

fellow in the intramural program of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), NIH, engaged in scientific misconduct by falsifying and fabricating data published in two publications.

Specifically, PHS found that Dr. Handa:

(1) Fabricated or falsified the following data in a paper published in *J. Gen. Virol.* 81:2077–2084, 2000: (A) Data for the AAV–3 construct for days 2, 5, and 7 and data for the AAV–2 construct for days 5 and 7 in Table 1; (B) day 2 data in Table 2; and (C) Figure 4; and

(2) Falsified the following data in a paper published in *J. Gen. Virol.* 81:2461–2469, 2000: (A) Figure 3; and (B) data in Table 2; retracted at *J. Gen. Virol.* 82:2837, 2000.

These actions were serious because the purported findings on the GV virus C/hepatitis G and AAV–2 viruses could have had major impact in areas such as hepatitis research and gene therapy.

Dr. Handa has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement in which he has voluntarily agreed:

(1) To exclude himself from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, nonprocurement transactions (*e.g.*, grants and cooperative agreements) of the United States Government as defined in 45 CFR part 76 (Debarment Regulations), for a period of five (5) years, beginning on April 4, 2002;

(2) To exclude himself from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS, including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant, for a period of five (5) years, beginning on April 4, 2002; and

(3) To submit a letter of retraction to the editor of the *Journal of General Virology* identifying the missing data as well as the falsified or fabricated data in Figure 3A and Table 2 of the paper published in *J. Gen. Virol.* 81:2461–2469, 2000, within 30 days of the effective date of this Agreement. This retraction requirement will remain on the ALERT System until Dr. Handa sends, and ORI receives, a copy of the retraction letter that is consistent with the above language.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Director, Division of Investigative Oversight, Office of Research Integrity, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852. (301) 443–5330.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., appendix 2), the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces meetings of scientific peer review groups. The subcommittees listed below are part of the Agency's Health Services Research Initial Review Group Committee.

The subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). Grant applications are to be reviewed and discussed at these meetings. These discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

1. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Research Training.  
*Date:* May 16–17, 2002 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).  
*Place:* AHRQ, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.
2. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Technology and Decision Sciences.  
*Date:* June 6–7, 2002 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).  
*Place:* AHRQ, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.
3. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Research Dissemination and Implementation.  
*Date:* June 17–18, 2002 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).  
*Place:* AHRQ, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.
4. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Quality and Effectiveness Research.  
*Date:* June 20–21, 2002 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).  
*Place:* AHRQ, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.
5. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Systems Research.  
*Date:* June 26–27, 2002 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).  
*Place:* AHRQ, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*Contact Person:* Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, agenda or minutes of the nonconfidential portions of the meetings should contact Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Research Review, Education and Policy, AHRQ, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594–1846.

Agenda items for these meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: April 12, 2002.

**Carolyn M. Clancy,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Resources and Services Administration

#### Community-Based Dental Partnership Program Grant Announcement

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds.

**SUMMARY:** The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds to be awarded under the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act Community-Based Dental Partnership Program for grants that support partnerships between dental education programs and community-based dental providers, to provide oral health care to low income, unserved patients with HIV disease. Grants will be awarded for a 3-year period.

#### Program Purpose

The goals of the Community-Based Dental Partnership Program are to increase access to oral health care for low-income patients with HIV in areas that remain unserved and to increase the number of dental providers capable of managing the oral health needs of patients with HIV, through community-based service-learning experiences. Eligible applicants must work collaboratively with community-based dental providers (such as community-based or faith-based organizations or private practice dental providers that currently provide or plan to provide oral health services) to address unmet oral health needs of unserved populations with HIV. The documentation of unmet HIV oral health needs or unserved HIV positive populations will be based upon data submitted within the application