

to the urgent need to proceed with the meeting as scheduled in order to address these issues in a timely manner.

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Genetic Testing Task Force; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the fourth meeting of the Task Force on Genetic Testing of the National Institutes of Health-Department of Energy Joint Working Group on the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Human Genome Research (ELSI Working Group) on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, 1:00 pm to recess; Wednesday, September 25, 1996, 7:30 am to adjournment, at the Clarion Hotel at Mount Vernon Square, 612 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland, (410) 727-7101.

CONTACT PERSON: Neil Holtzman, M.D., M.P.H., Genetics and Public Policy Studies, The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, 550 North Broadway, Suite 511, Baltimore, Maryland 21205, (410) 955-7894.

The Task Force has developed Interim Principles primarily regarding scientific validation of new tests; laboratory quality; and education, counseling, and delivery. At this meeting, the Task Force will continue its consideration of recommendations to implement the Interim Principles, as well as revisions to the Interim Principles. The Interim Principles are available on the World Wide Web at: <http://infonet.welch.jhu.edu/policy/genetics/>

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Dr. Holtzman in advance of the meeting.

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Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the open, public hearing of the National Institutes of Health-Department of Energy Joint Working Group on the Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Human Genome Research (ELSI Working Group) Evaluation Committee, on Wednesday, October 23, 1996, 9:00 am to noon at

Hotel Sofitel Chicago, 5550 N. River Road, Rosemont, Illinois 60018-5194; TEL: (847) 678-4488.

Contact Person: Bettie Graham, Ph.D., NIH/NCHGR Bldg. 38A, Rm. 614, Bethesda, MD 20892; (301) 496-7531.

The ELSI Working Group Evaluation Committee has been charged with evaluation of the ELSO activities and role of external advisors in the ELSO program. The Committee will assess how, in the near term, it would be best to structure input on ELSI issues raised by and as a consequence of the Human Genome Project. The Committee will also assess how, in the longer term, it would be best to structure input on ELSI issues raised more generally by research involving human genetics. The Committee is seeking public comments on the following questions:

1. What role should external advisors (currently the ELSI Working Group) play in the ELSI program?
2. How should the external ELSI advisors relate to other government and private groups studying these issues?
3. How should the external ELSI advisors relate to other institutes, programs, and entities at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Department of Energy (DOE) with a shared research interest?
4. To whom at the NIH and the DOE should the external advisors report?
5. What procedures should be established for appointment of members, priority setting, budget, staffing, and policy development?
6. What changes, if any, will be necessary in the ELSI program as the focus of research shifts away from genomics?

Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to make an oral presentation, of no more than five minutes, to the ELSI Working Group Evaluation Committee, on Wednesday, October 23, should submit their name, affiliation, address, telephone number, and summary of their remarks to Dr. Graham at the above address by October 14. Those making oral comments to the Committee will be accommodated to the extent possible during the time allotted for oral public comments. Written comments will be accepted up to October 14.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Dr. Graham two weeks in advance of the meeting.

Individuals who are unable to attend the public meeting, but who would like to submit comments may do so by

writing to Mark A. Rothstein, Co-Chair, ELSI Working Group Evaluation Committee, Health Law and Policy Institute, University of Houston, Houston, TX 77204-6381 or to the Committee by e-mail at: elsiwg@net.bio.net.

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Notice of Meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), this notice is hereby given to announce an open meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC). The purpose of the meeting is to address: (i) the protections of the rights and welfare of human research subjects and (ii) the management and use of genetic information.

DATES: October 4, 1996, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 10, Building 31, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President established the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) by Executive Order 12975, October 3, 1995. The purpose of the NBAC is to provide advice and make recommendations to the National Science and Technology Council, and other appropriate entities on bioethical issues arising from research on human biology and behavior and the applications, including the clinical applications, of that research.

Tentative Agenda

Friday, October 4, 1995

- 8:30 a.m. Call to order, opening remarks, and introductions
- 8:45 a.m. Presentations by spokespersons for members of the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives and discussion with and among NBAC members
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:50 a.m. Morning presentations and discussions continue
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Presentations by Administration spokespersons and discussion with and among NBAC members