

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
ACF-196TT .....	32	4	8	1,024
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours .....				1,024

In compliance with the requirements of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail: [grjohnson@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:grjohnson@acf.hhs.gov). All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Dated: September 22, 2004.

**Robert Sargis,**

*Reports Clearance, Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Deviation From Competition to Extend the 5-Year Cooperative Agreement Between the Head Start Bureau and the National Center for Family Literacy**

**AGENCY:** Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The five-year Cooperative Agreement between the Head Start Bureau and the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) expires September 28, 2004. The Head Start Act contains language requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to make available every year, at least \$3,000,000 to ensure that local Head Start programs receive training and technical assistance to help them provide high quality family literacy services. If the current Cooperative Agreement expires, the Department can not comply with the requirements of the Act. The Head Start Bureau intends to extend the current Cooperative Agreement with the National Center for Family Literacy for a period of one year (September 29, 2004-September 28, 2005), at a funding level of \$3,000,000.

The National Center for Family Literacy has been providing training and technical assistance to Head Start programs for the past five years. They have trained Head Start Family Literacy teams, consisting of administrators, supervisors and front line staff: those who deal with parents and children, and those who are responsible for distribution of resources within the programs. The training focuses on the areas of child development, parent education, helping programs to engage parents in working with their children, and adult education, and conducting them with sufficient intensity and duration to ensure positive outcomes. In addition, NCFL trainers provide on-site technical assistance to help programs implement family literacy services in their specific communities.

The NCFL has already developed training and technical assistance materials and protocols specifically designed to support Head Start programs as they implement family literacy services. Extending this cooperative agreement maintains the provision of training and technical assistance to local programs. Local programs would continue to receive services, and the Head Start Bureau would be assured that the full amount of money identified to provide support for family literacy services for this year would be spent in providing these

services, rather than in developing materials and protocols.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Willa Siegel, Head Start Bureau, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC, (202) 205-4011.

Dated: September 12, 2004.

**Frank Fuentes,**

*Deputy Commissioner, Administration on Children, Youth and Families.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**Office of the Director; 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 a meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Director, National Institutes of Health. The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(9)(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. The applications and the discussions could reveal 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:* Advisory Committee to the Director, National Institutes of Health.

*Date:* September 22, 2004.

*Time:* 8:45 a.m. to adjournment.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate NIH Director's Pioneer Award applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Building 1, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (teleconference).

*Contact Person:* Shelly Pollard, Coordinator for the Advisory Committee to the Director, National Institutes of Health, Building 31, Room 5B64, Tel: 301/496-0959, Fax: 301/402-0395.

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.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meeting timing limitations imposed by the funding cycle.

Dated: September 21, 2004.

**Anna Snouffer,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Mental Health; 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.

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 Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel Gene-Environment Effects and Epigenesis in Depression.

*Date:* October 13, 2004.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* A. Roger Little, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 6157, MSC 9608, Bethesda, MD 20892-9608, (301) 402-5844, [alittle@mail.nih.gov](mailto:alittle@mail.nih.gov).

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.242, Mental Health Research Grants; 93.281, Scientist Development Award, Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, and Research Scientist Award; 93.282, Mental Health National Research Service Awards for Research Training, National Institutes of Health, HHS).

Dated: September 21, 2004.

**Anna P. Snouffer,**

*Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Health Service

#### National Toxicology Program (NTP); Notice of a Meeting of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors on October 26, 2004, in the Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

The NTP Board of Scientific Counselors ("the NTP Board") is composed of scientists from the public and private sector and provides primary scientific oversight to the NTP.

#### Agenda

The meeting being held on October 26, 2004, begins at 8:30 a.m. and is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to adjournment with attendance limited only by the space available. Persons needing special assistance should contact the NTP Executive Secretary (contact information below) at least seven business days in advance of the meeting. A draft agenda with a tentative schedule is provided below. Primary agenda topics include: (1) NTP initiatives to enhance toxicology, (2) substances nominated to the NTP for study and recommendations of the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination (ICCEC), (3) new approaches for statistical analyses for chronic tests, (4) a proposed process for evaluating chemicals with limited data sets by the Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction, and (5) a research program on *Caenorhabditis elegans*. The NTP Board will also review three concept proposals for the conduct of research through the use of a contract mechanism. These concepts include: (1) The evaluation of chemicals for their potential to modulate immune responses, (2) chemical characterization of substances for testing in high-throughput screening and chronic assays, and (3) application of automated techniques to toxicity testing. Time is

allotted during the meeting for the public to present comments to the NTP Board and NTP staff on any agenda topic.

The agenda and background materials on agenda topics, as available, will be posted on the NTP Web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>, see What's New) or available upon request to the NTP Executive Secretary (contact information below). The NTP is making plans to videocast the meeting through the Internet at <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/external/video.htm>. Following the meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and available through the NTP Web site and upon request to Central Data Management, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD E1-02, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919-541-3419, fax: 919-541-3687, and e-mail: [CDM@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:CDM@niehs.nih.gov).

#### ICCEC Recommendations for Substances Nominated for Future NTP Studies

Information about substances nominated to the NTP for toxicology and carcinogenicity studies and the ICCEC's recommendations were published in the **Federal Register** on August 20, 2004 (Vol. 69, No. 161, pages 51691-51693). This notice is available on the Web (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/htdocs/liason/04JuneICCECFR.html>) along with the list of nominations (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/NomPage/2004Noms.html>) and supporting documents for each nomination (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/NomPage/BkgrSum04June.html>) or is available by contacting the NTP Executive Secretary (contact information below). This meeting provides an additional opportunity for the public to provide comment on these nominations and study recommendations to the NTP Board and NTP staff. Comments submitted to the NTP in response to the August 20, 2004, **Federal Register** notice are under consideration and do not need to be resubmitted or readdressed.

#### Public Comment Encouraged

Public input at this meeting is invited and time is set aside for the presentation of public comments on any agenda topic. At least 7 minutes will be allotted to each speaker and, if time permits, may be extended to 10 minutes. Each organization is allowed one time slot per agenda topic. Persons registering to make oral comments are asked to provide their name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization (if any). To