

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel: Intervention Research Grants To Promote the Health of People With Disabilities, Program Announcement #03029

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Intervention Research Grants to Promote the Health of People with Disabilities, Program Announcement #03029.

Times and Dates: 9 a.m.–9:50 a.m., June 29, 2003. (Open). 9:50 a.m.–5:15 p.m., June 29, 2003. (Closed). 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m., June 30, 2003. (Closed).

Place: Atlanta Airport Marriott, 4711 Best Friend Road, College Park, GA 30337, Telephone (404) 766-7900.

Status: Portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c) (4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to Program Announcement #03029.

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The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: May 27, 2003.

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Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part C (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 FR 67772-76, dated October 14, 1980, and corrected at 45 FR 69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 68 FR 7118-7123, dated February 12, 2003) is amended to reorganize the National Center for Health Statistics.

Section C-B, Organization and Functions, is hereby amended as follows:

Delete in its entirety the functional statement for the Division of Environmental Health Laboratory Sciences and insert the following:

Division of Laboratory Sciences (HCN8). (1) Develops and maintains a national laboratory response capability for applying state-of-the-art biomonitoring technology to improve the detection, prevention, and public health management of chemical terrorism emergencies and emergencies resulting from human exposure to toxic chemicals; (2) develops and applies biomonitoring methods for environmental chemicals that identify chemicals to which people are exposed and measures individual exposure levels; (3) applies biomonitoring measurements to determine the exposure of the general U.S. population to selected environmental chemicals, to assess the exposure of special population groups that are known or suspected to be at high-risk of excessive exposure, and study to the relationship between level of exposure and adverse health effects; (4) provides technical assistance, technology transfer, reference laboratory measurements, laboratory standardization programs, and external quality assurance to State and local public health laboratories and health officials; Federal agencies; international organizations; academic, international, and private laboratories; and professional organizations to improve laboratory science and laboratory capacity in the fields of environmental health and selected chronic diseases; (5) develops and validates advanced laboratory technology to assess nutritional and genetic risk factors for environmental disease and selected chronic diseases;

and (6) collaborates with other CDC organizations; Federal, State, and local agencies; and private and professional organizations to investigate new or emerging health problems known to potentially related to exposure to environmental chemicals.

Clinical Chemistry Branch (HCN85). (1) Provides statistical consultation in areas of research, study design, analysis, reporting, and quality control development for laboratory investigations and environmental health studies to NCEH staff, other Federal agencies, State and local public health departments, and other national and international organizations; (2) provides system analysis, computer programming and interfacing, technical support, and application of computerization and other advanced technology to the resolution of laboratory problems and data analysis, management, reporting, and presentation; (3) maintains reference methods for epidemiologic studies and clinical trials which provide the basis for public health strategies to reduce morbidity and mortality due to cardiovascular disease. In this capacity, serves as the WHO Collaborating Center for Reference and Research in Blood Lipids; (4) develops, evaluates, and standardizes analytical methods for the measurement of biochemical markers for assessing disease status and risk for selected chronic diseases; (5) designs and implements collaborative programs with appropriate agencies or professional groups to effect technology transfer, improvement of proficiency and quality, and the standardization of analytical performance among health laboratories involved in clinical and epidemiologic investigations; (6) provides technical assistance and guidance to governmental agencies, professional societies, and the general clinical laboratory community on pre-analytical issues, measurement problems, study design, and reference and quality control material preparation, storage, and handling; and (7) develops, prepares, and distributes purified and biological reference materials used for standardization programs, quality control assessment, and calibration of analytical methods in research.

Emergency Response and Air Toxicants Branch (HCN88). (1) Develops and maintains analytical methods to measure, in human specimens, toxic substances that are known or potential agents for use in chemical terrorism; (2) applies these measurements in response to chemical terrorism emergencies and, as part of a coordinated Federal response, deploys a rapid response laboratory team to assist in obtaining