urgency need to meet timing limitations imposed by the grant review and funding cycle.

The meeting 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.


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Public Health Service

National Institutes of Health; Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part H, Chapter HN (National Institutes of Health) (NIH) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (40 FR 22859, May 27, 1975, as amended most recently at 61 FR 14804, April 3, 1996), is amended to reflect the reorganization of the extramural information systems and data analysis functions within the NIH. The reorganization transfers from the Division of Research Grants (DRG) (HNG) the extramural information systems and data analysis functions of the Information Systems Branch (ISB) (HNG–3) to the Office of Extramural Research (OER) (HNA3), except for those functions related to DRG-specific support and the Networking and Telecommunications Section (HNG–38).

(1) In DRG, retitle the ISB to the Advanced Technology Branch (ATB), revise its functional statement and realign its Standard Administrative Code from HNG–3 to HNG3. (2) Revise the overall functional statement for the DRG. (3) Establish the Office of Reports and Analysis (ORA) (HNA36) in OER; transfer the functions of two sections of DRG/ATB, Research Documentation Section (HNG–33) and Statistics, Analysis and Evaluation Section (HNG–34), to ORA, then abolish the two DRG/ATB sections. (4) Establish the Division of Extramural Information Systems (HNA345) within the Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA) (HNA34), OER; transfer the functions of three DRG/ATB sections to this new Division (the Data Management and Control Section [HNG–36], the Information Systems Management Section [HNG–37], and the Systems Analysis Section [HNG–39]). (5) In OPERA, retitle the Division of Extramural Invention Reports (HNA343) to the Division of Extramural Inventions and Technology Resources (DEITR); consolidate the functions of invention reporting and development of a common Federal database into one office by transferring functions from the Office of Extramural Programs (OEP) (HNA32) to DEITR; and revise DEITR’s
functional statement. (6) In OPERA, revise the functional statement for the Division of Grants Policy (HNA 342). (7) In OEP, retitle the Division of Extramural Programs Management (HNA 322) to the Division of Research Programs, Training and Review Policy (DRPTR); consolidate the functions of programs management, research training, and appeals into one office by transferring functions from Division of Research Training and Special Programs (DRTSP) (HNA 323) to DRPTR; abolish DRTSP; and revise DRPTR's functional statement. (8) In OEP, retitle the Division of Institutional Affairs (HNA 326) to the Division of Extramural Outreach and Information Resources (DEOIR); consolidate the information dissemination function into one office by transferring functions from the Grants Information Office (HNG 1–53), DRG, to DEOIR; revise DEOIR's functional statement. (9) Revise the functional statement for OPERA. (10) In OEP, revise the functional statement for the Division of Extramural Staff Training (HNA 325). (11) Revise the functional statement for OEP. Section HN-B, Organization and Functions, is amended as follows:

(1) Under the heading Office of the Director (HNA), insert the following: Office of Extramural Programs (HNA 32). (1) Advises the Deputy Director for Extramural Research on matters pertaining to the development, promulgation and management of policies and procedures related to extramural research programs; (2) conducts evaluations of programs, policies, and procedures; and (3) represents the OER on numerous permanent and ad hoc NIH, Departmental, interagency, and non-governmental committees concerned with extramural program activities.

Division of Research Programs, Training and Review Policy (HNA 323). Develops NIH policies concerning extramural programs and review, and coordinates or manages selected activities, including: (1) Provides guidance in the development of NIH policies and recommended procedures concerning peer review, extramural research programs, research training and career development programs; (2) advises the Deputy Director for Extramural Research, the Director of the Office of Extramural Programs, and NIH staff concerning NIH extramural program and review policy and procedures; (3) provides advice to extramural staff on the use of the appropriate NIH extramural award mechanism, e.g., grants, cooperative agreement, or contract; (4) leads and manages NIH functional program, review, and research training committees, which represent the ICDs and NIH staff, and provide for discussion and recommendations on relevant policies and procedures; (5) coordinates policies for dealing with applicants' and grantees' concerns about the review of their applications and awardees' concerns about adverse determinations on their grants, and manages the process for investigating appeals of peer review and post-award determinations; (6) coordinates and/or manages selected NIH-wide activities, such as the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, the Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) program, the Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA) program, and the Shannon Awards; and (7) conducts evaluations of extramural policies and procedures in relation to scientific program activities, peer review, and research training.

Division of Extramural Staff Training (HNA 325). Develops and administers the extramural program staff training activities, including: (1) the Staff Training in Extramural Programs (STEP); (2) the Extramural Associates Program (EAP), a residential training program on NIH extramural functions and policies for individuals selected from women's and minority institutions; and (3) the Extramural Scientists Administrators training program that includes mandatory fundamental training for persons new to NIH extramural program administration, as well as continuing education programs for more senior ESAs.

Division of Extramural Outreach and Information Resources (HNA 326). (1) Identifies issues, concerns, and information needs of the extramural research community and the information needs of the NIH extramural research staff; (2) designs and manages the central telephone contact for information about NIH extramural research programs, including integration of electronic and FAX systems for delivery of information; (3) designs, develops, and manages the website for the Office of Extramural Research; (4) coordinates the development and parallel production of printed and electronic products to provide information to the extramural research community, including the weekly NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts, the NIH Extramural Programs, and other program descriptions, policy notices, descriptive data, and analytical reports; and (5) maintains liaison with NIH components, extramural organizations, and associations, and the segments of the extramural research community that are involved in outreach activities, information systems technology, and electronic research administration.

Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (HNA 342). (1) Assures effective grants administration policies and procedures for the NIH extramural programs and stewardship of Federal funds, which includes electronic research administration; (2) maximizes research productivity, increases public accountability, enhances administrative integrity, and monitors fiscal stewardship in research administration systems; (3) ensures proper management of extramural resources at both the portfolio level (allocation issues), program level (strategic planning), and project level (cost analysis); (4) promotes the proper selection and effective use of assistance mechanisms by both NIH staff and the extramural community; (5) initiates new procedures for research administration; (6) provides assistance to NIH extramural staff and grantee organizations regarding policies and procedures for research administration; (7) receives and maintains all documentation relating to extramural inventions made with assistance of research grants or research and development contracts from NIH; (8) establishes and maintains communication between NIH and awardee and applicant institutions and investigators with respect to extramural policies and procedures; (9) conducts studies, develops plans and manages projects that extend, improve and/or maintain system capabilities to satisfy the information requirements associated with NIH extramural research; (10) conducts requirements analyses, develops general and detailed designs databases, oversees the programming and testing of new systems, and the development and execution of implementation plans.

Division of Grants Policy (HNA 342). (1) Initiates and modifies existing NIH grants administration policies and procedures; (2) provides assistance to NIH extramural staff and grantee organizations regarding policies and procedures pertinent to the administration of NIH grants to ensure stewardship of Federal funds; (3) provides guidance to and articulates grants management policy for NIH extramural staff on the effective utilization of extramural assistance mechanisms (grants and cooperative agreements); (4) reviews for OMB clearance all application forms, proposals, surveys, and questionnaires for information gathering activities conducted under research contracts to
meet the requirements of the Federal Paperwork Reduction Act; and (5) develops the business process and functionality for pertinent Electronic Research Administration components.

Division of Extramural Inventions and Technology Resources (HNA343). (1) Ensures proper and complete compliance with mandated patent policies and procedures; (2) informs grantees, contractors, and NIH staff of their responsibilities through various policy and administration manual issuances, and instructions and commentary in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts; (3) receives and maintains all documentation relating to extramural inventions made with the assistance of research grants or research and development contracts from NIH; (4) promotes the proper utilization of patents and inventions in extramural programs through guidance or referral on licensing agreements and distribution of shares resources; and (5) develops the business process and functionality for progress reporting, abstracting, research resources and other pertinent Electronic Research Administration components.

Division of Extramural Information Systems (HNA345). (1) Provides computer systems design, programming, and systems maintenance for the IMPAC/CRISP systems and the ancillary systems supporting the NIH extramural grants management program; (2) maintains a comprehensive systems overview, providing data systems currency and ensuring interoperability between IMPAC and related subsystems; (3) facilitates the interoperability with Electronic Research Administration functional components and interfaces; (4) develops specifications for the interoperability of IMPAC, CRISP, Committee Management Information, Trainee Appointment, payback, and other related auxiliary data systems; (5) maintains overall integrity of data systems while making changes and enhancements to satisfy NIH needs; (6) develops quality control procedures in data capture functions; (7) reconciles data integrity issues; and (8) performs assigned data capture functions.

Office of Reports and Analysis (HNA36). This office is responsible for: (1) maintaining CRISP, the Computer Retrieval of Information on Scientific Projects System database, by adding scientific information and indexing terms to IMPAC records for funded PHS research; (2) maintaining and updating the CRISP Thesaurus as emerging concepts and technologies are developed; (3) editing all IMPAC titles for accuracy and uniformity; (4) publishing reports based on the CRISP database; (5) conducting statistical investigations of extramural trends and related topics; (6) designing, establishing, and maintaining databases to compile and analyze information relevant to policy or program issues; (7) developing and conducting special projects, experiments, and simulations to support planning and evaluation of programs, policies and procedures; (8) serving as a focal point for requests from individual Institutes and Centers for ad hoc statistical reports; (9) supporting NIH budget development by providing financial projections and reports; and (10) providing consultation to CRISP and IMPAC users.

(2) Under the heading Division of Research Grants (HNG), insert the following:

Division of Research Grants (HNG). (1) Provides staff support to the Office of the Director, NIH, in the formulation of grant and award policies and procedures; (2) provides central receipt of all PHS applications for research and research training support, and makes initial referral to PHS components; (3) assigns NIH applications to supporting institutes, centers, and divisions and to DRG initial review groups; and (4) provides for scientific review of NIH research grants, National Research Service Awards, and research career development applications.

Advanced Technology Branch (HNG3). (1) Establishes comprehensive long-range plans for developing, implementing, supporting, and expanding all systems on the DRG LAN and the NIH mainframe relating to DRG extramural activities; (2) conducts studies and analyses for new LAN- and PC-based automatic data processing applications; (3) provides end-user support across NIH/PHS for DRG-developed systems; (4) maintains hardware, software and related on-site services for the PC workstations and LAN for DRG and OD/OER components in the Rockledge Building; (5) serves as the focal point for responding to NIH IRM studies and dissemination of IRM information; (6) manages DRG risk assessments and life cycle planning; and (7) plans for the acquisition of all DRG ADP requirements.

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Office of Refugee Resettlement

Refugee Resettlement Program; Availability of Formula Allocation Funding for FY 1996 Targeted Assistance Grants for Services to Refugees in Local Areas of High Need

AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), ACF, HHS.

ACTION: Final notice of availability of formula allocation funding for FY 1996 targeted assistance grants to States for services to refugees in local areas of high need.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of funds and award procedures for FY 1996 targeted assistance grants for services to refugees under the Refugee Resettlement Program (RCP). These grants are for service provision in localities with large refugee populations, high refugee concentrations, and high use of public assistance, and where specific needs exist for supplementary Federal resources. This notice reflects the final rule published in the Federal Register on June 28, 1995 (60 FR 33584) which was effective October 1, 1995. This rule established a new subpart L, providing regulations for the Targeted Assistance Program (TAP) for the first time.

This notice announces that the qualification of counties is based on refugee and entrant arrival during the 5-year period from FY 1991 through FY 1995, in keeping with ORR’s new regulation, and on the concentration of refugees and entrants as a percentage of the general population. Under this notice, 15 new counties will qualify for targeted assistance and 18 counties which previously received targeted assistance grants will no longer qualify for targeted assistance funding. This notice also establishes a new allocation formula to reflect the limitation on the

1In addition to persons who meet all requirements of 45 CFR 400.43, “Requirements for documentation of refugee status,” eligibility for targeted assistance includes Cuban and Haitian entrants, certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are admitted to the U.S. as immigrants, and certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are U.S. citizens. (See section II of this notice on “Authorization.”) The term “refugee,” used in this notice for convenience, is intended to encompass such additional persons who are eligible to participate in refugee program services, including the targeted assistance program.

Refugees admitted to the U.S. under admissions numbers set aside for private-sector initiative admissions are not eligible to be served under the targeted assistance program (or under other programs supported by Federal refugee funds) during their period of coverage under their sponsoring agency’s agreement with the Department of State—usually two years from their date of arrival, or until they obtain permanent resident alien status, whichever comes first.