

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Special Emphasis Panel; "Mouse Model of Dyslexia Risk Genes".

*Date:* November 21, 2014.

*Time:* 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Special Emphasis Panel; "Children Imaging Program Project".

*Date:* November 25, 2014.

*Time:* 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* December 5, 2014.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Special Emphasis Panel; Human Structural Birth Defects.

*Date:* December 11, 2014.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hilton Washington/Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

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93.929, Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research; 93.209, Contraception and Infertility Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering; 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 contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Special Emphasis Panel; NIBIB 2015-01 R13 Review.

*Date:* November 25, 2014.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Two Democracy Plaza, Suite 920, 6707 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Virtual Meeting).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review Notice of Closed Meetings

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 meetings.

The meetings 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:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel; Multidisciplinary Studies of HIV/AIDS and Aging.

*Date:* October 29, 2014.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR-13-080: Accelerating the Pace of Drug Abuse Research Using Existing Data.

*Date:* October 31, 2014.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR Panel; Improvement of Animal Models for Stem Cell Based Regenerative Medicine.

*Date:* November 3-4, 2014.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Neurological, Aging and Musculoskeletal Epidemiology.

*Date:* November 3, 2014.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; AREA Grant Review.

*Date:* November 3, 2014.

*Time:* 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflicts: Hepatobiliary Pathophysiology and Pharmacology.

*Date:* November 4, 2014.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Pulmonary fibrosis, lung injury, and lung development.

*Date:* November 5-6, 2014.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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*Name of Committee:* AIDS and Related Research Integrated Review Group, AIDS Clinical Studies and Epidemiology Study Section.

*Date:* November 5, 2014.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* The St. Regis Washington DC, 923 16th Street NW., Washington, DC 20006.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowships: Oncological Sciences.

*Date:* November 6-7, 2014.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Cell, Computational, and Molecular Biology.

*Date:* November 6, 2014.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Doubletree Hotel Bethesda (Formerly Holiday Inn Select), 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowships: Behavioral Neuroscience.

*Date:* November 6-7, 2014.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hotel Palomar, 2121 P Street NW., Washington, DC 20037.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Cardiovascular Sciences.

*Date:* November 6-7, 2014.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Fellowships: Genes, Genomes and Genetics.

*Date:* November 6-7, 2014.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Marriott Suites, 6711 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, SAMHSA will publish a summary of information collection requests under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

#### Project: Identifying Core Competencies of Peer Workers in Behavioral Health Services (Behavioral Health Services) —NEW

SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services' project, Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS) is requesting OMB's approval for a data collection project entitled, "Identifying Core Competencies of Peer Workers in Behavioral Health Services." The BRSS TACS team intends to use two instruments to collect original data to inform the ongoing development of core competencies for peer workers in behavioral health care services. These instruments are:

- Core Competencies Survey with Peer Workers
- Telephone Interview of Peer Workers

The primary purpose for this information is to appraise the importance of specific competencies to the work of peer workers who are currently employed in behavioral health settings. The Core Competencies Survey will collect peer workers' ratings of the importance of different competencies to their work. The Telephone Interview of Peer Workers will collect peer workers' experiences with and opinions about the competencies on the survey. They will also be asked how they might use the competencies in their work. The Core Competencies Survey and the

Telephone Interview are seen as critical to the development of core competencies for peer workers because they integrate the perspective of people who are currently employed as peer workers in the behavioral health care workforce and have been judged as competent by another colleague.

While peer workers have become critical components of recovery-oriented systems, paid peer positions and roles are relatively new additions to the behavioral health workforce. There are basic questions about how to define these roles. There are additional uncertainties about how best to prepare people in recovery for the role of peer worker and how to supervise and evaluate the job performance of peer workers. Developing a set of core competencies is an important step in responding to these questions and may be a valuable activity in expanding peer roles in behavioral health.

Although training programs for peer workers in the behavioral health system have existed for over a decade, there have been no attempts to standardize the content or the models of training. To date, no national consensus defines standards for peer worker training programs. Training programs differ in length, ranging from 30 to 105 hours of face-to-face training and vary widely in the knowledge and skills that they teach trainees (SAMHSA, 2012).

The Core Competency Project will describe the foundational knowledge, skills, and attitudes required by peer workers to perform their roles in a wide variety of behavioral health programs and services. Peer-provided recovery support services typically involve providing social support, linking people to community resources, assisting with decision-making activities, and a host of educational and recreational activities (CSAT, 2009; SAMHSA, 2012). In addition, peer workers facilitate educational and support groups and advocate for service improvements. SAMHSA defines peer-provided recovery support as, "a set of non-clinical, peer-based activities that engage, educate and support an individual successfully to make life changes necessary to recover from disabling mental illness and/or substance use disorder conditions" (CSAT, 2009). While some peer workers are performing advanced or specialized competencies within the behavioral health field, the core competencies described will include the foundational competencies required by all peer workers working in a variety of environments and with a diversity of people.

It is critical to communicate to the behavioral health field and behavioral health authorities about the foundational knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed by peer workers. Because of the anticipated continued demand for peers in the behavioral health workforce, SAMHSA has prioritized the development of peer-delivered recovery support services across mental health and substance use disorder services. In an effort to deliver services of uniformly high quality, the core competencies of peer workers will be described so that states and other credentialing bodies will be able to establish uniform standards for peer workers.

In addition, clear descriptions of core competencies will assist behavioral health authorities with their strategic workforce planning efforts. The description of core competencies will inform services and peer workforce training programs of the basic requirements needed by peer workers in behavioral health services. The competencies will provide guidance to behavioral health programs when writing job descriptions and performances evaluations. In many communities, job descriptions lack uniformity and specificity and do not reflect accurately the focus of peer-provided recovery support services.

The results of these surveys will contribute to the creation of competency descriptions that will provide guidance to organizations, programs, states, and regions to strengthen their peer workforce development efforts. These core competencies will inform training programs and state certification entities about the essential skills, knowledge, and attitudes needed by peer workers in a range of roles in behavioral health services. Currently, 33 states offer certification for their peer workers and a growing number of states use Medicaid funds to reimburse for peer support services (Daniels et al., 2014). Despite the growth of the behavioral health peer workforce; there are inconsistencies in the requirements for these certifications across different states.

For behavioral health organizations and programs, core competencies will provide guidance for job descriptions for peer workers and improve the recruitment of potential workers by providing fair and unbiased criteria for hiring and making sure everyone is assessed against the same framework. Core competency descriptions have the potential to strengthen the workforce through improved training and preparation of peer workers. Behavioral health programs and organizations can