

1:30 p.m. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in sec. 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. and sec. 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, the meeting will be closed to the public on Tuesday, May 12, from 8:00 p.m. to recess, Wednesday, May 13, from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.; and from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.; and Thursday, May 14, from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the National Institute on Aging, (NIA), including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Ms. June McCann, Committee Management Officer, NIA, Gateway Building, Room 2C218, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301/496-9322), will provide a summary of the meeting and a roster of committee members upon request.

Dr. Dan L. Longo, Scientific Director, NIA, Gerontology Research Center, 4940 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21224 will furnish substantive program information.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Scientific Director in advance of the meeting.

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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Meeting of the National Reading Panel

Notice is hereby given of the inaugural meeting of the National Reading Panel. The meeting will be held in Building 31, Conference Room 6, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on April 24, 1998, and is expected to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. The entire meeting will be open to the public.

The National Reading Panel was requested by Congress and created by

the Director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in consultation with the Secretary of Education. The Panel will study the effectiveness of various approaches to teaching children how to read and report on the best ways to apply these findings in classrooms and at home. Its members include prominent reading researchers, teachers, child development experts, leaders in elementary and higher education, and parents. The Chair of the Panel is Dr. Donald N. Langenberg, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland.

The Panel will build on the recently announced findings presented by the National Research Council's Committee on the Prevention of Reading Difficulties in Young Children. Based on a review of the literature, the Panel will determine the readiness for application in the classroom of the results of these research studies; identify appropriate means to rapidly disseminate this information to facilitate effective reading instruction in the schools; and identify gaps in the knowledge base for reading instruction and the best ways to close these gaps.

The inaugural meeting will address issues of Panel organization, task assignment, and scheduling of future meetings. A period of time will be set aside at approximately 3:00 p.m. for members of the public to address the Panel and express their views regarding the Panel's mission. Individuals desiring an opportunity to speak before the Panel should address their requests to F. William Dommel, Jr., Executive Director, National Reading Panel, c/o Ms. Jaimee Nusbacher and either mail them to IQ Solutions, 11300 Rockville Pike, Suite 801, Rockville, Maryland 20852, email them to jnusbacher@iqsolutions.com, or fax them to (301) 984-1473. Requests for addressing the Panel should be received by April 13, 1998. Panel business permitting, each public presenter will be allowed five minutes to present his or her views. In the event of a large number of public presenters, the Panel Chair retains the option to further limit the presentation time allowed to each. Although the time permitted for oral presentations will be brief, the full text of all written comments submitted to the Panel will be made available to the Panel members for consideration.

For further information contact Ms. Jaimee Nusbacher, (301) 984-1471. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ms. Jaimee Nusbacher no later than April 13, 1998.

Dated: April 3, 1998.

Duane Alexander,

Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

Purpose/Agenda: To review individual grant applications.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: April 20, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: St. James Hotel, Washington, DC.

Contact Person: Dr. Leonard Jakubczak, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5172, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1247.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the above meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the grant review and funding cycle.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: May 5, 1998.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5172 Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Leonard Jakubczak, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5172, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1247.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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