DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Herbicides and Contaminants (Ranch Hand Advisory Committee); Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Herbicides and Contaminants (Ranch Hand Advisory Committee).

General Function of the Committee: To advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary) and the Assistant Secretary for Health concerning its oversight of the conduct of the Ranch Hand study by the U.S. Air Force and provide scientific oversight of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Army Chemical Corps Vietnam Veterans Health Study and other studies in which the Secretary or the Assistant Secretary for Health believes involvement by the committee is desirable.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on November 19, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1066, Rockville, MD.

Contact Person: Leonard Schechtman, National Center for Toxicological Research (HFT–10), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–6696, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1–800–741–8138 (301–443–0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 3014512560. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

Agenda: The Air Force will present for review to the Ranch Hand Advisory Committee the following chapters from the ongoing health study: Chapter 18, Endocrine; Chapter 20, Pulmonary; Chapter 11, Neurology; Chapter 13, Gastrointestinal; Chapter 14, Dermatology; Chapter 10, Neoplasia; Chapter 21, Conclusions; and the Executive Summary.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by November 5, 2004. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 10:20 a.m. and 10:55 a.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before November 12, 2004, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Leonard Schechtman at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: October 17, 2004.

Sheila Dearybury Walcoff,

Associate Commissioner for External Relations.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

One Time Supplement; Award Announcement

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Announcement of a one-time supplement to nine regional AIDS Education Training Centers (AETCs) Programs located at the following institutions: University of Illinois; University of California, San Francisco; University of Colorado; University of Washington; Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center; University of Massachusetts Medical School; Columbia University; Dallas County Hospital District; and University of Pittsburgh.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB), Division of Training and Technical Assistance (DTTA), announces the awarding of a one-time supplement to nine regional AETCs during fiscal year (FY) 2004. HRSA awarded these funds to the nine AETCs for targeted education and training to expand the HIV/AIDS treatment capacity of professional and paraprofessional health care providers caring for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) people on reservations, in rural areas, IHS tribally-managed health care hospitals and clinics, and urban Indian health centers.

Justification: These funds were awarded to existing AETCs because the AETCs are uniquely qualified to provide training on HIV/AIDS care and treatment that is consistent with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) HIV Treatment Guidelines. The AETCs are the only entities within the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act that are legislatively required to provide HIV/AIDS training to minority serving care providers. The AETCs are the training arm of the HAB and have provided more than 10 years of quality HIV/AIDS training services on care and treatment to health care providers in the United States and its territories. The AETCs have the existing national, regional and local infrastructure necessary to support the effective delivery of HIV/AIDS training services. The AETCs are linked to resources and services through the national AETC programs, such as the National Minority AETC, National Clinical Consultation Center, and the National Resource Center which will enhance the services available to trainees. Because of the AETC national and regional network and prior work with the AI/AN populations, the AETCs have developed and have access to culturally appropriate curriculum, training needs assessments, and other training materials that are tailored to the target population and needed to support the training activities.

Amount of Award: Funding is awarded as follows:

University of Illinois—$125,000, (Project Period—7/1/02–6/30/05);

University of California, San Francisco—$125,000, (Project Period—7/1/02–6/30/05);

University of Colorado—$125,000, (Project Period—7/1/02–6/30/05);

University of Washington—$125,000, (Project Period—7/1/02–6/30/05);

University of Massachusetts Medical School—$125,000, (Project Period—7/1/02–6/30/05);

Dallas County Hospital District—$175,000, (Project Period—7/1/02–6/30/05);