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CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The following extract from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare General Administration is called to the attention of the Public Health Service Consultants:

"Advisors and consultants serving as members of public advisory committees should not participate in situations in which a violation of conflict of interest laws and regulations is likely to occur. Heads of Bureaus and Divisions should establish procedures and controls to insure that a committee member is disqualified from performing duties or rendering advice which will have a direct and predictable effect on the interests of an organization or institution with which he is associated as an employee or consultant or in which he has a financial interest. In particular, committee members should not participate in the evaluation of contract or grant proposals which will directly affect the interests of such organization or institution."

CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEETINGS

Regulations of the PHS provide that discussions of advisory councils shall be held confidential except as disclosure is authorized by the Administrator, Health Services and Mental Health Administration.

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