chicago, IL public meeting: Joseph L. Petty, Small Business Representative Mid-West Region, 20 North Michigan Ave., rm. 510, Chicago, IL 60602, 312-353-9406, ext. 23 or FAX 312-886-1682.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public meetings are free of charge, however due to space limitations, it will be necessary to contact the appropriate Small Business Representative listed above prior to the meeting to check on availability. If there are any specific comments or questions you wish to be addressed at the meetings, you may fax or send them to the contact person listed above. The goal of these meetings are to "listen" to concerns and ideas, and to identify next-steps for the agency.

Dated: April 14, 1995.

William B. Schultz,

Deputy Commissioner for Policy.

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Health Care Financing Administration

[OFHR-001-N]

New Address and Telephone Numbers of the Office of Acquisition and Grants, Office of Financial and Human Resources

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the new address and telephone numbers of

the primary staff of the Office of Acquisition and Grants, Office of Financial and Human Resources, Health Care Financing Administration. HCFA's Office of Acquisition and Grants (OAG) will relocate at Central 2-21-15, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 22, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry Mikesell, (410) 966-8090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a list of the new telephone numbers and locations for some of the primary OAG staff:

Director, Office of Acquisition and Grants, Ellen L. Angus, Central 2-22-08 (410) 786-9280.

Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization Specialist, Fred Suggs, Central 2-21-23 (410) 786-5132.

Acquisition Policy Team Leader, Debbie Powell, Central 2-23-15 (410) 786-3077.

Grants Policy Officer, Charles A. Johnson, Central 2-22-07 (410) 786-6256.

Director, Research Contracts and Grants Division, Marian D. Webb, Central 2-18-03 (410) 786-5161.

Director, ADP, Telecommunications and Services Division, Edward Hodges, Central 2-19-07 (410) 786-5131.

Director, Planning and Health Services Contracts Division, Glenna Moragne El, Central 2-23-17 (410) 786-5128.

Only the prefix 966 of the existing telephone numbers of OAG staff will be changed when OAG moves to the new HCFA site. The new prefix is 786.

Persons wishing to contact OAG personnel not shown on the list above may still do so on or after May 22 by adding the new 786 prefix to the last 4 existing digits of the old telephone number, e.g., the old 966-1234 telephone number will become the new 786-1234 telephone number. Inquiries regarding the location or telephone numbers of OAG staff may be directed to (410) 966-9280.

Dated: April 6, 1995.

Ellen L. Angus,

Director, Office of Acquisition and Grants, Office of Financial and Human Resources.

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Health Resources and Services Administration

Grants To Improve Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Care in Rural Areas

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration.