

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Community/Tribal Subcommittee and the Board of Scientific Counselors, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry: Meetings

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announces the following subcommittee and committee meetings.

Name: Community/Tribal Subcommittee.

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., May 4, 1999; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., May 5, 1999.

Place: The Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, 210 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Status: Open to the public, limited by the available space. The meeting room accommodates approximately 60 people.

Purpose: This subcommittee will bring to the Board of Scientific Counselors advice and citizen input, as well as recommendations on community and tribal programs, practices, and policies of the Agency. The subcommittee will report directly to the Board of Scientific Counselors.

Matters To Be Discussed: Issues and concerns of the Community/Tribal Subcommittee relates to ATSDR's community and tribal programs. ATSDR will present issues and concerns on which it wishes community/tribal input. Policies and activities will be identified and recommendations for the Agency will be developed. The subcommittee will discuss CTS procedures; ways and means of outreaching to communities affected by hazardous substances in the environment; possibilities for providing funding to communities to obtain their own health study expertise; the specific problems with Federal facilities and community access to health services. A report will be prepared and presented to the Board of Scientific Counselors.

Name: Board of Scientific Counselors, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., May 6, 1999; 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m., May 7, 1999.

Place: The Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, 210 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Status: Open to the public, limited by the available space. The meeting room accommodates approximately 60 people.

Purpose: The Board of Scientific Counselors, ATSDR, advises the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary for Health; and the Administrator, ATSDR, on ATSDR programs to ensure scientific quality, timeliness, utility, and dissemination of results. Specifically, the Board advises on the adequacy of the science in ATSDR-supported research, emerging problems that require scientific investigation, accuracy and currency of the science in ATSDR reports,

and program areas to emphasize and/or to de-emphasize. In addition, the Board recommends research programs and conference support for which the Agency seeks to make grants to universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, and other public and private organizations.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items will include an overview and panel discussions of ATSDR's plans, approaches, and time schedule for developing, with BSC collaboration and input, a five-year environmental public health research agenda; a report to the Board of Scientific Counselors from the Community/Tribal Subcommittee on issues and concerns related to hazardous waste sites; a presentation on an ATSDR/Department of Energy (DOE) coordinated research and public health activities plan for selected DOE sites; and brief ATSDR presentations on translating science to service, counter-terrorism activities, and international health.

Written comments are welcome and should be received by the contact person listed below prior to the opening of the meeting.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Due to administrative delays, this notice has not been published fifteen days prior to the start of the meeting.

Contact Person for More Information: Robert F. Spengler, Sc.D., Executive Secretary, BSC, ATSDR, M/S E-28, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-0708.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and ATSDR.

Dated: April 13, 1999.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 99070]

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1999 funds for a cooperative agreement program for a Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) program. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2000 Objectives" priority area of Maternal and Infant Health. The purpose of the

program is to assist State public health agencies to: (1) Establish and maintain State-specific, population-based surveillance of selected maternal behaviors and experiences that occur around the time of pregnancy and early infancy, and (2) to generate State-specific data for informing perinatal health programs and policies.

B. Eligible Applicants

Assistance will be provided only to the official State and territorial public health agencies designated as registration areas for vital statistics, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

The following are excluded:

1. States funded in September 1996, under Program Announcement 659, entitled "Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System": Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maine, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Washington, and West Virginia.

2. District and States which have previously received funds from CDC for PRAMS: District of Columbia, Indiana, and Michigan.

In addition, all applicants must provide the following evidence of support:

1. Written assurance, signed by the head of the State's Vital Statistics unit, that the recipient PRAMS program will have timely (i.e., able to draw a sample from birth certificates within 2 to 4 months after delivery) access to edited birth certificate information needed for sampling and data collection. In addition, written assurance that a final birth tape will be available to CDC by December 1 of the following data year for the purpose of weighting the annual dataset.

2. A letter of commitment from the Directors of the Maternal and Child Health (MCH), the Vital Statistics, the Data Processing units, that they will work collaboratively to support the PRAMS program.

Applicants who do not provide these assurances and letters of commitment will not be eligible for funding, and their applications will be returned.

C. Availability of Funds

Approximately \$600,000 is available in FY 1999 to fund approximately 5 awards. It is expected that the average award will be \$100,000 ranging from \$60,000 to \$120,000. It is expected that