

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee (CLIAC): Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Clinical Laboratory Improvement Advisory Committee.

Times and dates: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., January 8, 1997.

Place: CDC, Auditorium A, Building 2, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: This committee is charged with providing scientific and technical advice and guidance to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the need for, and the nature of, revisions to the standards under which clinical laboratories are regulated; the impact of proposed revisions to the standards; and the modification of the standards to accommodate technological advances.

Matters to be discussed: Agenda items include an orientation for new members regarding the roles and responsibilities of an advisory committee member; an update on the HCF/American Society for Cytotechnology (ASCT) contract for laboratory surveys; an update on cytology proficiency testing (PT); and a review of CDC laboratory-related research activities.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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Administration for Children and Families

[Proposed Program Priorities—ACF/ACYF/RHYP 97-1]

Runaway and Homeless Youth Program: Fiscal Year (FY) 1997 Proposed Program Priorities

AGENCY: Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), Administration on Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF),

Administration for Children and Families (ACF), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments on proposed Fiscal Year 1997 Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program Priorities for the following programs for runaway and homeless youth: Basic Center, Street Outreach for Runaway and Homeless Youth and the Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth.

The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act requires the Secretary to publish annually, for public comment, a proposed plan specifying priorities the Department will follow in awarding grants and contracts under the Act. The final priorities selected will take into consideration the comments and recommendations received from the public in response to this notice.

The public, particularly those knowledgeable about and experienced in providing services to runaway and homeless youth, are urged to respond. The actual solicitations for grant applications will be published at later dates in the Federal Register. No proposals, concept papers or other form of application should be submitted at this time.

We welcome specific comments and suggestions on these proposed program priorities.

DATES: The closing date for submission of public comments is February 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: James A. Harrell, Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Attention: Family and Youth Services Bureau, P.O. Box 1182, Washington, D.C. 20013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anita Wright, Youth Development Program Specialist, (202) 205-8030.

SUMMARY: The Family and Youth Services Bureau of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families announces that public comments are being requested on proposed program priorities for Fiscal Year 1997 for the following programs, prior to being announced in its final form: Runaway and Homeless Youth Basic Center Grant Program (BCP): The purpose of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Basic Center Grant Program is to provide financial assistance to establish or strengthen locally-controlled centers that address the immediate needs (e.g., outreach, temporary shelter, counseling, and aftercare services) of runaway and homeless youth and their families.

Street Outreach for Runaway and Homeless Youth: The purpose of the Street Outreach Program is to provide

street-based outreach and education, including treatment, counseling, and information and referral services for runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of sexual abuse. Grants will be awarded for street-based outreach and education and referral for runaway, homeless, and street youth who have been subjected to or are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse.

Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth (TLP): The purpose of the Transitional Living Program for Homeless Youth is to support projects which provide long term shelter, skill training and support services in local communities to homeless youth to assist them in making a smooth transition to self-sufficiency and to prevent long-term dependency on social services.

Financial Assistance from the Family and Youth Services Bureau for RHY programs is contingent upon the availability of funds. As indicated in previous proposed priorities, the Department proposes to award continuation funding to the National Communications System and to fund a number of program support activities during Fiscal Year 1997.

Central to all FYSB programs and activities is a priority that services be delivered with a comprehensive youth development approach. Practicing youth workers are well aware that "single-problem" youth are rare, and that interventions from many different perspectives, and supports, including funding, from many different sources, are required to effectively help adolescents.

Interventions from a developmental perspective view adolescence and youth as the passage from the almost total dependence of the child into the independence and self-sufficiency of the adult.

The various emotional, intellectual and physical changes, stages, and growth spurts of the passage may be considered as the youth's natural, healthy responses to the challenges and opportunities provided by functional families, peers, neighborhoods, schools and churches.

The tasks of youth services providers are seen, thus, not as correcting the "pathologies" of troubled youth, but rather as providing for the successive developmental needs of maturing individuals: The psychological need to develop a clear self-identity; the sociological need to resolve disagreements through talking and negotiating; the economic need to prepare for and enter into a career; and the familial needs for sharing, for trusting, for giving love and receiving