

recently amended at 58 FR 247 on May 8, 1996) is amended as follows:

I. Chapter AE, paragraph C. within "The Office of Health Policy," and paragraph 3, "Division of Health Delivery Systems."

3. The Division of Health Delivery Systems is responsible for policy coordination, longrange planning, formulating budget and legislation, economic analysis, program analysis, review of regulations, evaluation and information dissemination related to health services, and organization and delivery policy. Topics include consumer issues such as quality and consumer protections; private insurance; health care organization and financial issues. Functions include analyzing trends in the private health care sector; studying the interactions of the private and public health care sectors in terms of cost effectiveness, service levels and effects on consumers; analyzing alternative legislative and regulatory proposals; preparing short-term policy analyses and evaluations of existing and potential policies and programs particularly those that cut across the Department's program areas. The Division also coordinates work and plays a liaison role across the Department and with other Departments (including Treasury, Justice and Labor).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation: Request for Nominations for Public Members

AGENCY: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, HHS.

ACTION: Request for nominations for public members.

SUMMARY: 42 U.S.C. 299c, section 921 of the Public Health Service (PHS Act), established a National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation (the Council). The Council is to advise the Secretary and the Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCP), on matters related to actions of the Agency to enhance the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of health care services,

and access to such services through scientific research, the promotion of improvements in clinical practice and in the organization, financing, and delivery of health care services.

Four current members' terms will expire in June 1998 and there are three other vacancies to be filled. We are seeking persons who are distinguished in the conduct of health services to research, persons distinguished in the practice of medicine, and persons to represent health care consumers' interests to fill these positions in accordance with the legislated mandate establishing the Council.

DATES: Nominations should be received on or before April 30.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Ms. Pat Longus, AHCP, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 603, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Nominations also may be faxed to (301) 443-0251.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nancy Foster, AHCP, at (301) 594-1349.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 42 U.S.C. 299c, section 921 of the PHS Act, provides that the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation shall consist of 17 appropriately qualified representatives of the public appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and five ex officio representatives from Federal agencies conducting or supporting health care research. The Council meets in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area approximately three times a year to provide broad guidance to the Secretary and AHCP's Administrator on the direction and programs for AHCP.

To assure broad representation, individuals serving on AHCP's Advisory Council reflects a variety of discipline and perspectives. Of the seven positions for which nominations are being sought, four require individuals distinguished in health services research, two require individuals distinguished in the practice of medicine, and one individual to represent the interests of health care consumers.

Members generally serve 3-year terms. Appointments are staggered to permit an orderly rotation of membership. Individuals selected by the Secretary to serve on the Council will be expected to attend their first meeting in the fall of this year.

Interested persons may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the Council. Nominations shall include a copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae, and state that the nominee is willing to

serve as a member of the Council. Potential candidates will be asked to provide detailed information concerning their financial interests, consultant positions, and research grants and contracts, to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

The Department is seeking a broad geographic representation and has special interest in assuring that women, minority groups, and the physically handicapped are adequately represented on advisory bodies and, therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations for appropriately qualified female, minority, and/or physically handicapped candidates.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

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Occupational Radiation and Energy-Related Health Research Grants; Notice of Availability of Funds for Fiscal Year 1998

Introduction

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1998 funds for the acceptance of grant applications for research projects relating to occupational safety and health concerns associated with occupational exposures to radiation and other hazardous agents at nuclear facilities and in other energy-related industries. Studies in the nuclear power industry and deliberate exposure of human subjects in radiation experiments are outside the scope of this announcement.

CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of "Healthy People 2000," a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the priority area of Occupational Safety and Health. (For ordering a copy of Healthy People 2000, see the section Where to Obtain Additional Information.)