

Services (Advisory Council). The Advisory Council provides advice on how to prevent or reduce the burden of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD) on people with the disease and their caregivers. During the meeting on July 31, 2023, the Advisory Council subcommittees will present their recommendations for adoption by the full Advisory Council. The meeting will also include a presentation on the Alzheimer's disease bypass budget from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a National Healthy Brain Initiative Road Map Series update by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and federal updates.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held virtually on July 31, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 a.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be a hybrid of in-person and virtual. The meeting will be held in Room 800 of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20201. It will also stream live at [www.hhs.gov/live](http://www.hhs.gov/live).

**Comments:** Time is allocated on the agenda to hear public comments from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The time for oral comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per individual. In order to provide a public comment, please register by emailing your name to [napa@hhs.gov](mailto:napa@hhs.gov) by Thursday, July 27. Registered commenters will receive both a dial-in number and a link to join the meeting virtually; individuals will have the choice to either join virtually via the link, or to call in only by using the dial-in number. Note: There may be a 30–45 second delay in the livestream video presentation of the conference. For this reason, if you have pre-registered to submit a public comment, it is important to connect to the meeting by 3:45 p.m. to ensure that you do not miss your name and allotted time when called. If you miss your name and allotted time to speak, you may not be able to make your public comment. Public commenters will not be admitted to the virtual meeting before 3:30 p.m. but are encouraged to watch the meeting at [www.hhs.gov/live](http://www.hhs.gov/live). Should you have questions during the session, please email [napa@hhs.gov](mailto:napa@hhs.gov) and someone will respond to your message as quickly as possible.

In order to ensure accuracy, please submit a written copy of oral comments for the record by emailing [napa@hhs.gov](mailto:napa@hhs.gov) by Tuesday, August 1, 2023. These comments will be shared on the website and reflected in the meeting minutes.

In lieu of oral comments, formal written comments may be submitted for

the record by Tuesday, August 1, 2023 to Helen Lamont, Ph.D., OASPE, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 424E, Washington, DC 20201. Comments may also be sent to [napa@hhs.gov](mailto:napa@hhs.gov). Those submitting written comments should identify themselves and any relevant organizational affiliations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Helen Lamont, 202–260–6075, [helen.lamont@hhs.gov](mailto:helen.lamont@hhs.gov). Note: The meeting will be available to the public live at [www.hhs.gov/live](http://www.hhs.gov/live).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2)). Topics of the Meeting: subcommittee recommendations, NIA bypass budget, FDA drug coverage decisions, and CDC Health Brain Initiative.

**Procedure and Agenda:** The meeting will be webcast at [www.hhs.gov/live](http://www.hhs.gov/live) and video recordings will be added to the National Alzheimer's Project Act website when available after the meeting. This meeting is open to the public. Please allow 30 minutes to go through security and walk to the meeting room. Participants joining in person should note that seating may be limited. Those wishing to attend the meeting in person must send an email to [napa@hhs.gov](mailto:napa@hhs.gov) and put "July 31 Meeting Attendance" in the subject line by Thursday, July 27 so that their names may be put on a list of expected attendees and forwarded to the security officers at the Department of Health and Human Services. Any interested member of the public who is a non-U.S. citizen should include this information at the time of registration to ensure that the appropriate security procedure to gain entry to the building is carried out. Although the meeting is open to the public, procedures governing security and the entrance to Federal buildings may change without notice. If you wish to make a public comment, you must note that within your email.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 11225; section 2(e)(3) of the National Alzheimer's Project Act. The panel is governed by provisions of Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Request for Comments on the Draft HHS Scientific Integrity Policy**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice request for comment (RFC).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is seeking public comment on its draft Scientific Integrity Policy through the Department of Health and Human Services website at <https://www.hhs.gov/programs/research/scientificintegrity>.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before September 1, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments can be provided by email, Fax, or U.S. mail.

*Email:* [scientificintegrity@hhs.gov](mailto:scientificintegrity@hhs.gov).

*Fax:* (202) 690–5882.

*Mail:* U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Office of Science and Data Policy, Attn: Scientific Integrity Comments, 200 Independence Avenue SW, Room 429E, Washington, DC 20201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Casey Sullivan, (202) 205–8189.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The draft Department of Health and Human Services Scientific Integrity Policy is provided as part of implementation of the Presidential Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-based Policymaking,<sup>1</sup> to ensure that Agency stakeholders are given an opportunity to comment on this policy.

HHS developed the draft Scientific Integrity Policy (the draft policy) based on the National Science and Technology Council Framework for Federal Scientific Integrity Policy and Practice.<sup>2</sup> The draft policy includes specific provisions prohibiting political interference, ensuring independent review of scientific activities, facilitating the free flow of scientific information, prohibiting suppression or delay of scientific findings for non-scientific reasons, forbidding censorship or alteration of scientific findings, and protecting against retaliation. The draft policy also establishes clear procedures for reporting and handling allegations of

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/27/memorandum-on-restoring-trust-in-government-through-scientific-integrity-and-evidence-based-policymaking/>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/01-2023-Framework-for-Federal-Scientific-Integrity-Policy-and-Practice.pdf>.

scientific integrity violations, including those involving alleged political interference.

This public comment request is an opportunity for HHS to refine and strengthen the draft policy. We look forward to receiving your comments by September 1, 2023. The text of the draft policy is available through the Department of Health and Human Services website at <https://www.hhs.gov/programs/research/scientificintegrity>. Following public comment, HHS's final Scientific Integrity Policy will be published on the HHS website by February 2024. The website will include a mechanism for reporting allegations of loss of scientific integrity in HHS work.

For those who may not have internet access, a hard copy can be requested from the contact point, Casey Sullivan, (202) 205-8189.

**Sharon Arnold,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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 on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Special Emphasis Panel; Review of Voice, Speech, and Language Research Opportunities for New Investigators to Promote Workforce Diversity.

*Date:* August 1, 2023.

*Time:* 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive

Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Andrea B. Kelly, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, National Institutes of Health, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 8351, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 451-6339, [kellya2@nih.gov](mailto:kellya2@nih.gov).

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. 93.173, Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communicative Disorders, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: July 17, 2023.

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*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2023-0018]

#### National Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Committee management; request for applicants for appointment to a subcommittee of the National Advisory Council (NAC).

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requests that qualified individuals interested in serving on a subcommittee of the FEMA National Advisory Council (NAC) to provide advice regarding Preliminary Damage Assessments, apply for appointment as identified in this notice. Appointed members will serve on the subcommittee only and will not be members of the NAC.

**DATES:** FEMA will accept applications until 11:59 p.m. ET on August 10, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The only method for application package submission is by email. Application packages by U.S. Mail will not be considered. Please submit using the following method:

- *Email:* Manuel Barrios, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Recovery Directorate, Office of Response and Recovery, FEMA, [fema-pda-act@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-pda-act@fema.dhs.gov).

- Save materials in one file using the naming convention, “[Last Name]\_ [First Name]\_PDA Application” and attach to the email.

FEMA will send applicants an email that confirms receipt of your application

and will notify you of the final status of your application once FEMA selects members.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Manuel Barrios, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Recovery Directorate, Office of Response and Recovery, FEMA, (202) 212-3026, [fema-pda-act@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:fema-pda-act@fema.dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NAC is an advisory committee established in accordance with the provisions of the *Federal Advisory Committee Act* (FACA), 5 U.S.C. ch. 10. As required by the Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (PKEMRA), the Secretary of Homeland Security established the NAC to ensure effective and ongoing coordination of federal preparedness, protection, response, recovery, and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters. Appointees may be designated as a Special Government Employee (SGE) as defined in section 202(a) of title 18, U.S.C., or as a Representative member. SGEs speak in a personal capacity as experts in their field and Representative members speak for the stakeholder group they represent.

The Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA), National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023, Public Law 117-263, Sec. 5603, was signed into law on Dec. 23, 2022. The Act requires FEMA to convene an advisory panel consisting of emergency management personnel employed by State, local, Territorial, or Tribal authorities, and the representative organizations of such personnel, to assist the agency in improving critical components of the preliminary damage assessment process. This advisory panel will consider: (1) establishing a training regime to ensure preliminary damage assessments are conducted and reviewed under consistent guidelines; (2) utilizing a common technological platform to integrate data collected by state and local governments with data collected by the agency; and (3) assessing instruction materials provided by the agency for omissions of pertinent information or language that conflicts with other statutory requirements. The advisory panel will also identify opportunities for streamlining the consideration of preliminary damage assessments by the agency, including eliminating duplicative paperwork requirements and ensuring consistent communication and decision making among agency staff.

To serve on this advisory panel, FEMA will select:

(1) At least one representative from each of the ten (10) FEMA Regions