teachers with requisite language capabilities available to staff an ANA grant. In addition, the commenter stated that the by-laws are written so that teacher members do not have decision-making authority regarding personnel actions, nor to make financial decisions that are of personal benefit, thus insuring internal controls.

Response: ANA offers no change in response to this comment. While ANA is sympathetic to the commenter’s concern, it is important that this policy remains as written. Under the standard terms and conditions for discretionary HHS awards [Grants Policy Statement, page II–7 at https://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/terms-and-conditions], grant recipients are required to establish safeguards to prevent employees, consultants, members of governing bodies, and others who may be involved in grant-supported activities, from using their positions for purposes that are, or give the appearance of being, motivated by a desire for private financial gain for themselves or others, such as those with whom they have family, business, or other ties.

This has been a long-standing policy of the Administration for Children and Families. All prospective applicants are required to submit the SF–424B Assurances (Non-Construction) agreeing to these terms and conditions at the time of submission. ANA understands this can cause challenges for applicants but it is important that applicants are reminded of the requirement to establish safeguards that prohibit employees from using their position for a purpose that presents a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

B. Funding Opportunity Announcements

For information on the types of projects funded by ANA, please refer to ANA’s Web site for information on our program areas and funding opportunity announcements: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana.

Pre-publication information on ANA’s FOAs is available at the HHS Forecast Web site at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/hhsgrants/forecast.

Once published, the 2013 FOAs can be accessed at: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/office/ana or http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/. Synopses and application forms will be available on www.Grants.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Establishment of the Discretionary Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Proposed Establishment of Discretionary Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Public Health Service Act (PHS), 42 U.S.C. 217a, the Secretary of Health and Human Services directed that the Discretionary Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children shall be established within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). To comply with the authorizing directive and guidelines under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), a charter will be filed with the Committee Management Secretariat in the General Services Administration (GSA), the appropriate committees in the Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, and the Library of Congress to establish the Committee as a discretionary federal advisory committee.

Objectives and Scope of Activities.

The purpose of the Discretionary Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children (DACHDNC) is to advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services about aspects of newborn and childhood screening and technical information for the development of policies and priorities that will enhance the ability of the state and local health agencies to provide for newborn and childhood screening, counseling and health care services for newborns and children having, or at risk for, heritable disorders. The DACHDNC will review and report regularly on newborn and childhood screening practices, recommend improvements for newborn and childhood screening programs, as well as fulfill the list of requirements stated in the original authorizing legislation.

Membership and Designation. The Committee shall consist of up to fifteen (15) voting members, including the Chair. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Secretary or her designee. Membership will be composed of the Chair, Special Government Employees (SGEs), and federal ex-officio members. Federal ex-officio members shall include the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration; the Directors of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; the National Institutes of Health; the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; and the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration—or their designees. The Chair and other members shall be (a) medical, technical, public health or scientific professionals with special expertise in the field of heritable disorders or in providing screening, counseling, testing, or specialty services for newborns and children at risk for heritable disorders; (b) experts in ethics and heritable disorders who have worked and published material in the area of public health and genetic conditions; and (c) members from the public sector who have expertise, either professional or personal, about or concerning heritable disorders in order to achieve a fairly balanced membership.

Administrative Management and Support. HHS will provide funding and administrative support for the Committee to the extent permitted by law within existing appropriations. Management and oversight for support services provided to the Committee will be the responsibility of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB).

A copy of the Committee charter will be made available through access to the FACA database, maintained by the GSA Committee Management Secretariat, or from the designated contacts. The Web site for the FACA database is http://fido.gov/facadb.

Authority: The Discretionary Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children is authorized in accordance with the Public Health Service Act (PHS), 42 U.S.C. 222 [217a]: Advisory councils or committees. The Committee is governed by provisions of Public Law 92–463, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
National Institutes of Health
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), 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 Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Artificial Pancreas.


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Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
National Institutes of Health
Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development Special Emphasis Panel 1 RO1 HD078139–01/ Ronald M. Lazar, Ph.D.


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