

effectively reducing morbidity and mortality in newborns and children having or at risk for heritable disorders. In addition, the Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary concerning the grants and projects authorized under section 1109 of the PHSA and technical information to develop policies and priorities for grants, including those that will enhance the ability of the state and local health agencies to provide for newborn and child screening, counseling and health care services for newborns, and children having or at risk for heritable disorders.

The Committee reviews and reports regularly on newborn and childhood screening practices for heritable disorders, recommends improvements in the national newborn and childhood heritable screening programs, and recommends conditions for inclusion in the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP). The Committee's recommendations regarding additional conditions/inherited disorders for screening that have been adopted by the Secretary are included in the RUSP and constitute part of the comprehensive guidelines supported by HRSA pursuant to section 2713 of the PHSA, codified at 42 U.S.C. 300gg-13. Under this provision, non-grandfathered health plans and group and individual health insurance issuers are required to cover screenings included in the HRSA-supported comprehensive guidelines without charging a co-payment, co-insurance, or deductible for plan years (*i.e.*, in the individual market, policy years) beginning on or after the date that is one (1) year from the Secretary's adoption of the condition for screening.

Nominations: HRSA is requesting nominations to fill up to three (3) positions for voting members to serve on the Committee. The Secretary appoints committee members with the expertise needed to fulfill the duties of the Committee established under section 1111(b) of the PHSA, as amended by the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2014 (Act; 42 U.S.C. 300b-10(b)). Areas of expertise include medical, technical, or scientific professionals with special expertise in the field of heritable disorders or in providing screening, counseling, testing, or specialty services for newborns and children with, or at risk for having, heritable disorders; and/or who have expertise in ethics (*e.g.*, bioethics) and infectious diseases and who have worked and published material in the area of newborn screening; and/or are members of the public having special expertise about or concern with heritable disorders; and/or

representatives from such federal agencies, public health constituencies, and medical professional societies. Interested applicants may self-nominate or be nominated by another individual or organization. Nominees must reside in the United States.

Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee will be invited to serve for up to four (4) years. Members who are not federal officers or permanent federal employees are appointed as special government employees and receive a stipend and reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses incurred for attending Committee meetings and/or conducting other business on behalf of the Committee, as authorized by section 5 U.S.C. 5703 for persons employed intermittently in government service. Members who are officers or employees of the United States Government shall not receive additional compensation for service on the Committee, but receive per diem and travel expenses incurred for attending Committee meetings and/or conducting other business on behalf of the Committee.

The following information must be included in the package of materials submitted for each individual being nominated for consideration: (1) A statement that includes the name and affiliation of the nominee and a clear statement regarding the basis for the nomination, including the area(s) of expertise that may qualify a nominee for service on the Committee, as described above; (2) confirmation the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee; (3) the nominee's contact information (include home address, work address, daytime telephone number, and an email address); and (4) a current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae. Nomination packages may be submitted directly by the individual being nominated or by the person/organization recommending the candidate.

HHS will endeavor to ensure that the membership of the Committee is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and that individuals from a broad representation of geographic areas, gender, ethnic and minority groups, as well as individuals with disabilities, are considered for membership. Appointments shall be made without discrimination on the basis of age, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status.

Individuals who are selected to be considered for appointment will be required to provide detailed information regarding their financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or

contracts. Disclosure of this information is necessary in order to determine if the selected candidate is involved in any activity that may pose a potential conflict with the official duties to be performed as a member of the Committee.

Authority: Section 1111 of the Public Health Service Act (PHSA), as amended by the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act of 2014 (42 U.S.C. 300b-10). The Committee is governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), and 41 CFR part 102-3, which set forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

Dated: March 30, 2018.

Lori A. Roche,

Acting Deputy Director, Division of the Executive Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods; Notice of Public Meeting; Request for Public Input

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) will hold a public forum to share information and facilitate direct communication of ideas and suggestions from stakeholders. Interested persons may attend in person or view the meeting remotely by webcast. Time will be set aside for questions and public statements on the topics discussed. Registration is requested for both public attendance and oral statements, and required for remote access. Information about the meeting and registration are available at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/iccvamforum-2018>.

DATES:

Meeting: May 24, 2018, 9:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

Registration for Onsite Meeting: Deadline is May 11, 2018.

Registration for Webcast: Deadline is May 24, 2018.

Submission of Oral Public Statements: Deadline is May 11, 2018.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting Location:* William H. Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892. *Meeting web page:* The

preliminary agenda, registration, and other meeting materials are at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/iccvamforum-2018>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Warren Casey, Director, National Toxicology Program Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM); email: warren.casey@nih.gov; telephone: (984) 287-3118.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: ICCVAM, a congressionally mandated committee, promotes the development and validation of alternative testing strategies that protect human health and the environment while replacing, reducing, or refining animal use.

ICCVAM's goals include promotion of national and international partnerships between governmental and nongovernmental groups, including academia, industry, advocacy groups, and other key stakeholders. To foster these partnerships ICCVAM initiated annual public forums in 2014 to share information and facilitate direct communication of ideas and suggestions from stakeholders (79 FR 25136).

This year's meeting will be held on May 24, 2018, at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD. The meeting will include presentations by NICEATM and ICCVAM members on current activities related to the development and validation of alternative test methods and approaches, including activities relevant to implementation of the strategic roadmap for establishing new approaches to evaluate the safety of chemicals and medical products in the United States (83 FR 7487).

Following each presentation, there will be an opportunity for participants to ask questions of the ICCVAM members. Instructions for submitting questions will be provided to remote participants prior to the webcast. The agenda will also include time for participants to make public oral statements relevant to the ICCVAM mission and current activities.

Preliminary Agenda and Other Meeting Information: The preliminary agenda, list of discussion topics, background materials, ICCVAM roster, and public statements submitted prior to the meeting will be posted by May 17 at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/iccvamforum-2018>. Interested individuals are encouraged to visit this web page to stay abreast of the most current meeting information.

Meeting and Registration: This meeting is open to the public with time scheduled for questions and oral public

statements following presentations from ICCVAM and NICEATM. The public may attend the meeting at NIH, where attendance is limited only by the space available, or view remotely by webcast. Those planning to attend the meeting in person are encouraged to register at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/iccvamforum-2018> by May 11, 2018, to facilitate planning for appropriate meeting space. Those planning to view the webcast must register at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/iccvamforum-2018>; registration will be available through May 24, 2018. The URL for the webcast will be provided in the email confirming registration.

NIH visitor and security information is available at <http://www.nih.gov/about/visitor/index.htm>. Individuals with disabilities who need accommodation to participate in this event should contact Dr. Elizabeth Maull at phone: (984) 287-3157 or email: maull@niehs.nih.gov. TTY users should contact the Federal TTY Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Requests should be made at least five business days in advance of the event.

Request for Oral Public Statements: Each presentation will be followed by an opportunity for participants to ask questions of the presenter. Attendees need not register in advance for the opportunity to ask questions or make comments specific to presentations. Instructions for submitting questions or comments will be provided to remote participants prior to the webcast.

In addition to time for questions or comments following each scheduled presentation, time will be allotted during the meeting for oral public statements with associated slides on topics relevant to ICCVAM's mission. The number and length of presentations may be limited based on available time. Submitters will be identified by their name and affiliation and/or sponsoring organization, if applicable. Persons submitting public statements and/or associated slides should include their name, affiliation (if any), mailing address, telephone, email, and sponsoring organization (if any) with the document. National Toxicology Program guidelines for public statements are at http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/ntp/about_ntp/guidelines_public_comments_508.pdf.

Persons wishing to present oral public statements should email their statement to ICCVAMquestions@niehs.nih.gov by May 11, 2018, to allow time for review by NICEATM and ICCVAM and posting to the meeting page prior to the forum. Written statements may supplement and expand the oral presentation. Public statements will be distributed to

NICEATM and ICCVAM members before the meeting.

Registration for oral public statements will be available onsite, although onsite registration and time allotted for these statements may be limited based on the number of individuals who register to make statements and available time. If registering onsite and reading from written text, please bring 20 copies of the statement for distribution and to supplement the record.

Persons wishing to present oral public statements are strongly encouraged to present their comments in person to facilitate effective interaction with ICCVAM members. However, there will also be the opportunity to present public statements by teleconference line. Persons who are unable to attend the meeting in person and wish to present oral public statements should email ICCVAMquestions@niehs.nih.gov by May 11, 2018 to arrange to present statements via teleconference line.

Responses to this notice are voluntary. No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in statements submitted in response to this notice or presented during the meeting. This request for input is for planning purposes only and is not a solicitation for applications or an obligation on the part of the U.S. Government to provide support for any ideas identified in response to the request. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for the preparation of any information submitted or for its use of that information.

Background Information on ICCVAM and NICEATM: ICCVAM is an interagency committee composed of representatives from 16 federal regulatory and research agencies that require, use, generate, or disseminate toxicological and safety testing information. ICCVAM conducts technical evaluations of new, revised, and alternative safety testing methods and integrated testing strategies with regulatory applicability. ICCVAM also promotes the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of testing methods that more accurately assess the safety and hazards of chemicals and products and replace, reduce, or refine animal use. The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285l-3) establishes ICCVAM as a permanent interagency committee of NIEHS and provides the authority for ICCVAM involvement in activities relevant to the development of alternative test methods. Additional information about ICCVAM can be found at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/iccvam>.

NICEATM administers ICCVAM, provides scientific and operational support for ICCVAM-related activities, and conducts and publishes analyses and evaluations of data from new, revised, and alternative testing approaches. NICEATM and ICCVAM work collaboratively to evaluate new and improved testing approaches applicable to the needs of U.S. federal agencies.

NICEATM and ICCVAM welcome the public nomination of new, revised, and alternative test methods and strategies for validation studies and technical evaluations. Additional information about NICEATM can be found at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/niceatm>.

Dated: April 2, 2018.

Brian R. Berridge,

Associate Director, National Toxicology Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Aging; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel HIV Neurodegeneration.

Date: May 30, 2018.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, Suite 2W200, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Anita H. Undale, Ph.D., MD, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, Suite 2W200, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892, 240-747-7825, anita.undale@nih.gov.

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Dated: April 3, 2018.

Melanie J. Pantoja,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meetings

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

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; R25 Review.

Date: May 9, 2018.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Cancer Institute, Shady Grove, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W110, Rockville, MD 20850 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Robert E. Bird, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Research Program Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W110, Bethesda, MD 20892-9750 240-276-6344, birdr@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; SEP-1; NCI Clinical Translational R21 and Omnibus R03.

Date: May 17, 2018.

Time: 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Robert S. Coyne, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Special Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W236, Bethesda, MD 20892-9750, 240-276-5120, coyners@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; Partnerships in Cancer Research (P20) and Cancer Health Equity (U54).

Date: May 21-22, 2018.

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Clifford W. Schweinfest, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Special Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W108, Bethesda, MD 20892-9750, 240-276-6333, schweinfestcw@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; SEP-2; NCI Clinical Translational R21 and Omnibus R03.

Date: May 21-22, 2018.

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Hasan Siddiqui, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Special Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W240 Bethesda, MD 20892-9750, 240-276-5122, hasan.siddiqui@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; Transitional Fellowship.

Date: May 31-June 1, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Marriott Suites, 6711 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Contact Person: Reed A. Graves, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Research Technology and Contract Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W106, Bethesda, MD 20892-9750, 240-276-6384, gravesr@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel; SEP-6; NCI Omnibus.

Date: June 1, 2018.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Saejeong J. Kim, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Special Review Branch, Division of Extramural Activities, National Cancer Institute, NIH, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 7W649, Bethesda, MD 20892-9750, 240-276-5179, saejeong.kim@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Cancer Institute Initial Review Group; Subcommittee I—Transition to Independence.

Date: June 6-7, 2018.

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Contact Person: Delia Tang, MD, Scientific Review Officer, Research Programs Review