DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institute of Mental Health

Request for Information on the Availability of Biological Samples to Evaluate the Technical Performance of Inflammatory Markers

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) seeks information about the availability of data and existing biological specimens (plasma and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)) obtained from healthy controls and clinically well-characterized individuals with mental illnesses (bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia). This information will be used to identify biobanks of existing samples that could potentially be sourced to assess the technical performance of a panel of inflammation-related proteins, and to identify gaps in the availability of samples for the mental illnesses listed above.

DATES: All responses must be submitted via email to biospecimens2@mail.nih.gov by August 4, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Please direct all inquiries to: biospecimens2@mail.nih.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy L. Desmond, Ph.D., Division of

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sample collection, processing, and storage procedures have the potential to affect assay results for basic research, biomarker discovery, biomarker validation, and development of validated assays. Variability in these procedures may also decrease data rigor, thereby increasing the likelihood of irreproducible data, incorrect conclusions, and delays in advancing scientific knowledge.

Recent genetic studies have provided compelling evidence in support of the long-held hypothesis that alterations in immune function are associated with the pathophysiology of mental illnesses. Abnormal blood levels of cytokines have been reported in schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and major depressive illness. However, our understanding of the role of immune system markers in mental illnesses has not advanced due in part to between-study heterogeneity in immune assay methodology, diagnosis criteria, severity of disease, number and age of samples, and other potential confounds (e.g., medication, comorbidities) (Goldsmith, DR et al., Mol. Psychiatry, 23 February 2016; doi:10.1038/mp.2016.3).

The creation of an agreed upon, standard panel of pro- and anti-inflammatory markers, along with adoption of a standard approach for sample collection and handling, would be a valuable resource for evaluation of inflammatory processes in mental illnesses.

This request for information (RFI) seeks information from the community about the availability, quality, and degree of clinical characterization of plasma and CSF samples that could potentially be used for assessing the technical performance of a panel of inflammatory markers and the utility of the panel for sub-typing individuals and tracking disease progression in individuals with mental illness.

The NIMH seeks information on the following:

1. Source and number of samples available for each disorder and for healthy controls. Include the number of plasma samples and the number of CSF samples available, and whether both plasma and CSF samples are available from the same individuals.

2. SOPs used for sample collection and storage.

3. Available clinical data: diagnosis, age of onset and duration of illness, demographics, medications, comorbidities.

4. Consent for sharing of samples.

5. Contact information for the individual responsible for the samples. Respondents are encouraged to include any other information that they deem relevant to the purpose of this RFI.

The NIH will use the information submitted in response to this RFI at its discretion and will not provide comments to any responder’s submission. However, responses to the RFI may be reflected in future funding opportunity announcements. The information provided will be analyzed and may be aggregated in reports. Respondents are advised that the Government is under no obligation to acknowledge receipt of the information received or provide feedback to respondents with respect to any information submitted. No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in your response. The Government reserves the right to use any non-proprietary technical information in any resultant solicitation(s).

Dated: June 16, 2016.

Shelli Avenevoli,
Acting Deputy Director, National Institute of Mental Health.

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National Institute on Drug Abuse;
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Name of Committee: National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel Mechanism for Time-Sensitive Drug Abuse Research (R21).

Date: July 14, 2016.
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Hiromi Ono, Ph.D.,
Scientific Review Officer, Office of Extramural Affairs, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 4238, MSC 9550, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–402–6020, hiromi.ono@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel Summer Research Education Experience Programs (R25).

Date: July 19, 2016.
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Susan O. McGuire, Ph.D.,
Scientific Review Officer, Office of Extramural Affairs, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 4245, Rockville, MD 20852, 301–435–1426, mcguireso@mail.nih.gov.

([Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos.: 93.279, Drug Abuse and Addiction Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, HHS])

Dated: June 17, 2016.

Natasha M. Copeland,
Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review; 30-Day Comment Request; NLM PEOPLE LOCATOR® System

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on April 15, 2016, page 22289 and allowed 60 days for public comment. There were no comments received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Library of Medicine (NLM), National Institutes of Health, may not conduct or