

Send comments to Patricia Royston, HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14-36, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: April 30, 1997.

**J. Henry Montes,**

*Director, Office of Policy and Information Coordination.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Request for Nominations of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The HRSA is requesting nominations for representatives of specified constituencies or organizations to serve on the Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality (ACIM). The composition of the ACIM is being expanded to meet new congressional requirements to provide advice and guidance to the Secretary on health care services provided to mothers and newborns, as authorized under Section 606 ("Newborns" and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996") of Pub. L. 104-204, the Veterans Administration-Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 1997.

Many of the categories of constituencies or organizations specified by Section 606(b) of the Act for membership on the panel are already represented on the ACIM. Additionally, Congress has identified other organizations with specific areas of expertise for inclusion on the panel. Those categories not already represented in the current membership or that have not been specifically identified by Congress include: health plans; hospitals; employers; and consumers. Nominations are being solicited for persons of national stature representing these four categories who are knowledgeable about maternal and infant health, study methods and quality assurance.

**DATES:** Nominations should be received by June 9, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** All letters of nominations, specifying the nominee's expertise and category they are representing, and curricula vitae of the nominees should

be sent to Audrey H. Nora, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, and Assistant Surgeon General, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 18-05, Rockville, MD 20857, within 30 days of this **Federal Register** notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Woodie Kessel, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Division of Science, Education, and Analysis, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 18A-55, Rockville, MD 20857.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 606 of Pub. L. 104-204 requires health plans and insurance carriers that provide maternity benefits to provide coverage for postpartum hospital stays of at least 48 hours for uncomplicated vaginal deliveries and 96 hours for Cesarean sections. Section 606(b) of the Act directs the Secretary to establish an advisory panel to review data on health care services provided to mothers and newborns, to study several issues related to quality of care and length of maternity stay, and to report to Congress within 5 years on a series of issues related to private sector improvements in prenatal and postnatal care. An interim report is required in 18 months.

The law specifies that the advisory panel be chosen from public and private sector entities with expertise in areas such as patient care, patient education, quality assurance, outcomes research, and consumer issues, and include representatives of health care practitioners, health plans, hospitals, employers, States, and consumers. The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee Report, S. Rpt. 104-326, which accompanied the "Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act of 1996" (S. 969), further elaborates on the composition of the advisory panel, identifying a number of organizations by name as well as category for membership. Congressionally-identified organizations in categories not already represented by current ACIM members have already been invited to nominate a representative to the advisory panel.

On January 29, 1997, the Secretary designated the ACIM to carry out the additional responsibilities of the advisory panel authorized under Section 606(b) of the Act, with the understanding that its composition would be expanded to meet the broadened membership requirements of Section 606(b) of the Act. These membership categories are health plans, hospitals, employers, and consumers. Organizations in categories not otherwise represented by current ACIM members are being invited via this notice to nominate a representative to serve on the advisory panel. If no nomination is received from entities

within these categories, the MCHB will nominate a member to represent that constituency's interests.

The Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality was established in 1991 to advise the Secretary on HHS programs directed at reducing infant mortality and improving the health status of pregnant women and infants. The Committee is governed by provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App. 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The Committee currently consists of the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, the Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration and the Assistant Secretary for Food and Consumer Services, USDA, as ex-officio members, and 21 members, including the chair, selected by the Secretary. Both the public and private sectors are represented. Members from the private sector represent corporations and foundations, the media, the clergy, health and other professional organizations. Members from the public sector represent administrators from State and local levels, including minority, rural and urban interests. The ACIM receives administrative support from HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB).

Members of the advisory panel will serve for a 4-year term. The panel will meet 3 to 4 times per year.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

**Claude Earl Fox,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of June 1997:

**Name:** Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality.

**Date and Time:** June 5, 1997, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m., June 6, 1997, 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

**Place:** Windham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20037.

The meeting is open to the public.

*Agenda:* Topics that will be discussed include: Updates on the Healthy Start Program and Media Campaign; discussion of Welfare Reform and the proposed Child Health Care Initiatives; and discussion of Early Postpartum Discharge and Low-Birthweight issues.

Anyone requiring information regarding the Committee should contact Dr. Peter C. van Dyck, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Infant Mortality, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 18-31, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone (301) 443-2204.

Persons interested in attending any portion of the meeting or having questions regarding the meeting should contact Ms. Kerry P. Nessler, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration, Telephone (301) 443-2204.

Agenda Items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: May 5, 1997.

**Henry Montes,**

Director, Office of Policy and Information Coordination, HRSA.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

PRT-828559.

*Applicant:* Walter Van Power, Dallas TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-828457.

*Applicant:* Sonia Foerster, Scottsdale, AZ.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples taken from Baird's tapir (*Tapirus bairdii*) in Corcovado National Park, Costa Rica for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-8182228.

*Applicant:* Antibody Systems, Bedford, TX.

The applicant requests an amendment to their permit to include the import of blood and tissue samples from Komodo Island Monitor (*Varanus kimodoensis*) from areas of Indonesia other than previously authorized, for the purpose of scientific research to benefit the species in the wild. This notice covers activities conducted by the applicant over a five year period if necessary.

PRT-828562.

*Applicant:* Louisville Zoological Garden, Louisville, KY.

The applicant requests a permit to import one female Sumatran orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus abelli*) from the Calgary Zoo, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, for the purposes of enhancement of the survival of the species through captive-breeding and conservation education.

PRT-828373.

*Applicant:* Richard Smith, The Woodlands, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-828251.

*Applicant:* The Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL.

The applicant requests a permit to import 39 wild mouse lemurs *Microcebus murinus*, *Microcebus rufus* and *Microcebus sp.*, preserved as skins and skeletons from Madagascar for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-824211.

*Applicant:* Peter's Taxidermy, Graham, WA.

The applicant a permit to export two mounted specimens of captive-bred snow leopards (*Uncia uncia*) to Japan for the purpose of survival of the species through conservation education.

PRT-828464.

*Applicant:* Charles L. Black, Shreveport, LA.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) was/were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

The following applicants have each requested a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from the Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant/address	Population	PRT-
Jeffrey Sorg, Kalispell, MT.	Southern Beaufort.	827890
George Mann, Opelika, AL.	Baffin Bay .....	828295

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete applications, or requests for a public hearing on any one of these applications should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice at the above address.

Dated: May 2, 1997.

**Karen Anderson,**

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Habitat Protection Activities in Selected Areas Within the Western Portions of Washington, Oregon, and Northern California

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.