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- Serves as a forum to identify the priorities for the NHSC and bring forward and anticipate future program issues and concerns through ongoing communication with program staff, professional organizations, communities and program participants;

- Functions as a sounding board for proposed policy changes by utilizing the varying levels of expertise represented on the Council to advise on specific program areas; and

- Develops and distributes White Papers and briefs that clearly state issues and/or concerns relating to the NHSC with specific recommendations for necessary policy revisions.

Interested persons may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on NAC. Nominations shall state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of NAC and appears to have no conflicts of interest that would preclude the NAC membership. Potential candidates will be asked to provide detailed information concerning consultancies, research grants, or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflicts of interest. A curriculum vitae or resume should be submitted with the nomination.

The Department of Health and Human Services has special interest in assuring that women, minority groups, and the physically disabled are adequately represented on advisory committees; and therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations for appropriately qualified female, minority, or disabled candidates.

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Caroline Lewis,

Associate Administrator for Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

“Low Income Levels” Used for Various Health Professions and Nursing Programs Included in Titles III, VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is updating income levels used to identify a “low income family” for the purpose of determining eligibility for programs that provide health professions and nursing training for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. These various programs are included in Titles III, VII and VIII of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act.

The Department periodically publishes in the **Federal Register** low-income levels used to determine eligibility for grants and cooperative agreements to institutions providing training for (1) disadvantaged individuals, (2) individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds, or (3) individuals from “low-income” families.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The various health professions and nursing grant and cooperative agreement programs that use the low income levels to determine whether an individual is from an economically disadvantaged background in making eligibility and funding determinations generally make awards to: Accredited schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, public health, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, pharmacy, allied health podiatric medicine, nursing, chiropractic, public or private nonprofit schools which offer graduate programs in behavioral health and mental health practice, and other public or private nonprofit health or education entities to assist the disadvantaged to enter and graduate from health professions and nursing schools. Some programs provide for the repayment of health professions or nursing education loans for disadvantaged students.

Low-Income Levels

The Secretary defines a “low income family” for programs included in Titles III, VII and VIII of the Public Health Service Act as a family having an annual income that does not exceed 200 percent of the Department’s poverty guidelines. A “family” is a group of two or more individuals related by birth, marriage, or adoption who live together or an individual who is not living with any relatives. Most HRSA programs use the income of the student’s parents to compute low income status. However, a few programs, depending upon the legislative intent of the program, programmatic purpose of the low income level, as well as the age and circumstances of the average participant, will use the student’s family income, as long as he or she is not listed as a dependent upon the parents’ tax

form. Each program will announce the rationale and choice of methodology for determining low income levels in their program guidance. The Department’s poverty guidelines are based on poverty thresholds published by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, adjusted annually for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

The Secretary annually adjusts the low income levels based on the Department’s poverty guidelines and makes them available to persons responsible for administering the applicable programs. The income figures below have been updated to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index through December 31, 2006.

Size of parents’ family*	Income level**
1	\$20,420
2	27,380
3	34,340
4	41,300
5	48,260
6	55,220
7	62,180
8	69,140

* Includes only dependents listed on Federal income tax forms. Some programs will use the student’s family rather than his or her parents’ family.

** Adjusted gross income for calendar year 2006.

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Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV).

Date And Time: June 7, 2007, 1 p.m.—5 p.m., EST.

Place: (Audio Conference Call).

The ACCV will meet on Thursday, June 7, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., (EST). The public can join the meeting via audio conference call by dialing 1-888-324-8527 on June 7 and providing the following information:

Leader’s Name: Dr. Geoffrey Evans.

Password: ACCV.

Agenda: The agenda items for the June meeting will include, but are not limited to: a summary of the “Vaccine