

the agreement and proposed order, or to modify in any way their terms.

Donald S. Clark,
Secretary.

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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 a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

James B. Boone, Jr., Ph.D., University of Missouri-Columbia: Based upon an investigation conducted by the University of Missouri-Columbia, information obtained by the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) during its oversight review, and Dr. Boone's own admission, ORI found that Dr. Boone, former Research Assistant Professor, Department of Veterinary Biomedical Sciences at the University of Missouri-Columbia, engaged in scientific misconduct by fabricating and falsifying data in biomedical research supported by a grant from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Specifically, Dr. Boone fabricated the weights of individual, isolated muscles that, in fact, had not been separated by dissection, and falsely presented unrelated gamma counter results as having been obtained from the same individual muscles. He presented these data to his laboratory director as the results from two experiments that Dr. Boone admitted he did not complete. Dr. Boone committed additional falsifications in conducting research, including presenting: (1) A computer spread sheet that used the above described sets of the fabricated primary data of muscle weights and the falsified gamma counter results to generate false computations of blood flow in separate muscles; (2) A computer spread sheet for the statistical computations of the data from the two sets of fabricated and falsified reduced data; and (3) A histogram derived from the falsified reduced data that showed significant differences in some of the fabricated experimental measurements on individual muscles.

Dr. Boone 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 February 10, 1997:

(1) To exclude himself from 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; and

(2) That any institution that submits an application for PHS support for a research project on which the respondent's participation is proposed or which uses the respondent in any capacity on PHS supported research must concurrently submit a plan for supervision of his duties. The supervisory plan must be designed to ensure the scientific integrity of the respondent's research contribution. The institution must submit a copy of the supervisory plan to ORI.

No scientific publications were required to be corrected as part of this Agreement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

State Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Grantees Meeting

The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

NAME: Meeting of State Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Grantees.

TIMES AND DATES: 12 p.m.-4:10 p.m., February 24, 1997. 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., February 25, 1997. 8 a.m.-5:10 p.m., February 26, 1997. 8:30 a.m.-11:40 a.m., February 27, 1997.

PLACE: Holiday Inn Select-Atlanta-Decatur Hotel and Conference Plaza, 130 Clairemont Avenue, Decatur, Georgia 30030, telephone 404/371-0204.

STATUS: Open to the public, limited only by space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 80 people.

PURPOSE: This meeting will provide a forum for childhood lead poisoning prevention coordinators and data administrators to review program progress and discuss prevention issues and concerns. Persons wishing to make

written or oral comments at the meeting should notify the contact person listed below, in writing or by phone, no later than close of business February 21, 1997.

Requests to make oral comments should contain the name, address, telephone number, and organizational affiliation of the presenter. Depending on the time available and the number of requests to make oral comments, it may be necessary to limit the time of each presenter.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: Topics to be discussed at this meeting include CDC's proposed revised screening guidelines, establishment of a data system to implement screening guidance, and data recommendations. There will be information presented regarding computer programming and how it relates to data analysis and using data to make decisions. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Claudette Grant, Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S F42, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, telephone 770/488-7330, fax 770/488-7335.

Dated: February 13, 1997.

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Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Administration for Children and Families

Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation; Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

This Notice amends Part K, Chapter K of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) as follows: Chapter KM, The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) (60 FR 56606) as last amended, November 9, 1995. This reorganization will establish the Division of Data Collection and Analysis within the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation.

Amend Chapter KM as follows:

1. Delete KM.00 Mission in its entirety and replace with the following: KM.00 Mission. The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) is the principal advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy