

*Name of SEP:* A Program of Investigation Into Fragile X Syndrome.

*Date:* April 17–18, 1997.

*Time:* April 17—8 p.m.–10 p.m., April 18—8:30 a.m.–adjournment.

*Place:* Terrace Gardens Hotel, 3405 Lenox Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30326.

*Contact Person:* Norman Chang, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, NICHD, 6100 Executive Boulevard, 6100 Building, Room 5E01, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone: 301–496–1485.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To evaluate and review grant applications.

The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. The discussions of this application could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. [93.864, Population Research and No. 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children, National Institutes of Health)

Dated: March 27, 1997.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Committee Management Officer, National Institutes of Health.*

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#### **Meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Biotechnology Information, National Library of Medicine**

Pursuant to Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Biotechnology Information, National Library of Medicine, on April 7–8, 1997.

The meeting on April 8 will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Board Room of the Library, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland, for the review of research and development programs and preparation of reports of the National Center for Biotechnology Information. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Dr. David Lipman at 301–496–2475.

In accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., and sec. 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, the meeting will be closed to the public on April 7 from 7 p.m. to approximately 10 p.m., at the Bethesda Hyatt Hotel, and on April 8, from 3 p.m. to approximately 5 p.m., in the Board

Room of the National Library of Medicine, for the consideration of personnel qualifications and performance of individual investigators and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The Executive Secretary, Dr. David J. Lipman, Director, National Center for Biotechnology Information, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20894, telephone (301) 496–2475, will furnish summaries of the meeting, rosters of committee members, and substantive program information.

This notice is being published less than fifteen days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the intramural research review cycle.

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#### **Division of Research Grants; 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 Division of Research Grants Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review individual grant applications.

*Name of SEP:* Biological and Physiological Sciences.

*Date:* April 10–12, 1997.

*Time:* 8 p.m.

*Place:* Westin Hotel, Waltham, MA.

*Contact Person:* Dr. David Remondini, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6154, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1038.

*Name of SEP:* Microbiological and Immunological Sciences.

*Date:* April 18, 1997.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4186, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Gerald Liddel, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4186, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1150.

*Name of SEP:* Microbiological and Immunological Sciences.

*Date:* April 18, 1997.

*Time:* 1 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4186, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Gerald Liddel, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4186, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1150.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To Review Small Business Innovation Research.

*Name of SEP:* Biological and Physiological Sciences.

*Date:* April 4, 1997.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.

*Place:* Doubletree Hotel, Rockville, MD.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Michael Micklin, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5198, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1258.

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

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 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 Nos. 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393–93.396, 93.837–93.844, 93.846–93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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#### **Division of Research Grants; 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 Division of Research Grants Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review individual grant applications.

*Name of SEP:* Biological and Physiological Sciences.

*Date:* April 1, 1997.

*Time:* 1 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4204, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Calbert Laing, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4204, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1221.

*Name of SEP:* Biological and Physiological Sciences.

*Date:* April 3, 1997.

*Time:* 1 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4204, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Calbert Laing, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4204, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1221.

*Name of SEP:* Biological and Physiological Sciences.

*Date:* April 7, 1997.

*Time:* 2 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 6154, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. David Remondini, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6154, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1038.

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

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 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 Nos. 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## Administration for Children and Families

### Refugee Resettlement Program: Proposed Allocations to States of FY 1997 Funds for Refugee Social Services

**AGENCY:** Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), ACF, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed allocations to States of FY 1997 funds for refugee<sup>1</sup> social services.

<sup>1</sup> In addition to persons who meet all requirements of 45 CFR 400.43, "Requirements for documentation of refugee status," eligibility for refugee social services also includes: (1) Cuban and Haitian entrants, under section 501 of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-422); (2) certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are admitted to the U.S. as immigrants under section 584 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988, as included in the FY 1988 Continuing Resolution (Pub. L. 100-202); and (3) certain Amerasians from Vietnam, including U.S. citizens, under title II of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Acts, 1989 (Pub. L. 100-461), 1990 (Pub. L. 101-167), and 1991 (Pub. L. 101-513). For convenience, the term "refugee" is used in this notice to encompass all such eligible persons unless the specific context indicates otherwise.

Refugees admitted to the U.S. under admissions numbers set aside for private-sector-initiative admissions are not eligible to be served under the social service program (or under other programs supported by Federal refugee funds) during their period of coverage under their sponsoring agency's agreement with the Department of State—usually two years from their date of arrival or until they obtain permanent resident alien status, whichever comes first.

**SUMMARY:** This notice establishes the proposed allocations to States of FY 1997 funds for social services under the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP). In the final notice, allocation amounts could be adjusted slightly based on final adjustments in FY 1996 arrivals in some States. This notice reflects the decision by Congress to move the \$19,000,000 Cuban and Haitian entrant set-aside from targeted assistance to social services. In addition, Congress provided for \$11,079,000 under social services for increased support to communities with large concentrations of refugees whose cultural differences make assimilation especially difficult.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Comments on the proposed allocations contained in this notice must be received by May 2, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Address written comments, in duplicate, to:

Toyo Biddle, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20447.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Toyo Biddle, Director, Division of Refugee Self-Sufficiency, (202) 401-9250.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Amounts For Allocation

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) has available \$110,882,000 in FY 1997 refugee social service funds as part of the FY 1997 appropriation for the Department of Health and Human Services (Pub. L. 104-208).

The FY 1997 House Appropriations Committee Report (H.R. Rept. No. 104-659) reads as follows with respect to social services funds:

Funds are distributed by formula as well as through the discretionary grant making process for special projects. In addition, the Committee has transferred activities previously funded through the Targeted Assistance program to the Social Services program. The Committee agrees that \$19,000,000 is available for assistance to serve communities affected by the Cuban and Haitian entrants and refugees whose arrivals in recent years have increased. The Committee has set-aside \$11,079,000 for increased support to communities with large concentrations of refugees whose cultural differences make assimilation especially difficult justifying a more intense level and longer duration of Federal assistance.

The Committee recommends that ORR give special consideration in allocating grant funding to applicants providing rehabilitation services for victims of physical and mental torture. The Committee requests that ORR be prepared to testify regarding its activities in support of victims of torture during the fiscal year 1998 budget hearings.

The FY 1997 Senate Appropriations Committee Report (S. Rept. No. 104-368) further clarifies Congress' intent regarding funding for services for victims of torture as follows:

The Committee notes the recent request for proposals to provide mental health services to victims of torture, and recommends that the Office of Refugee Resettlement, to the extent possible, devote increased resources to that program in fiscal year 1997.

The Conference Report on Appropriations (H. Rept. No. 104-863) agrees with the House and Senate Reports regarding the allocation of social services.

The Director of the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) proposes to use the \$110,882,000 appropriated for FY 1997 social services as follows:

- \$68,682,550 will be allocated under the 3-year population formula, as set forth in this notice for the purpose of providing employment services and other needed services to refugees.
- \$12,120,450 will be used to fund continuation grants and new grants through various discretionary grant announcements.
- \$19,000,000 will be awarded to serve communities most heavily affected by recent Cuban and Haitian entrant and refugee arrivals. These funds would be awarded under a discretionary grant announcement that will be issued separately setting forth application requirements and evaluation criteria.
- \$11,079,000 will be awarded through discretionary grants for communities with large concentrations of refugees whose cultural differences make assimilation especially difficult justifying a more intense level and longer duration of Federal assistance. A grant announcement will be issued separately which sets forth application requirements and evaluation criteria.

#### Refugee Social Service Funds

The population figures for the social services allocation include refugees, Cuban/Haitian entrants, and Amerasians from Vietnam since these populations may be served through funds addressed in this notice. (A State must, however, have an approved State plan for the Cuban/Haitian Entrant Program or indicate in its refugee program State plan that Cuban/Haitian entrants will be served in order to use funds on behalf of entrants as well as refugees.)

The Director proposes to allocate \$68,682,550 to States on the basis of each State's proportion of the national population of refugees who had been in the U.S. 3 years or less as of October 1, 1996 (including a floor amount for