

Purpose: The establishment and formation of the HEW is to provide input to the ACD, CDC on agency-wide activities related to the scope and implementation of CDC's CORE (an acronym for C-cultivate comprehensive health equity science, O-optimize interventions, R-reinforce and expand robust partnerships, and E-enhance capacity and workforce diversity and inclusion) strategy around health equity. The HEW membership will be comprised of approximately 15 members. It will be chaired by two current ACD, CDC Special Government Employees. HEW co-chairs will present their findings, observations, and work products at one or more ACD, CDC meetings for discussion, deliberation, and decisions (final recommendations to CDC).

Nomination Criteria: HEW members will serve terms ranging from six months to one year and be required to attend HEW meetings approximately 1–2 times per month (virtually or in-person), and contribute time in between meetings for research, consultation, discussion, and writing assignments.

Nominations are being sought for individuals who have the expertise and qualifications necessary to contribute to the accomplishments of the committee's/workgroup's objectives. Nominees will be selected based on expertise in the fields of health equity; public health science and practice; public health policy development, analysis, and implementation. To ensure a diverse workgroup composition, nominees with front line and field experience at the local, state, tribal and territorial levels are encouraged to apply. This includes nominees with experience working for, and with, community-based organizations and other non-profit organizations. Federal employees will not be considered for membership. Selection of members is based on candidates' qualifications to contribute to the accomplishment of the HEW's objectives.

HHS policy stipulates that membership be balanced in terms of points of view represented and the workgroup's function. Appointments shall be made without discrimination based on age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, HIV status, disability, and cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status. Nominees must be U.S. citizens and cannot be full-time employees of the U.S. Government. Current participation on federal workgroups or prior experience serving on a federal advisory committee does not disqualify a candidate; however, HHS policy is to avoid excessive

individual service on advisory committees and multiple committee memberships. Interested candidates should submit the following items:

- A one-half to one-page cover letter that includes your understanding of, and commitment to, the time and work necessary; one to two sentences on your background and experience; and one to two sentences on the skills/perspective you would bring to the HEW.
- Current curriculum vitae which highlights the experience and work history being sought relevant to the criteria set forth above, including complete contact information (telephone numbers, mailing address, email address).

Nominations may be submitted by the candidate him or herself, or by the person/organization recommending the candidate.

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Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP)—CE22–003, Rigorously Evaluating Programs and Policies To Prevent Child Sexual Abuse (CSA); Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP)—CE22–003, *Rigorously Evaluating Programs and Policies to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)*, April 19–20, 2022, 8:30 a.m., EDT–5:30 p.m., EDT, Web Conference, in the original FRN. The meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on January 14, 2022, Volume 87, Number 10, page 2439.

The meeting is being amended to change the meeting date and should read as follows:

CE22–003, Rigorously Evaluating Programs and Policies to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse (CSA): April 19, 2022.

The meeting is closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP)—RFA–CE22–002, Grants To Support New Investigators in Conducting Research Related To Preventing Interpersonal Violence Impacting Children and Youth; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP)—RFA–CE22–002, *Grants to Support New Investigators in Conducting Research Related to Preventing Interpersonal Violence Impacting Children and Youth*, March 8–9, 2022, 8:30 a.m., EDT–5:30 p.m., EDT, Web Conference, in the original FRN. The meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on January 5, 2022, Volume 87, Number 3, page 460.

The meeting is being amended to change the meeting date and should read as follows:

RFA–CE22–002, Grants to Support New Investigators in Conducting Research Related to Preventing

Interpersonal Violence Impacting Children and Youth: March 8, 2022.

The meeting is closed to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Announcement of the Approval of COLA as an Accreditation Organization for the Specialty of Pathology To Include Histopathology, Cytology and Oral Pathology Under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the application of COLA for approval as an accreditation organization for clinical laboratories under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) program for the specialty of Pathology to include Histopathology, Cytology and Oral Pathology. We have determined that COLA meets or exceeds the applicable CLIA requirements. In this notice, we announce the approval and grant COLA deeming authority for the specialty of Pathology to include Histopathology, Cytology and Oral Pathology for a period of 2 years.

DATES: This notice is effective from March 7, 2022 to March 7, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Raelene Perfetto (410) 786-6876.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Legislative Authority

On October 31, 1988, the Congress enacted the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA) (Pub. L. 100-578). CLIA amended section 353 of the Public Health Service Act. We issued a final rule implementing the accreditation provisions of CLIA on July 31, 1992 (57 FR 33992). Under those provisions, CMS may grant deeming authority to an accreditation organization if its requirements for laboratories accredited under its program are equal to or more stringent than the applicable CLIA program requirements in 42 CFR part 493 (Laboratory Requirements). Subpart E of part 493 (Accreditation by a Private, Nonprofit Accreditation Organization or Exemption Under an Approved State Laboratory Program) specifies the requirements an accreditation organization must meet to be approved by CMS as an accreditation organization under CLIA.

II. Notice of Approval of COLA for the Specialty of Pathology To Include Histopathology, Cytology and Oral Pathology as an Accreditation Organization

In this notice, we approve COLA as an organization that may accredit laboratories for purposes of establishing their compliance with CLIA requirements for the specialty of Pathology to include Histopathology, Cytology and Oral Pathology. We have examined the initial COLA application and all subsequent submissions to determine its accreditation program's equivalency with the requirements for approval of an accreditation organization under subpart E of part 493. We have determined that COLA meets or exceeds the applicable CLIA requirements. We have also determined that COLA will ensure that its accredited laboratories will meet or exceed the applicable requirements in subparts H, I, J, K, M, Q, and the applicable sections of R. Therefore, we grant COLA approval as an accreditation organization under subpart E of part 493, for the period stated in the **DATES** section of this notice for the specialty of Pathology and the subspecialties of Histopathology, Cytology and Oral Pathology. As a result of this determination, any laboratory that is accredited by COLA during the time period stated in the **DATES** section of this notice will be deemed to meet the CLIA requirements for the specialty of Pathology to include Histopathology, Cytology and Oral Pathology, and

therefore, will generally not be subject to routine inspections by a State survey agency to determine its compliance with CLIA requirements. The accredited laboratory, however, is subject to validation and complaint investigation surveys performed by CMS, or its agent(s).

III. Evaluation of COLA's Request for Approval as an Accreditation Organization Under CLIA for the Specialty of Pathology To Include Histopathology, Cytology and Oral Pathology

The following describes the process used to determine that COLA accreditation program meets the necessary requirements to be approved by CMS and that, as such, CMS may approve COLA as an accreditation program with deeming authority under the CLIA program. In reviewing these materials, we reached the following determinations for each applicable part of the CLIA regulations:

A. Subpart E—Accreditation by a Private, Nonprofit Accreditation Organization or Exemption Under an Approved State Laboratory Program

COLA submitted its mechanism for monitoring compliance with all requirements equivalent to condition-level requirements, a list of all its current laboratories and the expiration date of their accreditation, and a detailed comparison of the individual accreditation requirements with the comparable condition-level requirements. We have determined that COLA policies and procedures for oversight of laboratories performing laboratory testing for the specialty of Pathology to include Histopathology, Cytology and Oral Pathology are equivalent to those required under the CLIA regulations in the matters of inspection, monitoring proficiency testing (PT) performance, investigating complaints, and making PT information available. COLA submitted documentation regarding its requirements for monitoring and inspecting laboratories and describing its standards regarding data management, the inspection process, procedures for removal or withdrawal of accreditation, notification requirements for laboratories out of compliance, and accreditation organization resources. We have determined that COLA's requirements for monitoring and inspecting laboratories are equivalent to those required under our regulations for laboratories in the areas of data management, the inspection process, procedures for removal or withdrawal of accreditation, notification requirements