

Regional Manager on critical enforcement actions; provides assistance to recipients for corrective action; and monitors implementation of corrective plans; coordinates enforcement activities with OPDIV's regional officials, other Federal agencies and states and, as appropriate, with headquarters offices and divisions; solicits regional/area civil rights attorney's legal opinion on investigations as the Regional Manager deems appropriate; and processes all complaints received, including determination of jurisdiction and completeness.

*B. Voluntary Compliance and Outreach Functions*—OCR's Regional Office staff also: Conduct reviews to assist in identifying potential compliance problems; negotiate voluntary compliance with recipients of federal financial assistance, or with respect to the Privacy Rule, with entities that are covered by the Rule; advise the Regional Manager on critical compliance matters; coordinate voluntary compliance activities with OPDIVs and STAFFDIVs, regional officials, State, local and other Federal agencies and, as appropriate, headquarters offices and divisions; provide assistance and outreach services to recipients, covered entities, beneficiaries and organizations as requested or referred; establish and maintain effective relationships with the Offices of Governors, State and local officials in order to provide advice and assistance to them on civil rights matters; establish and maintain liaison with the HHS Regional Director in carrying out speaking engagements, media appearances and interviews.

Regions III and IX carry out OCR's functional responsibilities under an organization structure that includes field offices in Washington, DC and Los Angeles, CA respectively. In all regions, the management and supervisory structure consists of a Regional Manager and a Deputy Regional Manager.

*II. Continuation of Policy:* Except as inconsistent with this reorganization, all statements of policy and interpretations with respect to the Office for Civil Rights heretofore issued and in effect prior to this reorganization are continued in full force and effect.

*III. Delegation of Authority:* All delegations and redelegations of authority made to officials and employees of the Office for Civil Rights will continue in them or their successors pending further redelegation, provided they are consistent with this reorganization.

*IV. Funds, Personnel and Equipment:* Transfer of organizations and functions

affected by this reorganization shall be accompanied by direct and support funds, positions, personnel, records, equipment, supplies and other sources.

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**Ed Sontag,**

*Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Findings of Scientific Misconduct

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) and the Acting Assistant Secretary for Health have taken final action in the following case:

*Nancy J. Strout, Ph.D., University of Southern Maine:* Based on the report of an inquiry conducted by the University of Southern Maine (USM) and additional analysis conducted by ORI in its oversight review, the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) found that Nancy J. Strout, Ph.D., former interviewer, USM, engaged in scientific misconduct in research supported by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) cooperative agreement UD1 SM52362, "Maine evaluation of consumer-operated services."

Specifically, PHS found that the Respondent engaged in scientific misconduct by fabricating interview data for at least 50 interviews of human subjects enrolled in the Maine Evaluation of Consumer-Operated Services Project for mental health services, and possibly up to 150 interviews or more (based on calculations performed by USM), causing the project to nullify all 346 interviews due to her involvement at one or more stages with the subjects.

PHS also found that the Respondent is not presently responsible to be a steward of Federal funds because she falsified invoices for interviews and receipts for interview incentive payments in pursuit of a fraudulent scheme to obtain payment for services she did not render.

Dr. Strout has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement in which she has voluntarily agreed for a period of three (3) years, beginning on July 23, 2004:

(1) To exclude herself from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility or involvement in, nonprocurement programs of the United States Government as defined in the debarment regulations at 45 CFR Part 76; and

(2) To exclude herself 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 FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 04287]

#### Purchase, Distribution and Tracking of Supplies to Support HIV/AIDS-Related Laboratory Services in the Republic of Uganda; Notice of Intent to Fund Single Eligibility Award

##### A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the intent to fund fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds for a cooperative agreement program to The overall aim of this program is ensure a full-supply of laboratory reagents and materials for HIV-related laboratory services at all health center III (HC III) facilities and above, but excluding reference laboratories, to enable President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) goals of expanded HIV testing, care and treatment to be met. This program announcement (PA) is intended to complement PA # 04223, "Laboratory Service Strengthening at Health Centre IV and Above in the Republic of Uganda". The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.941.

##### B. Eligible Applicant

Assistance will be provided only to the National Medical Stores (NMS) of the Republic of Uganda.

NMS is the mandated institution in Uganda for the purchase and distribution of health-related commodities to government health facilities in Uganda. NMS has