Emphasis Panel; SUDEP Centers Without Walls Planning Grants.
Date: August 25, 2011.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.
Place: Doubletree Hotel Chicago O’Hare
Airport-Rosemont, 5460 North River Road, Rosemont, IL 60018.
Contact Person: William C. Benzing, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Research, NINDS/NIH/DHHS/Neuroscience Center, 6601 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–496–0660, benzingw@mail.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.853, Clinical Research Related to Neurological Disorders; 93.854, Biological Basis Research in the Neurosciences, National Institutes of Health, HH)

Dated: July 29, 2011.
Jennifer S. Spaeth,
Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
National Institutes of Health

Notice of Scientific Summit: The Science of Compassion—Future Directions in End-of-Life and Palliative Care

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services, will convene a scientific summit titled “The Science of Compassion—Future Directions in End-of-Life and Palliative Care.” The summit is cosponsored by the NIH Office of Rare Diseases Research, the NIH Office of Research on Women’s Health, the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, the National Institute on Aging, and the NIH Clinical Center Department of Bioethics. Portions of the event are supported by the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health and Pfizer.

DATES: The summit will begin Wednesday evening, August 10, 2011, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and continue August 11–12.

ADDRESSES: The summit will be held at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, Maryland, located at One Bethesda Metro Center (7400 Wisconsin Avenue), Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the summit, please visit http://www.ninnih.gov/ResearchAndFunding/scienceofcompassion.htm. For additional information, please contact Ms. Crystal Esler, NINR, at crystal.esler@nih.gov or 301–496–9629.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Increasing numbers of Americans live for years with serious, advanced illness and then later die from the consequences of these debilitating conditions. There is an urgent need to improve the quality of life for those with life-limiting conditions through increased use of evidence-based end-of-life and palliative care (EOL PC) services. The objectives of this summit are to examine the current status of EOL PC research and practice; propose strategies to overcome barriers and ensure scientific and methodologic rigor in EOL PC research; delineate new action items that galvanize progress in these vital areas of science; and envision and map pathways to ensure a future rich with EOL PC scientific endeavor and achievements. This summit, held in conjunction with NINR’s commemoration of its 25th Anniversary, will bring together scientists, EOL PC health professionals, educators, members of professional organizations, and individuals with life-limiting illnesses, as well as their caregivers.

The summit will begin with a Town Hall discussion on the evening of August 10 on the ethics of science at the end-of-life. On August 11–12, the summit will feature keynote presentations, three plenary discussions, and break-out sessions. Leading experts from interdisciplinary fields of research will address a range of EOL PC issues. A special lunch-hour presentation on August 11 will feature a dialogue on parents and clinicians as partners in research. The summit will conclude at 2 p.m. on August 12.

Dated: August 1, 2011.
Lawrence A. Tabak,
Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Funding Opportunity

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of intent to award to the National Council for Behavioral Healthcare.

SUMMARY: This notice is to inform the public that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) intends to award approximately $3,800,000 (total costs) for up to one year to the National Council for Behavioral Healthcare. This is not a formal request for applications. Assistance will be provided only to the National Council for Behavioral Healthcare based on the receipt of a satisfactory application that is approved by an independent review group.

Funding Opportunity Title: SM–11–013.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 93.243.

Authority: Section 520(A) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

Justification: Eligibility for this funding opportunity is limited to the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare (NCCBH) based on the Council’s expertise and existing relationship with the Primary and Behavioral Health Care Initiative (PBHCI) grantees.

The NCCBH, the current Training and Technical Assistance Center for Primary and Behavioral Health Care Initiative (TTA–PBHCI) grantee, has an existing relationship with the 56 PBHCI grantees, for whom half of the technical assistance will be developed. It already has the infrastructure established to provide day-to-day training and technical assistance (both onsite and e-based). The NCCBH also has the contacts and staff required to select and manage selected state-designated entities (SDEs) and provide the required technical assistance to them.

Since supplemental funding is for one-year, it is critical that the applicant be able to quickly and effectively initiate the activities required by the cooperative agreement and the PBHCI HIT grant. The NCCBH has the foundation in place to make the best use of the short period of time available. There is no other organization with the experience or background to ensure that the objectives will be met and accurate outcome measurements will be gathered through performance data. The Council has been involved in providing health information technology information/resources to its 1400+ members and has existing affiliations with IT systems that are acknowledged leaders in the field.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shelly Haro, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 8–1095, Rockville, MD 20857; telephone: (240)