

priority data gaps on national health promotion objectives and recommends solutions to fill these gaps; and (7) designs, develops, and implements computer data processing systems and software and produces statistical data for analysis.

Aging and Chronic Disease Statistics Branch (CS47). (1) Conducts methodological research and epidemiological analysis of significant public health problems including the etiology and sequela of chronic disease incidence and prevalence, aging, and functional limitation; (2) develops and conducts a comprehensive research program on the health and health care of the aging population; (3) conducts methodological research and analysis focused on the relationship between demographic, social, and biological factors, health care, and chronic disease and aging; (4) collaborates with and provides consultation and technical assistance to other agencies in the collection, analysis, interpretation and dissemination of data on mortality, morbidity, and chronic disease and issues related to the aging population; and (5) prepares research and analytic reports for publication and dissemination.

Infant, Child and Women's Health Statistics Branch (CS48). (1) Using statistical data from multiple sources, develops and conducts a comprehensive research program on infant, child and women's health; (2) conducts methodological research on the relationship on social and biological factors during pregnancy, infancy, and early childhood to mortality and morbidity and on the multiple factors influencing women's health; (3) provides operational liaison with programs of other public and private agencies involved with the development and advancement of health programs aimed at the prevention of infant mortality and morbidity and the promotion of women's health; (4) provides consultation and technical assistance to other agencies in the collection, analysis and interpretation of data on women's health and on perinatal morbidity and mortality; and (5) prepares research and analytic reports for publication and dissemination.

Special Projects Branch (CS49). (1) Plans, directs, and manages the Center's multi-faceted methodological research program on major public health issues including disability, injury statistics and data linkage and sample tracking; (2) develops and coordinates an integrated Center-wide research plan on the epidemiology of injury, including methodological research on injury

classification; (3) provides leadership for the coordination of international activities aimed at improving the quality and reliability of international statistics related to injury; (4) develops and coordinates an integrated Center-wide research plan on disability statistics including methodological research on disability measurement; (5) provides leadership for the coordination of national and international activities on disability questionnaire design and data analysis; (6) develops and executes tracking and record-linkage activities that trace and collect additional information for respondents to the Center's cross-sectional health surveys; and (7) develops, plans, and implements studies evaluating the Center's linkage projects.

Analytic Studies Branch (CS4A). (1) Serves as a focal point for a Center-wide analytical program aimed at the assessment and development of health data from multiple sources designed to facilitate the analysis of emerging public health issues and problems; (2) conducts and coordinates in-depth statistical analyses of special population groups relating to their health characteristics and their health care needs; (3) coordinates preparation of the Secretary's annual report, Health, United States, on the health status of the Nation to the President and the Congress in compliance with Section 308 of the PHS Act and other recurring and special reports requested by the Department; (4) provides leadership and expertise in the application of sophisticated statistical techniques related to the problem of integrating and analyzing data from diverse sources; (5) conducts research on the economic aspects of health status and health services; and (6) prepares research and analytical reports for publication and dissemination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

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 meeting.

The meeting 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 contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel Contract Review—REDS—11-RFP.

Date: January 21–22, 2004.

Time: 7 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: Holiday Inn Chevy Chase, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Contact Person: Chitra Krishnamurti, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, Room 7206, Division of Extramural Affairs, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0398.

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.

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