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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Notice of Closing Meeting

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 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 of Child Health and Human Development Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: November 5-6, 1998.

Time: 7:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Copley Marriott, 110 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02116.

Contact Person: Edgar E. Hanna, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Scientific Review, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, 6100 Executive Blvd., Room 5E01, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-1485.

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

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.864, Population Research; 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children; 93.929, Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research; 93.209, Contraception and Infertility Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIDA.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Board of Scientific Counselors, NIDA.

Date: November 17-18, 1998.

Time: 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: Division of Intramural Research, NIDA, Johns Hopkins Bayview Campus, Bldg. C, 2nd Floor Auditorium, 5500 Nathan Shock Drive, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Contract Person: Stephen J. Heishman, PHD, Research Psychologist, Clinical Pharmacology Branch, Addiction Research Center, National Institute On Drug Abuse, National Institutes Of Health, DHHS, 5500 Nathan Shock Drive, Baltimore, MD 21224, (410) 550-1547.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Meeting of the National Reading Panel

Notice is hereby given of the fourth Washington area meeting of the National Reading Panel. The meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 1998, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM and on Tuesday, November 10, 1998, from 8:00 AM to 4 PM. The meeting location is the Embassy Suites Hotel, 4300 Military Road, NW, Washington, D.C. 20015. The

entire meeting will be open to the public.

The National Reading Panel was requested by Congress and created by the Director of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development in consultation with the Secretary of Education. The Panel will study the effectiveness of various approaches to teaching children how to read and report on the best ways to apply these findings in classrooms and at home. Its members include prominent reading researchers, teachers, child development experts, leaders in elementary and higher education, and parents. The Chair of the Panel is Dr. Donald N. Langenberg, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland.

The Panel will build on the recently announced findings presented by the National Research Council's Committee on the Prevention of Reading Difficulties in Young Children. Based on a review of the literature, the Panel will: determine the readiness for application in the classroom of the results of these research studies; identify appropriate means to rapidly disseminate this information to facilitate effective reading instruction in the schools; and identify gaps in the knowledge base for reading instruction and the best ways to close these gaps.

The agenda for this meeting will include obtaining consensus for the methodology to evaluate research studies, as well as reaching agreement on a prioritized list of claims, findings, and problems that will undergo this evaluation. A period of time will be set aside at approximately 3:00 PM on Tuesday, November 10 for members of the public to address the Panel and express their views regarding the Panel's mission. Individuals desiring an opportunity to speak before the Panel should address their requests to F. William Dommel, Jr., J.D., Executive Director, National Reading Panel, c/o Ms. Amy Andryszak and either mail them to the Widmeyer-Baker Group, 1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20009, or e-mail them to amya@twbg.com, or fax them to 202-667-0902. Requests for addressing the Panel should be received by November 4, 1998. Panel business permitting, each public speaker will be allowed five minutes to present his or her views. In the event of a large number of public speakers, the Panel Chair retains the option to further limit the presentation time allowed to each.

Although the time permitted for oral presentations will be brief, the full text of all written comments submitted to the Panel will be made available to the Panel members for consideration.