

Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, Biomarkers Review for Co-op Projects.

Date: August 29, 2003.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Double Tree Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Aftab A Ansari, PhD, Health Science Administrator, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, 6701 Democracy Plaza, Suite 800, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-4952.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.846, Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 14, 2003.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the AIDS Research Advisory Committee, NIAID.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: AIDS Research Advisory Committee, NIAID.

Date: September 29-30, 2003.

Time: September 29, 2003, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: The Committee will provide advice on scientific priorities, policy, and program balance at the Division level. The Committee will review the progress and productivity of ongoing efforts, and identify critical gaps and/or obstacles to progress.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Conference Room E1/E2, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Time: September 30, 2003, 8:30 a.m. to adjournment.

Agenda: The Committee will provide advice on scientific priorities, policy, and program balance at the Division level. The Committee will review the progress and productivity of ongoing efforts, and identify critical gaps and/or obstacles to progress.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Conference Room E1/E2, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Rona L. Siskind, Executive Secretary, AIDS Research Advisory Committee, Division of AIDS, NIAID/NIH, Room 4139, 6700-B Rockledge Drive, MSC 7610, Bethesda, MD 20892-7601, 301-435-3732.

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

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 VACC 15: Small Business: Vaccine delivery systems.

Date: August 19, 2003.

Time: 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Mary Clare Walker, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5104, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1165.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Signaling.

Date: August 20, 2003.

Time: 2 P.M. to 3 P.M.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Marcia Litwack, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6206, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1719.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program (NTP); Notice of a Meeting of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors on September 10-11, 2003, in the Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 111 T. W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

The NTP Board of Scientific Counselors ("the Board") is composed of scientists from the public and private sector and provides primary scientific oversight to the NTP.

Agenda

The meeting being held on September 10-11, 2003, begins each day at 8:30 a.m. and is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to adjournment with attendance limited only by the space available. Persons needing special assistance should contact the Executive Secretary (contact information below) at least

seven business days in advance of the meeting. A draft agenda with a tentative schedule is provided below. Primary agenda topics include: (1) A vision for the NTP that includes its concept and projection of new areas into which toxicology will develop in the next 5–10 years; (2) a presentation on the development of new, publicly accessible, electronic databases for NTP studies; (3) a demonstration of an interactive, web-based, 2-D-imaging system to evaluate the pathological outcomes of NTP studies; and (4) updates on the NTP testing program including the design of studies on radio-frequency radiation from cellular phone devices, collaborations with the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, studies on medicinal herbs and dietary supplements and the recommendations of the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination (ICCEC) for substances nominated to the NTP for study. There will also be updates on the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors Technical Reports Peer Review Meeting held on May 22, 2003, the status of the 11th Edition of the Report on Carcinogens and the NTP Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction. Time is allotted during the meeting for the public to present comments to the Board and NTP staff on agenda topics.

The agenda and background materials on agenda topics, as available, will be posted on the NTP Web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>, see What's New) or available upon request to the Executive Secretary (contact information below). Following the meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and available through the NTP web site and upon request to Central Data Management, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD E1-02, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919-541-3419, fax: 919-541-3687, and e-mail: CDM@niehs.nih.gov.

ICCEC Recommendations for Substances Nominated for Future NTP Studies

Information about substances nominated to the NTP for toxicology and carcinogenesis studies and the ICCEC's recommendations were published in the **Federal Register** on July 16, 2003 (Vol. 68, No. 136, p. 42068–71). This notice is available on the Web (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/htdocs/Liason/ICCECFinal02JuneFR.html>) along with supporting documents for each nomination (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/htdocs/liason/BkgrSum02June.html>) or by contacting

the NTP Executive Secretary (contact information below). This meeting provides an additional opportunity for the public to provide comment on these nominations and study recommendations to the Board and NTP staff. Comments submitted to the NTP in response to the July 2003 **Federal Register** notice are under consideration and do not need to be resubmitted or readdressed.

Public Comment Encouraged

Public input at this meeting is invited and time is set aside for the presentation of public comments on any agenda topic. At least 7 minutes will be allotted to each speaker, and if time permits, may be extended to 10 minutes. Each organization is allowed one time slot per agenda topic. Persons registering to make oral comments are asked to provide their name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization (if any). To facilitate planning for the meeting, persons interested in providing formal oral comments are asked to notify Dr. Barbara Shane, NTP Executive Secretary, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD A3-01, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919-541-0530; and e-mail: shane@niehs.nih.gov by September 2, 2003. Persons may also submit written comments *in lieu* of making oral comments. Written comments should be sent to the Executive Secretary and must be received by September 2, 2003, to enable review by the Board and NTP staff prior to the meeting. Persons submitting written comments should include their name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization (if any) with the document.

Individuals will also be able to register to give oral public comments on-site at the meeting. However, if registering on-site and reading from written text, please bring 30 copies of the statement for distribution to the Board and NTP staff and to supplement the record.

Registration

The NTP Board of Scientific Counselors meeting is open to the public. Attendance at this meeting is limited only by the space available. Due to changes in security policies at the NIEHS, individuals who plan to attend are asked to pre-register with the Executive Secretary (contact information above). The names of those registered will be given to the NIEHS Security Office in order to gain access to the campus. Persons attending who have not pre-registered may be asked to

provide pertinent information about the meeting, *i.e.*, title or host of meeting before gaining access to the campus. All visitors (whether or not you are pre-registered) will need to be prepared to show 2 forms of identification (ID), *i.e.*, driver's license and one other form of ID, such as company ID, government ID, or university ID.

NTP Board of Scientific Counselors

The Board is a technical advisory body comprised of scientists from the public and private sectors who provide primary scientific oversight to the overall program and its centers. Specifically, the Board advises the NTP on matters of scientific program content, both present and future, and conducts periodic review of the program for the purposes of determining and advising on the scientific merit of its activities and their overall scientific quality. Its members are selected from recognized authorities knowledgeable in fields, such as toxicology, pharmacology, pathology, biochemistry, epidemiology, risk assessment, carcinogenesis, mutagenesis, molecular biology, behavioral toxicology and neurotoxicology, immunotoxicology, reproductive toxicology or teratology, and biostatistics. The NTP strives for equitable geographic distribution and minority and female representation on the Board. Its members are invited to serve overlapping terms of up to four years and meetings are held once or twice annually for the Board and its two standing subcommittees (the Report on Carcinogens Subcommittee and the Technical Reports Review Subcommittee).

Dated: August 12, 2003.

Kenneth Olden,

Director, National Toxicology Program.

Preliminary Agenda: National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors: September 10–11, 2003

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC.

September 10, 2003

8:30 a.m.—Welcome and Opening Comments.

NTP Update.

A Vision for the NTP.

NTP Databases.

11:45 a.m.—Lunch.

1 p.m.—Imaging Technology for Pathological Evaluations.

Research Highlights

- Carbonyl Sulfide;
- Endocrine Disrupting Agents.

NTP Study Updates

- Design of Study on Radio-frequency Radiation Emissions;
- NTP-NIOSH Collaborations;
- Medicinal Herbs and Dietary Supplements.

5 p.m.—Adjourn

September 11, 2003

8:30 a.m.—Welcome and Introductions.

NTP Testing Program Study Nominations.

NTP-USGS Collaboration to Map Mercury Levels in Fish on a National Scale.

NTP Updates.

- Statistical Issues in Phototoxicology Studies;
- Technical Reports Peer Review Meeting on May 22, 2003;
- Report on Carcinogens;
- NTP Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction.

Other Business.

11:30 a.m.—Adjourn.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[CFDA #: 93.676]

Office of Refugee Resettlement Grant to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service for the Unaccompanied Alien Children's Program

AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement, HHS.

ACTION: Grant award announcement.

SUMMARY: This notice is hereby given that an award is being made to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS), 700 Light Street, Baltimore, MD, in the amount of \$367,575 in FY03 due to urgent and compelling circumstances. The award will be used to assess and develop a capacity plan for unaccompanied alien minors transferred into the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) from the Department of Homeland Security by reason of their immigration status. The program providing such services shall hereafter be referred to as the Unaccompanied Alien Children's Program (UAC).

The specific goal of the program is to facilitate the provision of family reunification and/or long-term foster care services to unaccompanied alien minors referred to LIRS by ORR and currently held in the legal custody of the ORR. The provisions of services will

include child welfare related services, including family reunification and foster care placement, to alien unaccompanied minors who have been approved for such services by the appropriate entities. LIRS has extensive experience in this area drawing from the Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program. In addition, they have one of the largest affiliate networks, allowing them to easily facilitate capacity development and establish a much needed presence in major apprehension centers.

Per the *Flores v. Reno* settlement agreement, no child apprehended by the Department of Homeland Security can remain in a secure detention setting for longer than 72 hours, unless warranted. Given the recent influx of apprehensions along the southwest border and southern border, ORR has the urgent need to assess and develop a capacity plan for the program.

Grant and Cooperative Agreement Program Authority for this activity is contained in the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980, Title V, Section 501(c) Pub. L. 94 Stat.1799, 1809-1810, Executive Order 12341, the Immigration and Naturalization Act, and Section 462 of the Homeland Security Act.

The Recipient will:

1. Assess and develop a capacity plan;
2. Identify agencies and sites for reception and assessment centers in major apprehension locations throughout the United States;
3. Develop residential, therapeutic and foster care programs;
4. Assist with developing a long-term care program;
5. Develop a system for family reunification assessment including support systems;
6. Participate in the development of a universal assessment placement plan under the direction of ORR;
7. Coordinate placement plan recommendations; and
8. Develop an assessment training manual of protocols and procedures.

Other services for these minors may be provided if ORR determines in advance that the service is reasonable and necessary for a particular minor.

LIRS will ensure services comply with State child welfare statutes and generally accepted child welfare standards, practices, principles, and procedures, and the *Flores v. Reno* settlement agreement. Services offered provide for the safety and security of each child.

After the appropriate reviews, it has been determined that the need to assess and develop a capacity plan is compelling. The project period is July 1, 2003 to September 30, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Theresa Bell, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, telephone (202) 401-4863.

Dated: July 3, 2003.

Nguyen Van Hanh,

Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[CFDA# 93.676]

Office of Refugee Resettlement Grant to Southwest Initiative Group for the Unaccompanied Alien Children's Program

AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement, HHS.

ACTION: Grant award announcement.

SUMMARY: This notice is hereby given that a urgent grant award is being made to Southwest Initiatives Group, Nixon, TX in the amount of \$797,152 in FY03, to provide shelter care and child welfare services to alien minors transferred into the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) from the Department of Homeland Security by reason of their immigration status. The programs providing such services shall hereafter be referred to as the Unaccompanied Alien Children's Program (UAC).

The specific goal of the program is to provide residential shelter care and other related child welfare services to male and female alien children under 18 years of age who are in the custody of the ORR. The provision of services will include: a structured, safe and productive environment which meets or exceeds respective state guidelines and ORR minimum standards for services designed to serve minors in UAC care and custody. This announcement provides for the delivery of services to a population of at least 16 children. The program is licensed for up to 36 children. This grant is being made to Southwest Initiatives Group due to its strategic location in a major apprehension area, ability to expeditiously meet state licensing and ORR requirements to accommodate the current need for shelter care, emergency influx expansion potential and high quality of care.

Shelter care services will be provided for the interim period beginning when