

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Notice of a Meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC)**

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 involving persons with mental disorders that may affect decisionmaking capacity and (2) a proposed comprehensive human subjects project. Some Commission members may participate by telephone conference. The meeting is open to the public and opportunities for statements by the public will be provided on October 20, 1998 from 11:30 am to 12 Noon.

| Dates/Times | Location |
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| October 20, 1998, 8:00 am–5:00 pm. | The Grand Ballroom, Holiday, Inn—National Airport, 1489 Jefferson Davis Highway, U.S. Route 1, Arlington, Virginia. |

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 on a first come, first serve basis. Members of the public who wish to present oral statements should contact Ms. Patricia Norris by telephone, fax machine, or mail as shown below and as soon as possible at least 4 days before the meeting. The Chair will reserve time for presentations by persons requesting to speak and asks that oral statements be limited to five minutes. The order of persons wanting to make a statement will be assigned in the order in which requests are received. Individuals unable to make oral presentations can mail or fax their written 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. The Commission also accepts general comments at its website at bioethics.gov. 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel: Notice of Charter Renewal**

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) of October 6, 1972, that the Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services, has been renewed for a 2-year period, through September 18, 2000.

Contact Person for Further Information: Burma Burch, Committee Management Officer, CDC, 4 Executive Park Drive, Suite 1117, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, phone 404/639-6389, e-mail bx1@cdc.gov.

Dated: September 23, 1998.

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Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Administration for Children and Families****Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request****Proposed Project**

Title: Child and Family Services State plan Reviews (CFS).

OMB No.: New.

Description: The Department is proposing new review procedures for assessing compliance with State Plan requirements under parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act (the Act).

The collection of information for review of State child and family services programs to determine whether such programs are in substantial conformity with State plan requirements under parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act is authorized by section 1123(a) [42 U.S.C. 1320a-1a] of the Act.

The purpose of the NPRM is to reform the existing review process so that the reviews are focused on assisting States to improve services and outcomes for children and families.

We are proposing to review State programs in two areas: (1) Outcomes for children and families in the areas of safety, permanency, and child and family well-being; and (2) systemic factors that directly impact the State's capacity to deliver services leading to improved outcomes.

The process we are proposing includes two stages: a State self-assessment and an on-site review. The State self-assessment will be completed by the State members of the review team, including staff of the State agency and community representatives, in collaboration with ACF Regional Offices. In the second phase, a representative team of Federal, State and community reviewers will review a small "discovery sample" of cases selected randomly and stratified by type of cases, based on the findings of the self-assessment. The reviews will examine cases which reflect a wide range of services provided by the State, e.g., child protective services, out-of-home and in-home services, but more emphasis will be placed on those cases reflecting State-specific issues identified in the self-assessment. Information on each case will be gathered from the case records as well as interviews with the children, parents, social worker, foster parent and service providers in the case. Systemic issues will be reviewed on-site, primarily through interviews with