

federally funded health care program. If resolution results in conviction, debarment or exclusion of the individual, the laboratory should terminate its employment of that individual or company.

#### Conclusion

These basic recommended elements coupled with other published regulations and guidelines are the foundation for a comprehensive compliance plan for clinical laboratories. On advice from in-house counsel and senior management, clinical laboratories should add to or modify these elements to better reflect the corporate structure of the laboratory, its mission, and its employee composition. The OIG believes that by implementing an effective compliance plan, a laboratory will achieve better quality control of claims submission and reduce the risk of future criminal and civil liabilities.

Dated: February 24, 1997.

June Gibbs Brown,

*Inspector General.*

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#### National Institutes of Health

##### Notice of Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, Department of Health and Human Services, March 20-21, 1997. This meeting will be held at the National Institutes of Health, Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center, Jack Masur Auditorium, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

The entire meeting will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. on March 20 to adjournment on March 21. On March 20, the Committee will discuss hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection, its occurrence following blood transfusion, other epidemiology of HCV infection and appropriate ways of approaching the public health aspects of this infection. On March 21, the Committee will address multiple aspects of the theoretical possibility that Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) can be transmitted by blood transfusion. For each topic, a time will be set aside for the public to comment. Prospective speakers should notify the Executive Secretary for this meeting of their wish to present and should plan for no more than 5 minutes of comments.

Contact: Paul R. McCurdy, M.D., Acting Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, Director, Blood Resources Program, DBDR-MS-7950, NHLBI, NIH, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-7950. Phone: 301/435-0065; Fax 301/480-1060; E-Mail: paul-mccurdy@nih.gov.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Executive Secretary in advance of the meeting.

Dated: February 25, 1997.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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##### National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the National Cancer Institute Initial Review Group:

*Agenda/Purpose:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Committee Name:* Subcommittee H—Clinical Trials Subcommittee.

*Date:* April 8-9, 1997.

*Time:* 8 a.m.

*Place:* Buffalo Marriott, 1340 Millersport Highway, Amherst, New York 14221.

*Contact Person:* John L. Meyer, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 6130 Executive Blvd. Room 611C, Bethesda, Md 20892, Telephone: 301-496-7721.

The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussion could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers: 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control)

Dated: February 25, 1997.

LaVerne Y. Springfield,

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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##### National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

*Name of SEP:* NIAMS Supplemental (Teleconference).

*Date:* March 18, 1997.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

*Place:* Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Rm 5AS-25U.

*Contact Person:* Aftab A. Ansari, Ph.D., Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Rm 5AS-25U, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-6500, Telephone: 301-594-4952.

*Name of SEP:* NIAMS Program Project.

*Date:* April 1, 1997.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.-adjournment.

*Place:* Bethesda Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

*Contact Person:* Aftab A. Ansari, Ph.D., Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Rm 5AS-25U, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-6500, Telephone: 301-594-4952.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To evaluate and review research grant applications.

These meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. The discussion of these applications could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. [93.846, Project Grants in Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Research], National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: February 25, 1997.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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##### National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings of the National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel:

*Agenda Purpose:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Committee Name:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* March 17, 1997.

*Time:* 11 a.m.

*Place:* Parklawn, Room 9-101, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

*Contact Person:* Shirley H. Maltz,  
Parklawn, Room 9-101, 5600 Fishers Lane,  
Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301, 443-  
3936.

*Committee Name:* National Institute of  
Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.  
*Date:* March 18, 1997.

*Time:* 3 p.m.

*Place:* Parklawn, Room 9C-18, 5600  
Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

*Contact Person:* Emeline M. Otey,  
Parklawn, Room 9C-18, 5600 Fishers Lane,  
Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301, 443-  
4868.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers 93.242, 93.281, 93.282)

*Dated:* February 25, 1997.

LeVerne Y. Stringfield,

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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### **Chairpersons, Board of Scientific Counselors for Institutes, Centers and Divisions at the National Institutes of Health, Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given of a meeting scheduled by the Deputy Director for Intramural Research at the National Institutes of Health with the Chairpersons of the Boards of Scientific Counselors. The Boards of Scientific Counselors are an advisory group to the Scientific Directors of the Intramural Research Programs at the NIH. This meeting will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 23, 1997, at the NIH, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD, Building 1, Room 151. The meeting will include a discussion of policies and procedures that apply to the regular review of NIH intramural scientists and their work, with special emphasis on clinical research.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ms. Audrey Boyle at the Office of Intramural Research, NIH, Building 1, Room 114, Telephone (301) 496-1921 or Fax (301) 402-4273 in advance of the meeting.

*Dated:* February 14, 1997.

Ruth Kirschstein,

*Deputy Director, NIH.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4123-N-03]

### **Public Housing/Section 8 Moving to Work Demonstration Program; Extension of Application Deadline**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On December 18, 1996, HUD published a notice inviting public housing agencies and Indian housing authorities to submit applications for the Public and Indian Housing/Section 8 Moving to Work demonstration program ("MTW"). The December 18, 1996 notice set an application submission deadline for MTW of March 18, 1997.

This notice extends the MTW application submission deadline from March 18, 1997 to May 19, 1997. The deadline is being extended to give public housing agencies and Indian housing authorities the time necessary to adequately prepare their applications, and, in particular, to allow sufficient time for a thorough and constructive planning process, including a public hearing. This notice also provides clarification on several provisions of the December 18, 1996 notice.

Except for the extension of the application submission deadline made by this notice, and subject to the clarifications made by this notice, all of the requirements of the December 18, 1996 notice remain in effect.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 3, 1997.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Stephen I. Holmquist, Policy Development Advisor, or Beth M. Cooper, Program Analyst, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Room 4116, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0713. For hearing or speech impaired persons, this number may be accessed via TTY by contacting the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **(1) General**

The Public and Indian Housing/Section 8 Moving to Work demonstration program ("MTW") offers public housing agencies and Indian housing authorities (HAs) the opportunity to design and test innovative housing and self-sufficiency strategies for low-income families by permitting HAs to combine funds from

several HUD programs into a single pool and by exempting HAs from existing public and Indian housing and Section 8 certificate and voucher program rules, as approved by HUD.

HUD is authorized to select up to 30 HAs that administer the public and Indian housing and Section 8 programs to participate in MTW, which was authorized by section 204 of the Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriations Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-134, 110 Stat. 1321). The statutory purposes of MTW are to give HAs the flexibility to design and test various approaches for providing and administering housing assistance that reduce cost and achieve greater cost effectiveness; provide work incentives to promote resident self-sufficiency; and increase housing choices for low-income families.

To achieve these goals, each selected HA will have considerable flexibility in determining how to use Federal funds, as long as the HA meets specified criteria. Furthermore, the selected HAs will be permitted to combine funds from the public and Indian housing operating and modernization programs, and from the Section 8 tenant-based rental assistance program, for uses which meet the purposes of the demonstration. Funds used in the demonstration (whether combined or not) are generally not subject to statutory and regulatory requirements of the public and Indian housing and Section 8 programs.

On December 18, 1996 (61 FR 66855), HUD published a notice inviting applications for MTW. That notice described the application submission requirements and the criteria to be used by HUD in evaluating applications. It also established an application submission deadline of March 18, 1997.

##### **(2) Clarifications**

Several provisions of the December 18, 1996 notice require clarification, as follows:

(a) For HA's that are not subject to PHMAP because they only administer the Section 8 program, HUD will determine the HA's score for evaluation criterion 1, "HA Management Performance", using objective criteria that assess HA management capability based on relative performance in meeting the requirements of the Section 8 program;

(b) The December 18, 1996 notice advised HAs to assume a 3-year term for their MTW plans. HUD expects that the actual term of each HA's demonstration will be stated in the MTW Agreement negotiated between HUD and the HA following the HA's selection for MTW. No MTW proposal will be implemented