

**AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE  
NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS  
ON HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**(FORMERLY LONGITUDINAL STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS  
ON CHILD HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE)**

**PURPOSE**

The National Children's Study Advisory Committee (NCSAC; also referred to as "Committee") shall advise and make recommendations to the Director, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), and the Interagency Coordinating Committee of the National Children's Study, on present and future issues in the planning and eventual implementation of the National Children's Study.

The Committee is in the public interest and supports the NICHD, along with a consortium of representatives from appropriate Federal agencies (including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Environmental Protection Agency), in performing duties and responsibilities under the Public Law 106-310 (Title X, section 1004) of the Children's Health Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. section 285g note). Specifically, these duties and responsibilities are to plan, develop, and implement a national longitudinal study of environmental influences (including physical, chemical, biological, and psychosocial) on children's health and development.

**STRUCTURE**

The Committee shall consist of no more than 40 members, including the Chair, appointed by the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH). A majority of the members shall serve as representatives of nonfederal interests. The Chair of the Committee shall be a Federal member. The Committee will include four nonvoting exofficio members: the Director, NICHD; the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development; the Secretary, Department of Education; Assistant Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (or their designees); and such additional officers or employees of the United States as the Director, NIH, determines necessary for the Committee to carry out its functions. Members will be selected from among, but are not limited to, state, local, and tribal governments, academia, industry, community and public interest groups.

Nonfederal members will be selected based upon balanced membership of all stakeholders and on their knowledge and expertise in the fields of interest in this multidisciplinary activity, such as epidemiology, pediatrics, toxicology, biostatistics, bioethics, public health, applicable law, social sciences, and patient advocacy.

Members shall be invited to serve for overlapping terms of up to four years. Terms of more than two years are contingent upon renewal of the Committee's Charter by appropriate action prior to its expiration. Members may serve after the expiration of their terms until their successors have taken office. A quorum for the conduct of business by the full Committee shall consist of a majority of currently appointed members.

As necessary, standing and ad hoc subcommittees, composed of members of the parent committee supplemented with ad hoc members as needed, and working groups may be established to perform specific functions within the Committee's jurisdiction. The Department Committee Management Officer shall be notified upon the establishment of each standing subcommittee and shall be given information on its name, membership, function, and estimated frequency of meetings.

A member of one subcommittee may serve as a voting member of other subcommittees when that member's expertise is required. However, that member shall not be counted in determining the presence of a quorum.

Upon approval by the Chair, the advice of a subcommittee shall be considered the advice of the full Committee.

Management and support services shall be provided by the Office of the Director, NICHD, which shall also appoint an Executive Secretary.


#### ANNUAL COST ESTIMATE

To study the wide array of environmental influences on children, including physical, chemical, biological, and psychosocial factors, input of experts from over twenty disciplines is required. This extensive input is required for identification of recommended core hypotheses, pilot studies, and design elements for the study. Estimated annual cost for operating the Committee and subcommittees, including compensation and travel expenses for members, but excluding staff support, is \$70,703. In addition, the estimated annual cost for working groups is \$533,820.

Administrative overhead expenditures to support the functions of the Committee and Working Group members are estimated at \$567,448. Estimate of annual person-years of staff support required is 1.5 at an estimated annual cost of \$162,307.

APPROVED:

12/16/04  
Date



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Acting Director, NIH