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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Notice of Meeting; Moving Into the Future—New Dimensions and Strategies for Women's Health Research for the National Institutes of Health

Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH), Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine and Northwestern Memorial Hospital, will convene a public hearing and scientific workshop on October 14–16, 2009, at Northwestern University, Thorne Auditorium, Arthur Rubloff Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Purpose of the Meeting

With rapid advances in science and wider global understanding of women's health and sex/gender contributions to well-being and disease, the purpose of the meeting is to ensure that NIH continues to support cutting-edge women's health research that is based upon the most advanced techniques and methodologies. The meeting format is designed to promote an interactive discussion involving leading scientists, advocacy groups, public policy experts, health care providers, and the general public. The Chicago meeting is the fourth in a series that will be convened throughout the Nation to help the ORWH and NIH move into the next decade of women's health research.

As science and technology advance and fields such as computational biology demonstrate the power of interdisciplinary research, it remains critical for sex and gender factors to be integrated into broad experimental methodologies and scientific approaches across the lifespan. Biomedical and behavioral research are also necessary to understand how cultural, ethnic, and racial differences influence the causes, diagnosis, progression, treatment, and outcome of disease among different populations, including women of diverse geographic locations and socioeconomic backgrounds. Furthermore, the fact that

there are health differences among diverse populations of women remains a critical area in need of continued focus and attention.

The ORWH challenges all meeting attendees to assist the NIH in defining the women's health research agenda of the future by thinking beyond traditional women's health issues. The ORWH and NIH ask meeting participants to consider creative strategies to identify areas of research that are best poised for advancement, identify innovative ways in which persistent issues of health and disease can be addressed, and explore new horizons of scientific concepts and investigative approaches. Attention also needs to be paid to new areas of science application, new technologies, and continuing basic science investigations. Clinical questions that are not currently the focus of research priorities need to be considered to ensure that women's health research is optimally served and that the ORWH can continue to provide leadership for the benefit of women's health, nationally and internationally.

Meeting Format

The meeting will consist of public testimony, scientific panels and seven concurrent scientific working groups. Specifically, on October 14, individuals representing a full spectrum of organizations interested in biomedical and behavioral research on women's health issues will have an opportunity to provide public testimony from 2 to 6 p.m. On October 15 and 16, plenary sessions will focus on the intersection of health care, public policy, and biomedical research; on emerging issues and trends in health care; and on research paradigms of the future. The seven concurrent afternoon sessions on October 15 will focus on a range of research areas, including preventive health and special populations; clinical trials/research; new technologies, bioengineering, imaging; genetics/epigenetics; sex hormones and disease; neuroscience; and women in science careers. On October 16, the morning session will be devoted to reports by the working group co-chairs regarding the recommendations emerging from working group deliberations on the previous day. The meeting will adjourn at 12:45 p.m. on October 16.

Public Testimony

The ORWH invites individuals with an interest in research related to women's health to provide written and/or oral testimony on these topics and/or on issues related to the sustained advancement of women in various biomedical careers. Due to time

constraints, only one representative from an organization or professional specialty group may give oral testimony. Individuals not representing an organized entity but a personal point of view are similarly invited to present written and/or oral testimony. A letter of intent to present oral testimony is necessary and should be sent electronically to <http://www.orwhmeetings.com/movingintothefuture/> or by mail to Ms. Jory Barone, Educational Services, Inc., 4350 East-West Highway, Suite 1100, Bethesda, MD 20814, no later than October 4, 2009. The date of receipt of the communication will establish the order of those selected to give oral testimony at the October meeting.

Those wishing to present oral testimony are also asked to submit a written form of their testimony that is limited to a maximum of 10 pages, double spaced, 12 point font, and should include a brief description of the organization. Electronic submission to the above Web site is preferred; however, for those who do not have access to electronic means, written testimony, bound by the restrictions previously noted and postmarked no later than October 4, 2009, can be mailed to Ms. Jory Barone at the above address. All written presentations must meet the established page limitations. Submissions exceeding this limit will not be accepted and will be returned. Oral testimony of this material at the meeting will be limited to no more than 5–6 minutes in length.

Because of time constraints for oral testimony, testifiers may not be able to present the complete information as it is contained in their written form submitted for inclusion in the public record for the meeting. Therefore, testifiers are requested to summarize the major points of emphasis from the written testimony, not to exceed 6 minutes of oral testimony. Those individuals or organizations that have indicated they will present oral testimony at the meeting in Chicago will be notified prior to the meeting regarding the approximate time for their oral presentation.

Individuals and organizations wishing to provide written statements only should send a copy of their statements, electronically or by mail, to the above Web site or address by October 4, 2009. Written testimony received by that date will be made available at the October 14–16 meeting. Logistics questions related to the meeting should be addressed to Ms. Jory Barone at ESI, while program-specific questions should be addressed to Dr. Jody K. Hirsch at the Feinberg School of

Medicine, Chicago, Illinois, at telephone number 312-503-3659 or e-mail address jkhirsch@northwestern.edu.

At the conclusion of the regional meetings, the ORWH will hold a meeting at the NIH to summarize the deliberations from the regional conferences. The resulting report to the ORWH and the NIH will ensure that women's health research in the coming decade continues to support a vigorous research agenda incorporating the latest advances in technology and cutting-edge science.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Cancer Institute Director's Consumer Liaison Group.

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: National Cancer Institute Director's Consumer Liaison Group.
Date: October 20-22, 2009.

Time: October 20, 2009, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: Welcome, Overview of the NCI Advanced Therapeutics Platform, Expert Panel on NCI Therapeutics Platform.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Time: October 21, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: Gaining Community Input on NCI Therapeutics Platform, Communicating with the Community About the NCI Therapeutics Platform, Advocates in Research Working Group Discussion, NCI National Outreach Network Discussion.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Time: October 22, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Agenda: Communicating with the Community about the NCI Therapeutics Platform (cont'd), Engaging the Community Around the NCI Therapeutics Platform, Discussion with NCI Director.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Benjamin Carollo, MPA, Advocacy Relations Manager, Office of Advocacy Relations, Building 31, Room 10A30, 31 Center Drive, MSC 2580, National Cancer Institute, NIH, DHHS, Bethesda, MD 20892-2580. 301-496-0307.
carollob@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.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/dclg/dclg.htm>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(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

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, 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.

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 Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council.

Date: September 15-16, 2009.

Open: September 15, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: Discussion of program policies and issues.

Place: Nat. Inst. of Environmental Health Sciences, Building 101, Rodbell Auditorium, 111 T. W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Open: September 16, 2009, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Agenda: Discussion of program policies and issues.

Place: Nat. Inst. of Environmental Health Sciences, Building 101, Rodbell Auditorium, 111 T. W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Closed: September 16, 2009, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Nat. Inst. of Environmental Health Sciences, Building 101, Rodbell Auditorium, 111 T. W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Contact Person: Gwen W Collman, PHD, Interim Director, Division of Extramural Research & Training, National Institutes of Health, Nat. Inst. of Environmental Health Sciences, 615 Davis Dr., KEY615/3112, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-4980, collman@niehs.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.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/dert/c-agenda.htm>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.115, Biometry and Risk Estimation—Health Risks from Environmental Exposures; 93.142, NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training; 93.143, NIEHS Superfund Hazardous Substances—Basic Research and Education; 93.894, Resources and Manpower Development in the Environmental Health Sciences; 93.113, Biological Response to Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing, National Institutes of Health, HHS)