Notice of Intent To Award Supplemental Affordable Care Act Funding

Notice of Intent to award supplemental Affordable Care Act funding to support enhancement of an existing laboratory fellowship training program through funding opportunity CDC–RFA–HM10–1001. "APHL—CDC Partnership for Quality Laboratory Practice" cooperative agreement.

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides public announcement of CDC’s intent to use Affordable Care Act (ACA) appropriations to expand the Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) Laboratory Fellowship Program currently supported through Funding Opportunity CDC–RFA–HM10–1001, “APHL—CDC Partnership for Quality Laboratory Practice.” Funding is appropriated under the Affordable Care Act (Pub. L. 111–148), Title IV, Section 4002 (Prevention and Public Health Fund). In addition, under Section 5314, Fellowship Training in Public Health (Part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq., as amended by section 5206, is further amended by Sec. 778), CDC is authorized to expand existing fellowship training programs in the critical areas of applied public health epidemiology, public health laboratory science and public health informatics. The CFDA Number for this funding opportunity is 93.065.

CDC will add the following ACA Authority to that which is reflected in the published Funding Opportunity CDC–RFA–HM10–1001:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 23, 2010, the President signed into law the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Public Law 111–148. ACA is designed to improve and expand the scope of health care coverage for Americans. Cost savings through disease prevention is an important element of this legislation and ACA has established a Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF) for this purpose. Specifically, the legislation states in Section 4002 that the PPHF is to “provide for expanded and sustained national investment in prevention and public health programs to improve health and help restrain the rate of growth in private and public sector health care costs.” In addition, under Section 5314, Fellowship training in public health (Part E of title VII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 294n et seq., as amended by section 5206, is further amended by Sec. 778), CDC is authorized to expand existing fellowship training programs in the critical areas of applied public health epidemiology, public health laboratory science and public health informatics. Supplemental ACA funding, as referenced in this notice, will enhance the work of national, state and local public health laboratories in the U.S. through expansion of the Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) Laboratory Fellowship Program. The EID Fellowship, sponsored by the APHL, trains and prepares scientists for careers in public health laboratories and supports public health initiatives related to infectious disease research. The program aims to promote quality public health laboratory practice, improve public health laboratory infrastructure, strengthen the public health laboratory system, and develop a well-trained public health laboratory workforce. Activities that promote the development of a well-trained public health laboratory workforce are outlined in section 10 of the cooperative agreement. Therefore, the programmatic activities CDC proposes to support with these ACA funds are consistent with the intent of the Affordable Care Act and Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF), Section 4002.

DATE: The effective date for this action is April 12, 2011 and remains in effect until the expiration of the project period of the PPHF ACA funded application.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting of the aforementioned committee.

Time and Date: 1 p.m.–3:05 p.m., April 28, 2011.

Place: The meeting will be held by teleconference. Please dial 877–930–8819 and enter code 1579739.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the lines available. The public is welcome to participate during the public comment period. The public comment period is tentatively scheduled for 2:55 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Purpose: The committee will provide advice to the CDC Director on strategic and other broad issues facing CDC.

Matters to Be Discussed: The Advisory Committee to the Director will review and discuss recommendations and reports from two subcommittees and one workgroup. The Ethics Subcommittee will submit recommendations on Ethical Considerations for Non-communicable Disease Interventions as well as on Ethical Considerations for Decision Making Regarding Allocation of Mechanical Ventilators during a Severe...