

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board of Trustees of the Medicare Trust Funds (the Hospital Insurance (HI) and Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) Trust Funds) report annually on the funds' financial condition. The reports describe the trust funds' current and projected financial condition, within the next 10 years (the short term) and over the subsequent 65 years (the long term). The Medicare Board of Trustees has directed the Secretary of Health and Human Services (who is one of the Trustees) to establish a panel of technical experts to review the assumptions and methods underlying the HI and SMI annual reports.

The panel's review includes the following four topics:

1. Medicare assumptions (*e.g.*, utilization rates, medical price increases).
2. Projection methodology (how assumptions are used to make cost projections).
3. Long-range growth assumptions for HI and SMI.
4. Use of stochastic forecasting techniques.

The Panel will issue its findings in a report to the Secretary and the other Trustees.

The Panel consists of six members who are experts in the fields of economics and actuarial science: Dale Yamamoto, F.S.A., M.A.A.A., F.C.C.A, E.A., B.S.—Chair; Len Nichols, Ph.D.; David Cutler, Ph.D.; Michael Chernen, Ph.D.; James Robinson, F.S.A., M.A.A.A., Ph.D.; and Alice Rosenblatt, F.S.A., M.A.A.A., M.A. The members' terms will end August 12, 2001. Sam Gutterman, F.S.A., F.C.A.S., M.A.A.A., M.A., is a consultant to the Panel.

The Panel's next meeting will be held on November 15, 2000 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). At this meeting, the Panel will edit and approve its final report to the Trustees. The meeting will be held at the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) Headquarters, Conference Center, Room C-112, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to the space available.

Individuals or organizations that wish to make 5-minute oral presentations on

the issues covered by the Panel should contact the Executive Director by 5 p.m. on November 1, 2000. The number of oral presentations may be limited to the time available. A written copy of the presenters' oral remarks should be submitted to the Executive Director no later than 5 p.m. on November 7, 2000, for distribution to the Panel members.

Any interested member of the public may submit written comments to the Executive Director and Panel members for review. Comments should be received by the Executive Director by 5 p.m. on November 7, 2000, for distribution to the Panel members.

Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired and/or other special accommodation, should contact Ariel Winter at (202) 690-6860 by November 1, 2000.

Dated: October 18, 2000.

Margaret A. Hamburg,

Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Solicitation of Volunteers To Serve as Special Consultants on the Community and Tribal Subcommittee of the ATSDR Board of Scientific Counselors

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces ATSDR's need for special consultants to provide citizens' input on the Community and Tribal Subcommittee (CTS) of ATSDR's Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC).

DATES: Applications should be completed and returned by Friday, November 17, 2000.

BACKGROUND: The CTS provides the BSC with input, recommendations, and advice on ATSDR's community/tribal community involvement practices, programs, and policies from community/tribal members who live near hazardous waste sites or are otherwise affected by hazardous substances in the community environment. The subcommittee was established, at the request of the Assistant Administrator, ATSDR, to provide the agency, through its Board of Scientific Counselors, with a formal vehicle for citizen input.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To express interest in serving as a special consultant and obtain additional information, contact: Sandee Coulberson, Designated Federal Official, CTS, ATSDR (E-56), 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30033 (404) 639-6002 (Direct Line) Toll-free 1-888-422-8737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ATSDR conducts public health-related activities at hazardous waste sites and releases, pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund) (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*). ATSDR established a BSC which is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.). In 1994, the chair of the BSC, ATSDR, appointed three community/tribal representatives as consultants to ensure that its deliberations included the views of community and tribal members who live around Superfund and other hazardous waste sites and are representatives of groups that work at local, regional, or national locations with these affected communities. To supplement the work of these consultants, nine additional community and tribal representatives were added. Four members of the BSC serve on this Subcommittee, one of which was appointed as chair.

The Community Tribal Subcommittee's objective is to provide the BSC, ATSDR, with the views and recommendations of community and tribal representatives on ATSDR's community involvement programs, practices, policies, and other relevant issues impacting communities and tribes who live near Superfund and hazardous waste sites. The Subcommittee will review ATSDR's community involvement programs, and policies; provide advice, findings, and recommendations to the Board on these issues; and bring broad-based community and tribal involvement issues to the attention of the Board of Scientific Counselors.

The Subcommittee will present findings, advice, and recommendations to the full Board. The BSC will discuss and review reports of the Subcommittee and may forward recommendations to ATSDR for action. The Community/Tribal Subcommittee will periodically meet and/or hold conference calls.

A group consisting of special consultants, CTS Chair and the DFO will review the applications and develop a short list to be recommended for consideration. The Agency, in consultation with the BSC chair, will then select the four community representatives to serve as special

consultants to the CTS, with special consideration given to the recommended slate. The special consultants are not members of the CTS, and therefore, do not have voting privileges.

Accordingly, any person who lives in a community affected by an NPL or other hazardous waste site, or is a representative of a group that works at local, regional, or national locations with these communities, who wishes to be considered for serving as a special consultant on this Subcommittee should write or call the ATSDR contact person listed above to express interest and obtain additional information.

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 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Dated: October 17, 2000.

Carolyn J. Russell,

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

Application

Community and Tribal Subcommittee, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), October, 2000

Please fill out this form as legibly as possible to ensure that photocopies of it are readable. *Applications must be received by Friday, November 17, 2000.* Please send to:

Sandee Coulberson, Designated Federal Official, CTS, ATSDR (E-56), 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30033, Phone: (404) 639-6002 (Direct Line), Toll-free 1-888-422-8737, Fax: (404) 639-4699

Name:

Street Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Employment and employer(s) for last five years:

Please check the corresponding box for your response to the following questions; please keep any written responses brief.

(1) Do you live in a community or on a reservation that contains a site contaminated with toxic substances or are you a member of an organization that works on environmental health/toxic substance issues with such affected communities/tribes? Check all that apply

yes, live in such a community/
reservation

yes, member of such an
organization

no

If you checked no, please skip to question # 9.

ATSDR Community and Tribal Subcommittee Application, continued:
(2) What type of site is it?

National Priorities List (Superfund NPL)

Department of Defense

Not sure/don't know

Department of Energy

Department of Defense

State

Other

(3) What is the status of site cleanup?

Cleanup underway

Cleanup completed

No work done

Not sure/don't know

(4) How would you characterize your community/tribe?

Rural

Suburban

Urban

Tribal Lands

Not sure/don't know

(5) How would you characterize the racial/ethnic makeup of your community/tribe?

White

Asian

African-American

Native American

Hispanic

Mixed/no group predominate

Not sure/don't know

(6) How would you characterize the economic status of your community/tribe?

Lower income

Middle income

Upper income

Not sure/don't know

(7) Do you believe your personal/family health has been harmed due to exposure to toxic substances in the environment?

Yes

Possibly

No

(7a) *If you are a tribal member, is contamination of traditional food supply thought to be a problem?*

Yes Possibly No

ATSDR Community and Tribal Subcommittee Application, continued:

(8) Are you a member of a community/tribal organization focused on the site?

Yes No

(8a) If yes, please describe

(9) Are you familiar with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)?

Yes No

(10) Have you either sought assistance from, or previously been involved with ATSDR?

Yes No

(11) Has ATSDR sponsored a health assessment or health study in your community?

Yes No Not sure/don't know

(12) Have you attended other national or regional ATSDR meetings in the last 5 years?

Yes No

(13) Are you a member of an organization—other than the one you may have noted in question 8—focused on toxic substances/environmental health?

Yes No

(13a) If yes, what is the scope of the organization?

Local Regional National

(13b) Please describe the organization

(14) How many years have you been involved in toxic substance/environmental health issues?

Years

(15) How many hours per month on average can you make available for telephone calls, periodic meetings, and review of materials?

Hours per month

(16) Have you in the past or are you now participating in an advisory group similar in structure to the Community Tribal Subcommittee?

Yes No

(16a) If yes, please describe the group and your role

(17) **QUALIFICATIONS/BACKGROUND:** Please briefly note your knowledge of/experience with toxic substance/environmental health issues. List relevant self-education/research, workshops attended, and/or formal training.

(18) **CURRENT ISSUES:** What are your views on ATSDR's current approach to working with communities/tribes?

(19) **EXPECTATIONS:** What type of input, recommendations, and advice do

you envision the Subcommittee providing, and what type of outreach would you intend to do in order to formulate your recommendations to the Board of Scientific Counselors?

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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 (CTS).

Times and Dates:

8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., November 28, 2000

8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., November 29, 2000

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

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

Purpose: This subcommittee brings to the Board advice, citizen input, and recommendations on community and tribal programs, practices, and policies of the Agency.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include an update on Action Items and Recommendations from previous meeting; CTS update on Cultural Sensitivity Training; discussion on implementation of task forces; discussion of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) process at Department of Defense and Department of Energy sites; update on the Office of Urban Affairs health intervention and health care activities at sites; and, an update on Research Agenda Building activities.

Name: Board of Scientific Counselors, ATSDR.

Times and Dates:

8:30 a.m.–5:05 p.m., November 30, 2000.

8:30 a.m.–12:10 p.m., December 1, 2000.

Place: The Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, 210 Peachtree Street, NW., 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 science in ATSDR-supported research, emerging problems that require scientific investigations, accuracy and currency of the science in ATSDR reports, and program areas to emphasize or de-emphasize. In addition, the Board recommends research programs and conference support for which the Agency awards grants to universities, colleges, research institutions, hospitals, and other public and private organizations.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items will include ATSDR updates; review of the ATSDR Research Agenda, and a review of the public comments and implementation plans; discussion on exposure investigations and biomarkers; discussion on current events impacting ATSDR; an overview of Community and Tribal Subcommittee meeting issues and recommendations; discussion of activities related to Libby, Montana, growth of environmental pediatric units, and Minority Health Program; and, an overview on ATSDR new directions. Written comments are welcomed 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.

Contact Person for More Information:

Robert Spengler, Sc.D., Executive Secretary, BSC, ATSDR, M/S E-28, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-0708.

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Carolyn J. Russell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee; Meeting

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Data Policy and Standards Staff, announces the following meeting.

Name: ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance Committee meeting.

Time and Date: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., November 17, 2000.

Place: The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Multi-purpose Room, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: The ICD-9-CM Coordination and Maintenance (C&M) Committee will hold its final meeting of the calendar year 2000 cycle on Friday November 17, 2000. The C&M meeting is a public forum for the presentation of proposed modifications to the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth-Revision, Clinical Modification.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items include:

- Hemophilia carrier status
- Developmental hip dislocation
- Heart failure
- Constipation
- Urologic conditions
- Clinical trial participant
- Dental caries
- Implementation of the ICD-10-PCS coding system
- Removal of Intra-aortic balloon pump
- Transcervical fetal oxygen saturation
- Abdominal cerclage (FspOs) monitoring
- Addenda

Contact Person for Additional Information:

Amy Blum, Medical Classification Specialist, Data Policy and Standards Staff, NCHS, 6526 Belcrest Road, Room 1100, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone 301/458-4106 (diagnosis), Amy Gruber, Health Insurance Specialist, Division of Acute Care, HCFA, 7500 Security Blvd., Room C4-07-07, Baltimore, Maryland, 21244 telephone 410-786-1542 (procedures).

Notice: In the interest of security, HCFA has instituted stringent procedures for entrance into the building by non-government employees. Persons without a government I.D. must show a photo I.D. and sign-in at the security desk upon entering the building.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Government-Owned Invention; Availability for Licensing: Tissue Microarrays for Rapid Molecular Profiling

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by agencies of the U.S.