

**Nominations for New Members for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Working Group on Antiretroviral Therapy and Medical Management of HIV-Infected Children**

The HHS Working Group on Antiretroviral Therapy and Medical Management of HIV-Infected Children (the Pediatric Working Group) is accepting nominations for new members with clinical research and/or practice expertise in management of HIV infection in children to serve a 3-year term beginning April 2008, with an option of renewal of membership at the end of the term. Three vacancies are anticipated.

The Pediatric Working Group, a Working Group of the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council (OARAC) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is composed of approximately 25 members who are clinicians, researchers, academicians, and HHS representatives with expertise in pediatric HIV management, as well as community representatives with knowledge of HIV infection in children. The Working Group meets monthly via teleconferencing and on occasion in a face-to-face meeting to review and critically evaluate emerging scientific data relating to antiretroviral therapy in infants and children. The members actively engage in the preparation and update of the "Guidelines for the Use of Antiretroviral Agents in Pediatric HIV Infection," which appears as a Living Document on the <http://AIDSinfo.nih.gov> Web site. This document is widely used by HIV practitioners and researchers in the United States.

Working Group members are *not* compensated for their time commitment and travel support is *not* provided for participation.

The Working Group is currently seeking nominations for new members with **expertise in pediatric HIV clinical trials, outcome research, and/or clinical practice** who will work with other Panel members in critically evaluating new information and preparing revisions to the Pediatric Antiretroviral Guidelines. The candidates should have **scientific** expertise in pediatric/adolescent HIV infection as evidenced by meaningful contributions to peer review journals related to pediatric HIV infection, participation in pediatric clinical research networks, receipt of NIH funding related to pediatric HIV infection as principal or co-principal investigator, and/or clinical expertise in pediatric HIV infection as evidenced by more than 5 years experience in the field of HIV and ongoing participation in the clinical care of HIV-infected children/adolescents, and recognition of clinical expertise by peers (such as certification by HIV Medical Association/Infectious Disease Society of America; membership on HIV-related committees of the American Academy of Pediatrics; consultant to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or World Health Organization on pediatric HIV-related issues). Because these are guidelines focused on pediatric antiretroviral management for the United States, candidates must be from the United States. Candidates should be willing to dedicate the necessary time to participate on the Working Group – a minimum of monthly conference calls and willingness to actively write revisions. The successful candidates shall serve a 3-year term starting in April 2008.

**The nomination should include a curriculum vitae and a letter of nomination or letter of interest outlining what qualities and contributions the candidate may bring to the Panel. Please submit nominations electronically (via email) no later than March 24, 2008 to Lynne M. Mofenson, M.D., Executive Secretary, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, 6100 Executive Blvd, Room 4B11, Rockville, MD 20852, Fax: 301-496-8678; email: [LM65D@nih.gov](mailto:LM65D@nih.gov) or [Lynne.Mofenson@nih.hhs.gov](mailto:Lynne.Mofenson@nih.hhs.gov)**

## **Community Member Sought for the DHHS Panel on Antiretroviral Therapy and Medical Management of HIV-infected Children**

The Panel is also seeking nominations for two new community representatives to serve a 3-year term with potential for renewal. The Panel welcomes diversified representation in the community membership reflecting the demographics of the current HIV epidemic in the United States. The candidate should have knowledge and involvement in issues related to HIV infection in children, as evidenced by participation in Community Advisory Boards or liaisons to clinical centers or trials networks that include a focus on children, membership in relevant non-governmental community organizations that have a focus on HIV-infected children, or experience in providing consultation on issues related to HIV in children to professional organizations or governmental agencies. Candidates should be willing to dedicate the necessary time to participate on the Working Group--minimum of monthly conference calls and willingness to actively write revisions

**Interested candidates should submit their curriculum vitae or a pertinent biographical 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 electronically via email by March 24, 2008 to Lynne Mofenson, M.D., Executive Secretary, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, 6100 Executive Blvd, Room 4B11, Rockville, MD 20852, Fax: 301-496-8678; email: [LM65D@nih.gov](mailto:LM65D@nih.gov) or [Lynne.Mofenson@nih.hhs.gov](mailto:Lynne.Mofenson@nih.hhs.gov)**