

- Provides executive leadership and direction to the Agency's Regional Administrator(s) in the Consortium.
- Assures that the Agency's programs are carried out in the most effective and efficient manner within the Consortium, and that they are coordinated both at the consortium level and with the Agency's headquarters' offices.
- Provides a Consortium-wide perspective to the Agency's Administrator and other members of the Executive Council in such activities as strategic planning, determining the effectiveness of the Agency's programs and policies, budget formulation and execution, legislation, and administrative management.
- Assures that the Agency's national policies, programs and special initiatives are implemented effectively throughout the Consortium. Conducts local projects to improve the quality of medical care provided to beneficiaries and to control fraud, abuse and waste in the Agency's programs.
- Evaluates progress in the administration of the Agency's programs in the Consortium, ensuring that required actions are taken to direct or redirect efforts and/or resources to achieve program objectives.
- Working with the Regional Administrator(s) in the Consortium and the Agency's headquarters' leadership, assures that the information needs of the Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries are fully understood and met, to the maximum degree possible. In association with other Agency components, maintains an understanding of the health care market that is operating in the Consortium in order to allow the Agency to adapt to changes in that market when appropriate.
- Assures that the Regional Administrator(s) in the Consortium fully coordinate the Agency's programs with other Health and Human Services' components, other Federal agencies, the Agency's contractors, State and local governments, professional associations, other interested groups, and the Agency's beneficiaries and/or representatives in their respective region.
- Working with the Agency's headquarters, manages the Consortium's administrative budget, to include the planning and allocation of resources to the regional offices comprising the Consortium.

Dated: April 19, 1997.

Bruce Vladeck

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Aging; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

Name of SEP: National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel Topic of Sleep/Wake Regulation in Elderly Persons (Teleconference).

Date of Meeting: May 12, 1997.

Time of Meeting: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting: National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, Room 2C212, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

Purpose/Agenda: To review of grant application.

Contact Person: Dr. Arthur D. Schaerdel, Scientific Review Administrator, Gateway Building, Room 2C212, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-9205, (301) 496-9666.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the above meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of SEP: National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel Establish Training Programs in Geriatric Medicine (Teleconference).

Date of Meeting: May 20, 1997.

Time of Meeting: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting: National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, Room 2C212, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

Purpose/Agenda: To review a grant application.

Contact Person: Dr. Arthur D. Schaerdel, Scientific Review Administrator, Gateway Building, Room 2C212, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-9205, (301) 496-9666.

Name of SEP: National Institute on Aging Special Emphasis Panel Support a Conference on Aging at a Major Medical School (Teleconference).

Date of Meeting: May 21, 1997.

Time of Meeting: 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting: National Institute on Aging, Gateway Building, Room 2C212, 7201 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

Purpose/Agenda: To review a grant application.

Contact Person: Dr. Arthur D. Schaerdel, Scientific Review Administrator, Gateway Building, Room 2C212, National Institutes of

Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-9205, (301) 496-9666.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Aging Initial Review Group Neurosciences of Aging Review Committee.

Dates of Meeting: June 9-11, 1997.

Times of Meeting: June 9-7:00 p.m. to recess; June 10-9:00 a.m. to recess; June 11-9:00 a.m. to adjournment.

Place of Meeting: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Purpose/Agenda: To review grant applications.

Contact Person: Dr. Maria Mannarino, Dr. Louise Hsu, Scientific Review Administrators, Gateway Building, Room 2C212, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-9205, (301) 496-9666.

These meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.866, Aging Research, National Institutes of Health)

Dated: April 28, 1997.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Meeting of the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council and Its Subcommittees

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council and its subcommittees, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, on May 28-29, 1997. The meeting of the full Council will be open to the public on May 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Conference Room 6, Building 31C, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, to discuss administrative issues relating to Council business and special reports. The following subcommittee meetings will be open to the public May 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.: Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolic Diseases Subcommittee meeting will be held in Conference Room 6, Building 31C; Digestive