

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Division of Extramural Activities; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel (Telephone Conference call).

Date: April 23, 1997.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Room 9C10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Dr. Howard Weinstein, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institutes of Health, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Room 9C10, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-9223.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate an SBIR Phase II Contract Proposal.

The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 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.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

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Dated: April 7, 1997.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****Office of Research on Women's Health; Notice of Meeting**

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health (ACRWH) to be held May 5-6, 1997, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building

31, C Wing, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

The entire meeting will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m., May 5, to adjournment on May 6. The purpose of the meeting will be for the Committee to provide advice to the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) on its research agenda and to provide recommendations regarding ORWH activities.

The agenda will include an update on ORWH activities and programs to meet the mandates of the Office and discussion of scientific issues. The Committee will hear scientific presentations from several NIH institute directors, as well as an update from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health (Women's Health). The Committee will also discuss activities related to its regional meetings to update the research agenda on women's health. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

Anne R. Bavier, M.N., F.A.A.N., Executive Secretary, ACRWH, and Deputy Director, Office of Research on Women's Health, OD, NIH, Building 1, Rm. 201, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, 301/402-1770, 301/402-1798 (Fax), will furnish the meeting agenda, roster of Committee members, and substantive program information upon request.

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

Dated: April 7, 1997.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Public Health Service****National Institutes of Health****Office of Research on Women's Health; Notice of Meeting—"Beyond Hunt Valley: Research on Women's Health for the 21st Century"**

Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research on Women's Health, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health, will convene a meeting on June 11, 12, and 13, 1997, at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana. The purpose of the meeting is to update the current biomedical and behavioral research agenda for women's health, as presented in the Report of the

National Institutes of Health: Opportunities for Research on Women's Health, a publication based on a conference held in Hunt Valley, Maryland, September 1991.

The NIH/FAES is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical educations for physicians.

The NIH/FAES designates this educational activity for a maximum of 10 hours in category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity.

The first day, June 11, will be devoted to receiving public testimony from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 from individuals and individuals representing organizations interested in biomedical and behavioral research on women's health issues. On June 12 and 13, concurrent working groups will discuss women's health research, with particular reference to gender differences and emerging scientific issues. The schedule for June 22 is 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on June 23 the meeting will end approximately at 3:00 p.m. All sessions of the meeting are open to the public.

The purpose of this conference is to examine the physiological and psychosocial differences which exist between women and men and emerging scientific issues such as the environmental impact on women's health. In addition, strategies based upon the research which can result in an improved health status for all women will be developed.

Experts in fields of basic and clinical science, practitioners interested in women's health, representatives of scientific, professional and women's health organizations, and women's health advocates will be asked to assess the current status of research in women's health, in these, and other areas, identify gaps in existing knowledge, and recommend scientific approaches and strategies to take advantage of promising opportunities for research on women's health.

Opening sessions will be devoted to identifying those factors which may influence health status, including physiological and psychological differences between women and men, and to addressing the emerging issues from basic science to clinical studies through application to all women regardless of race, ethnicity, or age with special focus on the effects of environmental hazards and toxins across the life span.