

by emailing [PACHA@hhs.gov](mailto:PACHA@hhs.gov) by close of business Wednesday, November 24, 2021. The meeting agenda will be posted on the PACHA page on [HIV.gov](https://www.hiv.gov/federal-response/pacha/about-pacha) at <https://www.hiv.gov/federal-response/pacha/about-pacha> prior to the meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, November, 15 and Wednesday, November, 17, 2021 from 1:00–5:00 p.m. (ET) on both days. This meeting will be conducted utilizing virtual technology.

**ADDRESSES:** Instructions on attending this meeting virtually will be posted one week prior to the meeting at: <https://www.hiv.gov/federal-response/pacha/about-pacha>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Caroline Talev, MPA, Public Health Analyst, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, 330 C Street SW, Room L609A, Washington, DC 20024; (202) 795–7622 or [PACHA@hhs.gov](mailto:PACHA@hhs.gov). Additional information can be obtained by accessing the Council's page on the [HIV.gov](https://www.hiv.gov) site at [www.hiv.gov/pacha](https://www.hiv.gov/pacha).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** PACHA was established by Executive Order 12963, dated June 14, 1995, as amended by Executive Order 13009, dated June 14, 1996 and is currently operating under the authority given in Executive Order 13889, dated September 27, 2019. The Council was established to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary regarding programs and policies intended to promote effective prevention and care of HIV infection and AIDS. The functions of the Council are solely advisory in nature.

The Council consists of not more than 25 members. Council members are selected from prominent community leaders with particular expertise in, or knowledge of, matters concerning HIV and AIDS, public health, global health, philanthropy, marketing or business, as well as other national leaders held in high esteem from other sectors of society. Council members are appointed by the Secretary or designee, in consultation with the White House.

Dated: September 23, 2021.

**Caroline Talev,**

*Management Analyst, Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Request for Information on Research Opportunities and Operational Activities Related to the NIH Strategic Plan To Advance Research on the Health and Well-Being of Sexual & Gender Minorities Fiscal Years 2021–2025

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Through this Request for Information (RFI), the Sexual & Gender Minority Research Office (SGMRO) in the Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI), Office of the Director (OD), National Institutes of Health (NIH), invites feedback from stakeholders throughout the scientific research community, clinical practice communities, patient and family advocates, scientific or professional organizations, federal partners, internal NIH stakeholders, and other interested constituents on research opportunities and operational activities related to the NIH Strategic Plan to Advance Research on the Health and Well-Being of Sexual and Gender Minorities fiscal years (FY) 2021–2025. The goal of this request for information is to provide SGM focused organizations, researchers, non-profits, and community members an opportunity to identify potential research opportunities and operational activities related to the NIH mission.

**DATES:** The SGMRO's Request for Information is open for public comment for a period of 8 weeks. Comments must be received on or before COB (5:00 p.m. ET) December 3, 2021, to ensure consideration. After the public comment period has closed, the comments received by SGMRO will be considered in a timely manner for further implementation of the NIH Strategic Plan to Advance Research on the Health and Well-Being of Sexual and Gender Minorities FY 2021–2025. Comments will be summarized and posted to the SGMRO website.

**ADDRESSES:** Please see the NIH Strategic Plan to Advance Research on the Health and Well-Being of Sexual and Gender Minorities FY 2021–2025. Comments must be received by email at [SGMRO@nih.gov](mailto:SGMRO@nih.gov). Please include Request for Information in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Irene Avila, Ph.D., Assistant Director, Sexual & Gender Minority Research

Office (SGMRO), [irene.avila@nih.gov](mailto:irene.avila@nih.gov), (301) 594–9701.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** “Sexual and gender minority” is an overarching term that includes, but is not limited to, individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, asexual, transgender, two-spirit, queer, and/or intersex. Individuals with same-sex or -gender attractions or behaviors and those with a difference in sex development are also included. These populations also encompass those who do not self-identify with one of these terms but whose sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or reproductive development is characterized by non-binary constructs of sexual orientation, gender, and/or sex.

The Sexual and Gender Minority Research Office (SGMRO) coordinates sexual and gender minority (SGM)–related research and activities by working directly with the NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices. The Office was officially established in September 2015 within the NIH Division of Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives (DPCPSI) in the Office of the Director.

This **Federal Register** notice is in accordance with the 21st Century Cures Act, NIH is required to regularly update their strategic plans. In September 2020, SGMRO posted the NIH Strategic Plan to Advance Research on the Health and Well-Being of Sexual and Gender Minorities FY 2021–2025. The current strategic plan has provided NIH with a framework to improve the health of SGM populations through increased research and support of scientists conducting SGM-relevant research.

**Request for Comments on Research Opportunities and Operational Activities related to the NIH Strategic Plan to Advance Research on the Health and Well-being of Sexual and Gender Minorities FY 2021–2025:** The NIH has developed a strategic plan to advance SGM research over the next five years. The SGMRO invites input from stakeholders throughout the scientific research community, clinical practice communities, patient and family advocates, scientific or professional organizations, federal partners, internal NIH stakeholders, and other interested members of the public on potential research opportunities and operational activities related to this plan and the NIH mission. This input is valuable, and the community's time and consideration are appreciated.

The SGMRO is invested in increasing SGM-related health research and identifying high-priority research

opportunities and operational activities related to SGM health.

The FY 2021–2025 strategic plan includes the following four scientific themes and research opportunities:

1. Clinical research
2. Social and behavioral research
3. Research in chronic diseases and comorbidities
4. Methods and measurement research

Overarching considerations for SGM research extend to all scientific research goal areas to help foster a deeper understanding of SGM health disparities. Key examples of these overarching considerations for SGM research include intersectionality, life situations, aging, SGM subpopulations, and relevant research frameworks.

The FY 2021–2025 strategic plan includes the following four operational goals:

1. Advance rigorous research on the health of SGM populations in both the extramural and intramural research communities;
2. Expand SGM health research by fostering partnerships and collaborations with a strategic array of internal and external stakeholders;
3. Foster a highly skilled and diverse workforce in SGM health research; and
4. Encourage data collection related to SGM populations in research and the biomedical research workforce.

The populations considered under the SGM umbrella term are inclusive and capture all individuals and populations who do not self-identify with binary constructs of sexual orientation, gender, and/or sex. Examples of such populations may include intersex individuals or individuals with differences or disorders of sex development (DSD), Two-Spirit people, transgender and gender-expansive people, bisexual people, and individuals whose gender identity falls within the full spectrum of gender.

To advance NIH priorities in SGM health research, SGMRO requests input from SGM health researchers and related communities on potential research opportunities related to the goals of the FY 2021–2025 strategic plan.

Responses to this RFI are voluntary. Do not include any proprietary, classified, confidential, trade secret, or sensitive information in your response. The responses will be reviewed by NIH staff, and individual feedback will not be provided to any responder. The Government will use the information submitted in response to this RFI at its discretion. The Government reserves the right to use any submitted information on public NIH websites; in reports; in summaries of the state of the science; in any possible resultant solicitation(s),

grant(s), or cooperative agreement(s); or in the development of future funding opportunity announcements.

This RFI is for information and planning purposes only and should not be construed as a solicitation for applications or proposals, or as an obligation in any way on the part of the United States Federal Government, NIH, or individual NIH Institutes, Centers, and Offices to provide support for any ideas identified in response to it. The federal government will not pay for the preparation of any information submitted or for the Government's use of such information.

No basis for claims against the U.S. Government shall arise as a result of a response to this RFI or from the Government's use of such information. Additionally, the Government cannot guarantee the confidentiality of the information provided.

Dated: September 24, 2021.

**Lawrence A. Tabak,**

*Principal Deputy Director, National Institutes of Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Clinical Center; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors of the NIH Clinical Center. The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual grant applications conducted by the CLINICAL CENTER, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Board of Scientific Counselors of the NIH Clinical Center.

*Date:* October 18, 2021.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Department of Laboratory Medicine and interviews.

*Place:* Clinical Center, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Date:* October 19, 2021.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Department of Laboratory Medicine and interviews.

*Place:* Clinical Center, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Ronald Neumann, MD, Senior Investigation, Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health, 10 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–496–6455, [rneumann@cc.nih.gov](mailto:rneumann@cc.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.

Dated: September 24, 2021.

**Patricia B. Hansberger,**

*Supervisory Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

#### Mexico Textile and Apparel Imports Approved for the Electronic Certification System (eCERT)

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** General notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces that the certification requirement for certain imports of textile and apparel goods from the United Mexican States (Mexico) that are eligible for preferential tariff treatment under a tariff preference level (TPL) will be accomplished through the Electronic Certification System (eCERT). Specified quantities of certain textile and apparel imports from Mexico that are eligible for preferential tariff treatment under a TPL must have a valid certificate of eligibility with a corresponding eCERT transmission in order for an importer to claim the preferential duty rate. As the Agreement Between the United States of America, the United Mexican States and Canada