

Community Member Sought for the DHHS Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents

The Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents, convened by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)' Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council (OARAC) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), develops guidelines that outline current understanding of how clinicians should use antiretroviral agents to treat adults and adolescents with HIV infection. The panel considers new clinical and scientific evidence and adjusts recommendations accordingly (go to <http://AIDSinfo.nih.gov> to view the current guidelines). The Panel is comprised of clinicians, researchers, government officials and community representatives. The members meet monthly by conference call to review emerging data and annually for a face-to-face meeting. Periodically, task forces are established to address specific expert areas such as prevention, improvements in the guidelines document, pharmacology matters, etc. Panel members are not paid for their time and travel support is not provided for participation.

The Panel is currently seeking nomination for a new community representative to serve a three-year term with potential for renewal. The Panel welcomes diversified representation in the community membership reflecting the demographics of the current HIV epidemics in the US. The community member may assist the Panel in identifying and addressing unique treatment aspects that relate to the constituency he/she represents. The candidate shall have knowledge and involvement in issues related to HIV infection in adults, as evidenced by experience in HIV treatment education/advocacy or clinical/public policy initiatives related to HIV treatment. Interested candidates should submit a curriculum vitae or a pertinent biographic sketch and a letter of nomination or letter of interest outlining the experience and qualifications relevant to this position, and the contributions the candidate is likely to bring to the Panel. Please submit nominations to Alice Pau, Pharm.D., Executive Secretary of the Panel, at the following address no later than September 30, 2006.

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