

FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD**Sunshine Act Meeting**

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m. (EDT) July 13, 1998.

PLACE: 4th Floor, Conference Room 4506, 1250 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of the minutes of the June 8, 1998, Board member meeting.
2. Thrift Savings Plan activity report by the Executive Director.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Trabucco, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Dated: June 30, 1998.

Roger W. Mehle,

Executive Director, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History**

AGENCY: General Services Administration.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History (Commission) will hold an open meeting from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 16, 1998 at the Ontario Courthouse, Judge Henry Court Room, 27 North Main Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424. Under 41 CFR 101-6.1015(b)(2), less than 15 days notice of the meeting is provided due to delays in organizing the Commission and the intent to coordinate the first Commission meeting with the celebration in Seneca Falls, NY of the 150th anniversary of the first women's rights convention.

Background

Executive Order 13090 signed by President Clinton on June 29, 1998, established the Commission. The Commission's mission is to make recommendations to the President by March 1, 1999, on ways to best acknowledge and celebrate the roles and accomplishments of women in American history.

Purpose

The meeting is for organizational purposes and will include introduction

of Commission members, an overview of the Executive Order, and a discussion of the Commission's mandate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha Davis (202) 501-0705, Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Communications, General Services Administration.

Dated: June 30, 1998.

Joseph R. Rodriguez,

Acting GSA Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)**Administration on Aging**

[Program Announcement No. AoA-98-7]

Fiscal Year 1998 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications to carry out the functions of a National Eldercare Locator.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging (AoA) announces that under this program announcement it will hold a competition for a cooperative agreement award for a National Eldercare Locator. The deadline date for the submission of applications is August 26, 1998. Public and/or nonprofit agencies, organizations, and institutions are eligible to apply under this program announcement. To be considered for funding, however, applicants must demonstrate a proven track record of experience in conducting national hotlines and dealing with the network of State and Area Agencies on Aging and State and Area Information and Referral Services. Coalitions of organizations are encouraged.

Application kits are available by writing to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office of State and Community Programs, 330 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 4747, Washington, DC 20201, telephone: (202) 619-0011 or (202) 619-3955.

Dated: June 26, 1998.

Jeanette C. Takamura,

Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[INFO-98-22]

Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

1. Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP) (0920-0307)—
Extension—The Division of STD Prevention, National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention (NCHSTP) is requesting a 3-year extension of OMB clearance to continue the Gonococcal Isolate Surveillance Project (GISP). The objectives of GISP are: (1) To monitor trends in antimicrobial susceptibility of strains of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* in the United States; and (2) to characterize resistant isolates. GISP provides critical surveillance for antimicrobial resistance, allowing for informed treatment recommendations. GISP was begun in 1986 as a voluntary surveillance project and now involves 5 regional laboratories and 26 publicly funded sexually transmitted disease clinics around the country. The STD clinics submit up to 25 gonococcal

isolates per month to the regional laboratories, which measure susceptibility to a panel of antibiotics. Limited demographic and clinical information corresponding to the isolates are submitted directly by the clinics to CDC.

During 1986–1997, GISP has demonstrated the ability to effectively

achieve its objectives. The recent emergence of resistance to fluoroquinolones, commonly used therapies for gonorrhea, has been identified through GISP and makes ongoing surveillance critical. Data gathered through GISP are used to alert the public health community to changes

in antimicrobial resistance in *N. gonorrhoeae* which may impact treatment choices, and to guide recommendations made in CDC's STD Treatment Guidelines, which are published every several years. There is no cost to the respondents.

Respondent	No. of respondents	No. of responses/re-spondents	Avg. burden (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Laboratory	5	1056	1	5312
Clinic	26	204	0.166	8846
Total				6196

2. Tuberculosis Statistics and Program Evaluation Activity, Contact Follow-up (CDC 72.16) and Completion of Preventive Therapy (CDC 72.21)—(0920–0026)—Extension—The National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention (NCHSTP)—Tuberculosis (TB) is transmitted when contagious TB patients aerosolize *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and susceptible persons (i.e., “contacts”) are exposed. Some contacts are especially endangered by TB if they become infected—children

younger than 5 years old, and anyone with an illness that weakens the immune system (e.g., the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, AIDS). The prompt evaluation of all contacts is crucial for finding early TB cases and latent infections. For latent TB infections, treatment with isoniazid preventive therapy can prevent new TB cases from developing. Evaluation, follow-up, and preventive therapy for contacts comprise the most efficient approach for finding and treating recent

TB infections and preventing future cases. Therefore, it is one of the highest priorities for the national TB control strategy, second only to finding and treating contagious cases. The local and the state TB control programs and CDC use Contact Follow-up (CDC 72.16) and Completion of Preventive Therapy (CDC 72.21) to measure progress in achieving the national goals for performance in these areas. There is no cost to the respondents.

Report	No. of respondents	No. of responses/re-spondent (in hrs.)	Avg. burden/re-sponse (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Contact Follow-up (1996),	103	2	.5	103
Completion of Preventive Therapy (1995)	103	2	1	206
Total				309

Dated: June 26, 1998.

Charles W. Gollmar,

Acting Associate Director for Policy, Planning and Evaluation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice of Availability of Funds Program Announcement 98077, Programs To Prevent the Emergence and Spread of Antimicrobial Resistance in Food Animals

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is implementing a multifaceted effort to address the problem of antimicrobial resistance. As

part of this, CDC, in collaboration with the Food and Drug Administration Center for Veterinary Medicine, announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 1998 funds for a cooperative agreement program to provide assistance for the development and evaluation of demonstration projects to prevent and control the emergence and spread of antimicrobial resistance in food animals. CDC is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of Healthy People 2000, a national activity to reduce morbidity and mortality and improve the quality of life. This announcement is related to the priority area of Immunization and Infectious Diseases (For ordering a copy of Healthy People 2000, see the section Where to Obtain Additional Information).

The purpose of this program is to develop, implement, and evaluate a prudent antimicrobial use project to reduce the emergence, prevalence, and

spread of antimicrobial resistance among target pathogens in food animals.

The intention of this project is to develop and evaluate a “prudent use of antimicrobial agents” program in certain food animal groups. It is hoped that this project would serve as a model towards the long-term goal of development of a national campaign for prudent antimicrobial use in food animals, and that additional resources towards achieving this goal would be provided by veterinary and animal industry organizations.

Applicants should address the problem of antimicrobial resistance through interventions potentially including, but not limited to:

1. Promoting more judicious antimicrobial use (e.g., using antimicrobial agents only when needed, using appropriate doses of antimicrobial agents),
2. Reducing transmission of antimicrobial resistant microorganisms