

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice of a Cooperative Agreement With the National Hispanic Religious Leaders Partnership for Community Health

The Office of Minority Health (OMH), Office of Public Health and Science, announces that it will enter into an umbrella cooperative agreement with The National Hispanic Religious Leaders Partnership for Community Health (NHLRPCH). This cooperative agreement will establish the broad programmatic framework in which specific projects can be funded as they are identified during the project period.

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to assist NHLRPCH to expand and enhance its activities relevant to health issues affecting the Hispanic community in areas such as access to health care, cultural competency, mental health, child abuse and youth health issues, substance abuse and prevention, and disease prevention/health promotion. It is anticipated that future activities will focus on programs and policies aimed at improving the overall health status of Hispanics in order to eliminate the health gaps which exist between Hispanics and others. OMH will provide consultation, including administrative and technical assistance as needed, for the execution and evaluation of all aspects of this cooperative agreement. OMH will also participate and/or collaborate with the awardee in any workshops or symposia to exchange current information, opinions, and research findings during this agreement.

Authorizing Legislation

This cooperative agreement is authorized under Title XVII, Section 1707(d)(1) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by Public Law 101-527.

Background

Assistance will be provided only to the National Hispanic Religious Leaders Partnership for Community Health. No other applications are solicited. NHLRPCH is the only organization capable of administering this cooperative agreement because it:

1. Established a regional and national infrastructure of Hispanic churches and para-church organizations dedicated to health care within the Hispanic community;
2. Operates established programs aimed at empowering communities and churches at the grassroots level and

provides holistic ministries that serve the spiritual, social, economic and cultural needs of Hispanic communities;

3. Encompasses a network of comprehensive health services including: Mental health services, drug rehabilitation programs, youth projects, child abuse prevention, health education, women's centers, HIV/AIDS programs and community services centers;

4. Uses indigenous leadership within the Hispanic faith community;

5. Aims to secure improved access to health care through organizational, advocacy and networking activities.

This cooperative agreement will be awarded in FY 1998 for a 12-month budget period within a project period of 5 years. Continuation awards within the project period will be made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

Where To Obtain Additional Information

If you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding this project, contact Dr. Olivia Carter-Pokras, Office of Minority Health, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 1000, Rockville, Maryland 20852 or telephone (301) 443-9923.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Public Health and Science; Notice of Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability

AGENCY: Office of Public Health and Science.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

The Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability will meet on January 29, 1998 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and on January 30, 1998 from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. The meetings will take place in Room 800, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, DC 20201. The meeting will be entirely open to the public.

The Committee will consider the theoretical possibility that Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) can be transmitted by blood transfusion. On January 29, 1998 the Committee will review information previously presented to it

on April 25, 1997 and receive reports of scientific and clinical advances since then. The Committee will then receive a presentation of current and pending regulatory activities relevant to the theoretical possibility of CJD transmission, and hear invited comments from consumers and industry. At the conclusion of these presentations, the public will be invited to comment. On January 30, 1998 the Committee will consider what if any recommendations it would make to the Department on this matter.

Prospective speakers should notify the Executive Secretary of their desire to address the Committee and should plan for no more than 5 minutes of comment.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention: Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Advisory Committee on Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (ACCLPP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services, has been renewed for a 2-year period beginning October 31, 1997 through October 31, 1999.

For further information, contact Henry Falk, M.D., Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, m/s F42, Building 101, Room 1122, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724.