DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer 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 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: National Cancer Institute Initial Review Group, Subcommittee H—Clinical Groups.

Date: March 22, 2004.

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Courtyard Crystal City, 2899 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: Deborah R. Jaffe, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Resources and Training Review Branch, National Cancer Institute, Division of Extramural Activities, 6116 Executive Blvd., Rm 8135, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 496-7721, jaffed@mail.nih.gov.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

[Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS]


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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National Center for Complementary & Alternative Medicine; Notice of Closed Meetings

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Name of Committee: National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Special Emphasis Panel; Loan Repayment.

Date: March 4–5, 2004.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: Bethesda Marriott Suites, 6711 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Contact Person: Carol Pontzer, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, National Center for Complementary, and Alternative Medicine, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892.

Name of Committee: National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Special Emphasis Panel; Training and Education.

Date: March 4–5, 2004.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: Bethesda Marriott Suites, 6711 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Contact Person: Carol Pontzer, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, National Center for Complementary, and Alternative Medicine, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892.
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National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

Announcement of Strategic Planning Stakeholder Forums

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) is developing its 5-year strategic plan (2005–2009), and invites the public to provide input regarding NCCAM research, training, outreach, and integration. Two strategic planning stakeholder forums will be held (March 22, 2004 in Bethesda, Maryland and April 19, 2004 in Seattle, Washington). In addition, the public is invited to provide comments via the NCCAM Web site.

Background

The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) was established in 1999 with the mission of exploring complementary and alternative healing practices in the context of rigorous science, training CAM researchers, and disseminating authoritative information to the public and professionals. To date, NCCAM’s efforts to rigorously study CAM, to train CAM researchers, to conduct outreach, and to facilitate integration have been guided by NCCAM’s current strategic plan, “Expanding Horizons of Healthcare: Five Year Strategic Plan 2001–2005” located on the NCCAM Web site at http://nccam.nih.gov/about/plans/fiveyear/index.htm. Since its inception, NCCAM has funded over 300 projects and has over 700 grantees. NCCAM’s new strategic plan will also stipulate strategic goals, and will outline a research agenda that prioritizes among and between CAM domains, scientific area, and health conditions, based on identified needs and opportunities.

Request for Comments

The public is invited to provide input into the development of NCCAM’s strategic plan for 2005–2009. NCCAM will host two Strategic Planning Stakeholder Forums. These events will give NCCAM stakeholders an opportunity to voice their opinions regarding future directions for research, training, outreach, and integration in complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). The forums will be held:

March 22, 2004, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

April 19, 2004, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., The Westin Seattle, 1900 Fifth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101.

Forum attendees are welcome to address a listening panel composed of NCCAM senior staff and National Advisory Council members. Remarks should be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Those wishing to address the panel should register to attend at least 5 days prior to their selected forum. NCCAM will schedule speakers until the time allotted is filled. To register, please visit http://nccam.nih.gov. Alternatively, the public is invited to submit written testimony via this Web site.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information, visit the NCCAM Web site at http://nccam.nih.gov, call 1–888–464–6226, or e-mail info@nccam.gov.

Comments Due Date

Comments regarding the development of NCCAM’s strategic plan are best assured of having their full effect if received by April 20, 2004.


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