

2. HHS Acquisition Regulations HHSAR Part 370 Special Programs Affecting Acquisition—0990-0129—Extension—HHSAR Part 370 establishes requirements for the accessibility of meetings, conferences, and seminars to persons with disabilities; establishes requirements for Indian preference in employment, training and subcontracting opportunities.

Respondents: State or local governments, Businesses or other for-profit, non-profit institutions, Small businesses; *Burden Information about Accessibility of Meetings—Annual Number of Respondents:* 335; *Annual Frequency of Response:* one time; *Average Burden per Response:* 10 hours; *Total Annual Burden:* 3,350 hours—*Burden Information about Indian Preference—Annual Number of Respondents:* 932; *Annual Frequency of Response:* One time; *Average Burden per Response:* 8 hours; *Total Annual Burden:* 7,456 hours—*Total Burden:* 10,806 hours.

OMB Desk Officer: Allison Eydt.

Copies of the information collection packages listed above can be obtained by calling the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the OMB desk officer designated above at the following address: Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, 725 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Comments may also be sent to Cynthia Agens Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: November 5, 1996.

Dennis P. Williams,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Delegation of Authority

Notice is hereby given that I have delegated to the Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, with authority to redelegate, all the authorities vested in the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the Saint Elizabeths Hospital and District of Columbia Mental Health Services Act, PL 98-621, 98 Stat. 3369, as amended, concerning

the mental health services delivery system of the District of Columbia, excluding the authority under Section 4(d)(2) to establish a Labor Management Advisory Committee.

This delegation supersedes the May 13, 1985 delegation of authority from the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Health, entitled "Delegation of Authority Under the Saint Elizabeths Hospital and District of Columbia Mental Health Service Act, Public Law 98-621."

This delegation is effective upon date of signature.

Dated: November 5, 1996.

Donna E. Shalala,

Secretary.

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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 a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

Eric Whitters, Ph.D., University of Oregon: Based upon an investigation conducted by the University of Oregon as well as Dr. Whitters' own admission, ORI found that Eric Whitters, Ph.D., former postdoctoral fellow, Institute of Molecular Biology at the University of Oregon, engaged in scientific misconduct by fabricating experimental results that involved the selective growth of yeast strains that he represented as having temperature-sensitive phenotypes. The research was supported in part by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Dr. Whitters has accepted the ORI finding and has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with ORI in which he has voluntarily agreed, for the three (3) year period beginning November 6, 1996, to exclude himself from:

(1) any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, nonprocurement transactions (e.g., grants and cooperative agreements) of the United States Government as defined in 45 CFR Part 76 (Debarment Regulations), and

(2) serving in any advisory capacity to the Public Health Service (PHS), including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board,

and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant.

The research at issue did not affect any published research and was not included in any grant application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Acting Director, Division of Research Investigations, Office of Research Integrity, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-5330.

Chris B. Pascal,

Acting 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 November 1996:

Name: Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel

Date and Time: November 21, 1996, 2:00 p.m.

Place: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, MD 20852.

Open November 21, 1996, 2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: This Panel is charged with conducting the initial review of grant applications proposing medical effectiveness research. The three main areas of emphasis are: (1) determining what clinical interventions are most effective, cost effective, and appropriate; (2) methods and data to advance effectiveness research; and (3) dissemination and evaluation of the impact of research findings on clinical practice and outcomes.

Agenda: The open session of the meeting on November 21, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters. During the closed session, the committee will be reviewing and discussing grant applications dealing with health services research issues. 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 Carmen Johnson, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 400, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1449