

(OPHS) announces that it will enter into an umbrella cooperative agreement with the Latino Council on Alcohol and Tobacco (LCAT), a national organization whose mission is to combat alcohol and tobacco problems and their underlying causes in Latino communities. This cooperative agreement is an umbrella cooperative agreement and will establish the broad programmatic framework in which specific projects can be supported by various agencies during the project period.

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to assist the LCAT in reducing the harm caused by alcohol and tobacco in the Latino community by producing and disseminating information to organizations on the use, trends and preventive measures regarding alcohol and tobacco use in the Latino community.

The OMH will provide technical assistance and oversight as necessary for the implementation, conduct, and assessment of the project activities. On an as-needed basis, OMH will assist in arranging consultation from other government agencies and non-governmental agencies.

#### Authorizing Legislation

This cooperative agreement is authorized under Section 1707(e)(1) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

#### Background

Assistance will be provided only to LCAT. No other applications are being solicited under this announcement. The LCAT is uniquely qualified to accomplish the objectives of this cooperative agreement because it has the following combination of factors.

- Worked extensively to strengthen Latino networks at the national and local levels to combat alcohol and tobacco use.
- Developed a national database of experts and service providers.
- Developed a national agenda for addressing the pervasive targeting of Latino communities by alcohol and tobacco marketers.
- Has previous experience in working with minority colleges and universities in developing programs to improve education for minorities.

This cooperative agreement will be awarded for a 12-month budget period within a project period of five years. Depending upon the types of projects and availability of funds, it is anticipated that this cooperative agreement will receive approximately \$50,000 to \$100,000. Continuation awards within the project period will be

made on the basis of satisfactory progress and the availability of funds.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number for this cooperative agreement is 93.004.

#### Where To Obtain Additional Information

If you are interested in obtaining additional information regarding this project, contact Ms. Cynthia Amis, Office of Minority Health, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 1000, Rockville, Maryland 20852 or telephone (301) 594-0769.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

*Name:* National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Workgroup on the National Health Information Infrastructure.

*Time and Date:* 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., January 6, 1999, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 p.m., January 7, 1999.

*Place:* Room 405A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201.

*Status:* Open.

*Purpose:* At this meeting the Workgroup on the National Health Information Infrastructure will review a draft of its charge, discuss work plans, begin to develop a matrix of health information infrastructure activities at the Department, and attend to other business as required.

*Notice:* In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey building by non-government employees. Thus, persons without a government identification card will need to have the guard call for an escort to the meeting.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Mary Jo Deering, Lead Staff Person for the NCVHS Workgroup on the National Health Information Infrastructure, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Health and Science, DHHS, Room 738G, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201, telephone (202) 260-2652, or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301)

436-7050. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs>, where an agenda for the meeting will be posted when available.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

*Name:* National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Executive Subcommittee.

*Time And Date:* 1:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., January 7, 1999.

*Place:* Room 405A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201.

*Status:* Open.

*Purpose:* At this meeting the Executive Subcommittee will be planning the work of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics, developing agendas for upcoming meetings of the full Committee, and attending to other business as required.

*Notice:* In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H. Humphrey Building by non-government employees. Thus, persons without a government identification card will need to have the guard call for an escort to the meeting.

*Contact Person For More Information:* Substantive program information as well as summaries and a roster of committee members may be obtained from James Scanlon, NCVHS Executive Staff Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS, Room 440-D, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20201, telephone (202) 690-7100, or Majorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100 Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 436-7050. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS website: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs>, where an agenda for the meeting will be posted when available.

Dated: December 14, 1998.

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