

Background

Assistance will be provide only to the NHMA. No other applications are solicited. NHMA is the only organization capable of administering this cooperative agreement because it:

1. Established an infrastructure for a national office.

2. Developed the National Advisory Committee for policy and program direction.

3. Implemented national strategic planning meetings to meet with Hispanic physicians and to discuss their priority issues.

4. Developed and maintains a national database of Hispanic physicians and Hispanic medical residents.

5. Maintains a membership resume bank and speakers bureau.

6. Develops pertinent policy papers addressing Hispanic health issues that affect Hispanic physicians and Hispanic consumers.

7. Conducts annual membership conference to showcase the important roles and expertise of Hispanic physicians in health promotion, service delivery, research, and policy across the United States.

8. Supports a leadership development and mentorship program for medical students and physicians.

9. Supports presentations and participation a major national health conferences.

10. Collaborates and forms partnerships with other organizations that focus on increasing the representation of Hispanics in the medical professions.

11. Maintains active membership in the following coalitions: American Medical Association Minority Physicians Consortium; Association of American Medical Colleges Diversity in the Health Professions Coalition; the Coalition for Hispanic Advancement; the Hispanic Health-Education Coalition; and Americans for a Fair Chance.

12. Maintains a Website and provides Hispanic physicians with a monthly news bulletin.

13. Works to develop cultural competency training for health providers and information on managed care and quality of health care standards.

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 Guadalupe Pacheco, Office of Minority Health, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 1000, Rockville, Maryland 20852 or telephone (303) 443-5084.

The Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.004.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Public Meeting of the Inter-tribal Council on Hanford Health Projects (ICHHP), in Association With the Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites: Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announce the following meeting.

Name: Public Meeting of the Inter-tribal Council on Hanford Health Projects (ICHHP), in association with the meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at DOE Sites: Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee (HHES).

Time and Date: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., January 14, 1998.

Place: Doubletree Hotel/Jantzen Beach, 909 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon 97217, telephone 503/283-4466, fax 503/283-4743.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

Background: A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed in October 1990 and renewed in November 1992 between ATSDR and DOE. The MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health

activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or "Superfund"). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the Superfund National Priorities List and at sites that are the subject of petitions from the public; and other health-related activities such as epidemiologic studies, health surveillance, exposure and disease registries, health education, substance-specific applied research, emergency response, and preparation of toxicological profiles.

In addition, under an MOU signed in December 1990 with DOE and replaced by an MOU signed in 1996, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has been given the responsibility and resources for conducting analytic epidemiologic investigations of residents of communities in the vicinity of DOE facilities, workers at DOE facilities, and other persons potentially exposed to radiation or to potential hazards from non-nuclear energy production and use. HHS has delegated program responsibility to CDC.

Community involvement is a critical part of ATSDR's and CDC's energy-related research and activities and input from members of the ICHHP is part of these efforts. The ICHHP will work with the HHES to provide input on Native American health effects at the Hanford, Washington, site.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to address issues that are unique to tribal involvement with the HHES, including considerations regarding a proposed medical monitoring program and discussions of cooperative agreement activities designed to provide support for capacity-building activities in tribal environmental health expertise and for tribal involvement in HHES.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items will include a dialogue on issues that are unique to tribal involvement with the HHES. This will include exploring cooperative agreement activities in environmental health capacity building and providing support for tribal involvement in and representation on the HHES.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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