

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Open: February 16, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Agenda: Continuation of the review of the Division's scientific and planning activities.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Brent B. Stanfield, PhD, Director, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Room 715, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 594-8843. stanfieldb@extra.niddk.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Subcommittee.

Date: February 15-16, 2006.

Open: February 15, 2006, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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Closed: February 15, 2006, 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding

the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance into the building by non-government employees. Persons without a government I.D. will need to show a photo I.D. and sign in at the security desk upon entering the building.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://www.niddk.nih.gov/fund/divisions/DEA/Council/coundesc.htm>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.847, Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Research; 93.848, Digestive Diseases and Nutrition Research; 93.849, Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 29, 2005.

Anna Snouffer,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part N, National Institutes of Health, of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) (40 FR 22859, May 27, 1975, as amended most recently at 69 FR 64081, November 3, 2004, and redesignated from Part HN as part N at 60 FR 56606, November 9, 1995), is amended as set forth below to reflect the reorganization of the Office of the Director, NIH, by transferring the Office of Community Liaison from the Office of the Director (OD) to the Office of Communications and Public Liaison, OD.

Section N-B, *Organization and Functions*, under the heading *Office of the Director (NA, formerly HNA)*, is amended as follows:

(1) Under the heading *Office of Communications and Public Liaison (NA8, formerly HNA8)* insert the following:

Office of Community Liaison (NA85, formerly HNA85). (1) Advises the NIH Director on policies, programs, and issues involving the NIH and the surrounding community; (2) plans and directs activities to promote

collaboration and cooperation between the NIH and the surrounding community; (3) conducts and oversees studies, projects, and evaluations designed to address problems, questions, and issues of community concern and environmental impact; (4) ensures that NIH activities affecting the surrounding community involve community representation at all levels of design, review, and implementation; and (5) ensures effective communication and collaboration on policy and programs involving the surrounding community between the Office of the Director, NIH, and operating components of the NIH.

(2) Delete the *Office of Community Liaison (NAP, formerly HNAP)* in its entirety.

Delegations of Authority: All delegations and redelegations of authority to officers and employees of NIH that were in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this amendment and are consistent with this amendment shall continue in effect, pending further redelegation.

Dated: November 4, 2005.

Elias A. Zerhouni,

Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Section N-B, *Organization and Functions*, under the heading *Office of the Director (NA, formerly HNA)*, is amended as follows:

Replace the current section NAT (formerly HNAT) with the following: *NIH Ethics Office (NAT, formerly HNAT).* (1) Provides oversight and strategic direction of NIH activities relating to ethics policy, oversight, and operational activities; (2) develops and administers the NIH policies and procedures for implementing the Government-wide conflict of interest statutes and regulations, the HHS

supplemental conflict of interest regulations, and HHS policies; (3) implements a program for trans-NIH ethics oversight that includes information technology (IT) support systems, periodic reviews, audits, delegations of authority, training, and records management; (4) determines real or potential conflicts of interest and assesses ethical considerations in scientific reporting, clinical trials, and scientific conferences and workshops; and (5) serves as the liaison and coordinates the NIH response to requests from Congress, the Inspector General, HHS, and the Office of Government Ethics, and performs appropriate liaison activities.

IC Operations and Liaison Branch (NAT2, formerly HNAT2). (1) Provides centralized operational services to ICs in the review and processing of: (a) Individual ethics actions and (b) ethics actions having IC-wide impact such as preapproval of awards, blanket approval of widely attended gatherings (WAGs), and handling ethics for OD committees; and (2) provides advisory services in the management of IC ethics reviews.

Policy and Management Review Branch (NAT3, formerly HNAT3). (1) Provides technical review of NIH and IC Ethics Programs and conducts risk assessment; (2) develops NIH-wide policies and procedures to ensure a rigorous NIH Ethics Program; (3) manages ethics delegations of authority; (4) develops and manages content for the NIH Ethics Web site; and (5) provides NIH-wide ethics training to staff.

Delegations of Authority

All delegations and redelegations of authority to officers and employees of NIH that were in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this amendment and are consistent with this amendment shall continue in effect, pending further redelegation.

Dated: November 10, 2005.

Elias A. Zerhouni,

Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[CGD08-05-054]

Houston-Galveston Area Maritime Security Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Solicitation for membership.

SUMMARY: Under the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002, the Secretary of Homeland Security has established an Area Maritime Security Committee under the direction of the Houston-Galveston Captain of the Port. The Houston-Galveston Captain of the Port is hereby requesting qualified individuals interested in serving on this committee to apply for membership.

DATES: Requests for membership should reach the Captain of the Port on or before February 8, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Requests for membership should be submitted to MSO Houston-Galveston, AMSC Executive Administrator, 9640 Clinton Drive, Houston TX 77029.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on the Houston-Galveston Area Maritime Security Committee or its charter, contact Ms. Tobi Moore, AMSC Executive Administrator, at (713) 671-5118.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Establishment of Area Maritime Security Advisory Committees

Section 102 of the Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-295) added section 70112 to Title 46 of the U.S. Code, and authorizes the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating to establish Area Maritime Security Advisory Committees (AMS Committees) for any port area of the United States. The MTSA includes a provision exempting these AMS Committees from the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-436, 86 Stat. 470 (5 U.S.C. App. 2). The AMS Committee assists the Captain of the Port in the review and update of the AMS Plan for the Houston, Galveston, Freeport and Texas City area of responsibility. Such matters may include, but are not limited to:

- Identifying critical port infrastructure and operations;
- Identifying risks (threats, vulnerabilities, and consequences);
- Determining mitigation strategies and implementation methods;
- Developing and describing the process to continually evaluate overall port security by considering consequences and vulnerabilities, how they may change over time, and what additional mitigation strategies can be applied; and
- Providing advice to, and assisting the Captain of the Port in, reviewing and updating the Houston-Galveston Area Maritime Security Plan.

This committee meets the last Thursday of odd-numbered months. Subcommittees, work groups and task forces convene between meetings of the

parent committee. AMS Committee meeting location is currently at the Port of Houston Authority, 111 East Loop, Houston, TX at 9 a.m.

AMS Committee Membership

The following appointed membership vacancies currently exist:

Docks & Terminals primary;
Shipyard primary and alternate;
Trucking industry alternate;
Fleets primary;
Harbor tugs primary;
Port of Texas City alternate;
Rail primary;
Barges primary; and
Offshore carriers primary.

Request applicants possess at least 5 years of experience related to maritime or port security operations. Total number of members is determined by the COTP. Applicants may be required to pass an appropriate security background check prior to appointment to the committee.

Members' term of office will be for 5 years. Members are eligible to serve an additional term of office. Members will not receive any salary or other compensation for their service on the AMS Committee.

In support of the policy of the USCG on gender and ethnic diversity, we encourage qualified women and members of minority groups to apply.

Request for Applications

Those seeking membership are not required to submit formal applications to the local COTP; however, because we do have an obligation to ensure that a specific number of members have the prerequisite maritime security experience, we encourage the submission of résumés highlighting experience in the maritime and security industries.

Dated: December 12, 2005.

R.F. Duncan,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[CGD08-05-055]

Realignment of District Eight Sector Boundaries

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard announces that the Eighth Coast Guard District is