

objectives and timetable including performance and outcome measures;

(3) The extent to which the Office coordinates rural health activities within the State and collaborates with other health entities, especially the State Primary Care Organizations and Primary Care Associations;

(4) The strength of the applicant's plans for administrative and financial management of the Office; and

(5) The reasonableness of the budget proposed for the Office.

Executive Order 12372

The State Office of Rural Health Grant Program has been determined to be a program which is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 concerning intra-governmental review of Federal programs, as implemented by 45 CFR part 100. Executive Order 12372 sets up a system for State and local government review of proposed Federal assistance applications. A current list of State Single Point of Contact (SPOCs), including their names, addresses, and telephone numbers, is included in the application kit. Not all States have SPOCs so this requirement only applies to those States with SPOCs. Applicants should contact their SPOCs as early as possible to alert them to the prospective application and receive any necessary instructions on the State process. (See part 148, Intergovernmental Review of PHS Programs under Executive Order 12372 and 45 CFR part 100 for a description of the review process and requirements.)

The OMB Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 93.913.

Dated: February 13, 1998.

Claude Earl Fox,

Acting Administrator.

[FR Doc. 98-4532 Filed 2-20-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4160-15-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) Meeting

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is given of a meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission. The Commission will continue addressing (1.) the protection of the rights and welfare of human subjects in research including research subjects with decisional impairments and (2.) issues in tissue storage as they relate to genetic information. The meeting is open to the public and opportunities for statements by the public will be provided.

Dates/Times	Location
March 3, 1998, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm; March 4, 1998, 8:00 am-5:30 pm.	McLean Hilton at Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President established the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) on October 3, 1995 by Executive Order 12975 as amended. The mission of the NBAC is to advise and make recommendations to the National Science and Technology Council, its Chair, the President and other entities on bioethical issues arising from the research on human biology and behavior, and from the applications of that research.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public with attendance limited by the availability of space. Members of the public who wish to present oral statements should contact Ms. Patricia Norris by telephone, fax machine, or mail as shown below prior to the meeting as soon as possible. The Chair will reserve time for presentations by persons requesting to speak. The order of speakers will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Individuals unable to make oral presentations are encouraged to mail or fax their comments to the NBAC staff office at least five business days prior to the meeting for distribution to the Commission and inclusion in the public record. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations, should contact NBAC staff at the address or telephone number listed below as soon as possible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Patricia Norris, National Bioethics Advisory Commission, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Suite 5B01, Rockville, Maryland 20892-7508, telephone 301-402-4242, fax number 301-480-6900.

Henrietta D. Hyatt-Knorr,

Deputy Executive Director, National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

[FR Doc. 98-4385 Filed 2-20-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4160-17-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 96D-0235]

International Conference on Harmonisation; Guidance on Testing for Carcinogenicity of Pharmaceuticals

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is publishing a guidance entitled "S1B Testing for Carcinogenicity of Pharmaceuticals." The guidance was prepared under the auspices of the International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH). The guidance outlines experimental approaches to evaluating the carcinogenic potential of pharmaceuticals to humans that may obviate the necessity for the routine conduct of two long-term rodent carcinogenicity studies.

DATES: Effective February 23, 1998.

Submit written comments at any time.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the guidance to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 12420 Parklawn Dr., rm. 1-23, Rockville, MD 20857. Copies of the guidance are available from the Drug Information Branch (HFD-210), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-4573. Single copies of the draft guidance may be obtained by mail from the Office of Communication, Training and Manufacturers Assistance (HFM-40), Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER), or by calling the CBER Voice Information System at 1-800-835-4709 or 301-827-1800. Copies may be obtained from CBER's FAX Information System at 1-888-CBER-FAX or 301-827-3844.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regarding the guidance: Joseph J. DeGeorge, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-24), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-594-6758.

Regarding the ICH: Janet J. Showalter, Office of Health Affairs (HFY-20), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-0864.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In recent years, many important initiatives have