

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice of a Meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is given of a meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission. The Commission will address (1) Research involving human embryonic stem cells and (2) the comprehensive system of human subjects protections. Some Commission members may participate by telephone conference. The meeting is open to the public and opportunities for statements by the public will be provided on June 28, 1999 from 11:30 am to 12 noon.

Dates/Times	Location
June 28, 1999, 8:30 am–5:00 pm.	The Washington Ballroom, Hotel Washington, 515 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC.
June 29, 1999, 8:30 am–5:00 pm.	Same Location as Above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President established the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) on October 3, 1995 by Executive Order 12975 as amended. The mission of the NBAC is to advise and make recommendations to the National Science and Technology Council, its Chair, the President, and other entities on bioethical issues arising from the research on human biology and behavior, and from the applications of that research.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public with attendance limited by the availability of space on a first come, first serve basis. Members of the public who wish to present oral statements should contact Ms. Patricia Norris by telephone, fax machine, or mail as shown below and as soon as possible at least 4 days before the meeting. The Chair will reserve time for presentations by persons requesting to speak and asks that oral statements be limited to five minutes. The order of persons wanting to make a statement will be assigned in the order in which requests are received. Individuals unable to make oral presentations can mail or fax their written comments to the NBAC staff

office at least five business days prior to the meeting for distribution to the Commission and inclusion in the public record. The Commission also accepts general comments at its website at bioethics.gov. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations, should contact NBAC staff at the address or telephone number listed below as soon as possible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Patricia Norris, National Bioethics Advisory Commission, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Suite 5B01, Rockville, Maryland 20892–7508, telephone 301–402–4242, fax number 301–480–6900.

Dated: June 4, 1999.

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Executive Director, National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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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, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is providing opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection 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. An Evaluation of the Pediatrician's Role in Facilitating Early Parent-Child Communication About Sexuality and HIV Risk—New—National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is proposing a study to evaluate whether pediatricians providing medical care to children between the ages of 6 and 12 years old currently facilitate early communication between parents and children about sexuality and STD/HIV prevention. The purpose of this project is to develop and conduct a survey which will focus on the delivery of sexual and STD/HIV education to parents for the purpose of facilitating parent-child dialogue about sexuality and sexual risk. The survey will assess which services are currently offered by physicians (e.g., discussions, pamphlets, videos, referrals to educational programs); when and to whom physicians offer services; the barriers that prevent physicians from offering services; and the types of services pediatricians believe are feasible to offer. Results of this survey will be used to develop effective programs to help pediatricians facilitate communication between parents and children about sexuality and STD/HIV prevention. Increasing parent-adolescent communication about sexuality and STD/HIV is important because many adolescents are having unprotected sex at an early age, and although parent-adolescent communication has been found to be associated with lower sexual risk behavior among adolescents many parents are not talking to their adolescents. Thus, strategies are needed to inform parents about the benefits of communication as a way to enhance their child's sexual health. Consistent with recommendation from the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics, physicians can play an important role in educating parents about ways to promote their child's sexual health. The total cost to respondents is estimated at \$22,500 based on an hourly rate of \$75.00 per hour for pediatricians.