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By direction of the Commission.

**Donald S. Clark,**

*Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

### Review of Criminal Conflict of Interest Statutes; Opportunity for Comment

**AGENCY:** Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Government Ethics is conducting a review, pursuant to the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, of the criminal conflict of interest statutes relating to executive branch employment. This notice provides the public and agencies an opportunity to comment.

**DATES:** Any comments from the public and the agencies must be received by June 20, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments to OGE by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [usoge@oge.gov](mailto:usoge@oge.gov). For E-mail messages, the subject line should include the following reference: "Comments Regarding Criminal Conflict of Interest Statutes Review."

- *Fax:* (202) 482-9237.

- *Mail, Hand Delivery or Courier:*

Office of Government Ethics, Suite 500, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3917, Attention: Stuart D. Rick, Deputy General Counsel.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Stuart D. Rick, Deputy General Counsel, Office of Government Ethics, telephone: (202) 482-9300; TDD: (202) 482-9293; FAX: (202) 482-9237.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 8403(d) of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004, Public Law 108-458 (December 17, 2004), directs the Office of Government Ethics, in consultation with the Department of Justice, to conduct a comprehensive review of the conflict of interest laws relating to executive branch employment. By December 17, 2005, OGE must submit a report to the President and pertinent Congressional committees reflecting its findings. OGE

will review 18 U.S.C. 203, 205, 207, 208, and 209, and make recommendations for appropriate revisions that will both enhance Government effectiveness and protect the integrity of Government operations. To assist us in our review, OGE is seeking the views of the public and Federal agencies concerning the need for improvements to the criminal conflict of interest statutes. Interested persons may submit written comments to OGE by June 20, 2005.

Approved: April 27, 2005.

**Marilyn L. Glynn,**

*Acting Director, Office of Government Ethics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is hereby giving notice that the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability (ACBSA) will hold a meeting. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2005 and Tuesday, May 17, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerry A. Holmberg, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability, Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 250, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-2331, fax (301) 443-4788, e-mail [jholmberg@osophs.dhhs.gov](mailto:jholmberg@osophs.dhhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DHHS is responsible for carrying out research in health fields including diseases involving blood and blood products, and for issuing and enforcing regulations concerning the collection, preparation, and distribution of blood and blood products, and regulations related to the transmission of communicable diseases. The ACBSA advises, assists, consults with, and makes policy recommendations to the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for

Health regarding these broad responsibilities.

The Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability will meet to review progress and solicit additional comments from the Committee regarding numerous recommendations made over the past year. Specifically, the Committee will hear updates and discuss previous recommendations on potential studies to standardize, validate, and determine the predictive value of bacterial testing with the intent to extend the dating of platelet products from five to seven days and the possible pre-storage pooling of whole blood derived platelets. In addition, the Committee will be asked to discuss/comment on strategies for addressing infectious agents (known or emerging) that potentially could affect the blood supply.

Public attendance at the meeting is limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the designated contact person.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments at the meeting. Public comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Anyone planning to comment is encouraged to contact the Executive Secretary at his/her earliest convenience. Individuals who wish to have material distributed to the Committee for review and discussion are asked to provide at a minimum 30 copies for this purpose. If the requested amount of copies cannot be provided, a copy of the document should be provided to the Executive Secretary for duplication purposes no later than May 11, 2005.

Dated: April 26, 2005.

**Jerry A. Holmberg,**

*Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality: Request for Nominations for Public Members

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations for public members.

**SUMMARY:** 42 U.S.C. 299c, section 921 of the Public Health Service (PHS Act), established a National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality (the Council). The Council is to advise the Secretary of HHS and the Director of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) on matters related to actions of the Agency to enhance the quality, improve the outcomes, and reduce the costs of health care services, as well as improve access to such services, through scientific research and the promotion of improvements in clinical practice and in the organization, financing, and delivery of health care services.

Seven current members' terms will expire in November 2005. To fill these positions in accordance with the legislative mandate establishing the Council, we are seeking individuals who are distinguished in the conduct of research, demonstration projects, and evaluations with respect to health care; individuals distinguished in the fields of health care quality research or health care improvement; individuals distinguished in the practice of medicine; individuals distinguished in the other health professions; individuals either representing the private health care sector (including health plans, providers, and purchasers) or individuals distinguished as administrators of health care delivery systems; individuals distinguished in the fields of health care economics, management science, information systems, law, ethics, business, or public policy; and individuals representing the interests of patients and consumers of health care. Individuals are particularly sought with experience and success in activities specified in the preceding summary paragraph above, describing the statutory mandates and work of the Agency.

**DATES:** Nominations should be received on or before June 10, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Ms. Deborah Queenan, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Room 3238, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Nominations also may be faxed to (301) 594-1341.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Deborah Queenan, AHRQ, at (301) 594-1330.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 41 U.S.C. 229c, section 921 of the PHS Act, provides that the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality shall consist of 21 appropriately qualified representatives of the public appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and, in addition, ex officio representatives from other Federal agencies specified in the authorizing legislation, principally agencies that conduct or support health care research, as well as Federal officials the Secretary may consider appropriate. The Council meets in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, generally in Rockville, Maryland, approximately three times a year to provide broad guidance to the Secretary and AHRQ's Director on the direction and programs for AHRQ.

Seven individuals will presently be selected by the Secretary to serve on the Council beginning with the meeting in the fall of 2005. Members generally serve 3-year terms. Appointments are staggered to permit an orderly rotation of membership.

Interested persons may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the Council. Nominations shall include a copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae, and state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Council. Potential candidates will be asked to provide detailed information concerning their financial interests, consultant positions, and research grants and contracts, to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

The Department is seeking a broad geographic representation and has special interest in assuring that women, minority groups, and the physically handicapped are adequately represented on advisory bodies and, therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations for appropriately qualified female, minority, and/or physically handicapped candidates.

Dated: April 21, 2005.

**Carolyn M. Clancy,**  
Director.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Administration for Children and Families**

**Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request**

*Proposed Projects: Title:* Annual Statistical Report on Children in Foster Homes and Children in Families Receiving Payment in Excess of the Poverty Income Level from a State Program Funded Under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0004.

*Description:* The Department of Health and Human Services is required to collect these data under section 1124 of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by Public Law 103-382. The data are used by the U.S. Department of Education for allocation of funds for programs to aid disadvantaged elementary and secondary students. Respondents include various components of State Human Service agencies.

*Respondents:* The 52 respondents include the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

**ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES**

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Annual Statistical Report on Children in Foster Homes and Children Receiving Payments in Excess of the Poverty Level from a State Program Funded Under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act .....	52	1	264.35	13,746

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 13,746.

In compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and

Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing

to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: