

Commission's request for continued deeming authority for hospitals. This notice also solicits public comment on whether the Joint Commission's requirements meet or exceed the Medicare conditions for participation for hospitals.

III. Evaluation of Deeming Authority Request

The Joint Commission submitted all the necessary materials to enable us to make a determination concerning its request for reapproval as a deeming organization for hospitals. This application was determined to be complete on May 1, 2009. Under section 1865(a)(2) of the Act and our regulations at § 488.8 (Federal review of accrediting organizations), our review and evaluation of the Joint Commission will be conducted in accordance with, but not necessarily limited to, the following factors:

- The equivalency of the Joint Commission's standards for a hospital as compared with CMS' hospital conditions of participation.
- The Joint Commission's survey process to determine the following:
 - The composition of the survey team, surveyor qualifications, and the ability of the organization to provide continuing surveyor training.
 - The comparability of the Joint Commission's processes to those of State agencies, including survey frequency, and the ability to investigate and respond appropriately to complaints against accredited facilities.
 - The Joint Commission's processes and procedures for monitoring hospitals found out of compliance with the Joint Commission's program requirements. These monitoring procedures are used only when the Joint Commission identifies noncompliance. If noncompliance is identified through validation reviews, the State survey agency monitors corrections as specified at § 488.7(d).
 - The Joint Commission's capacity to report deficiencies to the surveyed facilities and respond to the facility's plan of correction in a timely manner.
 - The Joint Commission's capacity to provide us with electronic data and reports necessary for effective validation and assessment of the organization's survey process.
 - The adequacy of the Joint Commission's staff and other resources, and its financial viability.
 - The Joint Commission's capacity to adequately fund required surveys.
 - The Joint Commission's policies with respect to whether surveys are

announced or unannounced, to assure that surveys are unannounced.

- The Joint Commission's agreement to provide us with a copy of the most current accreditation survey together with any other information related to the survey as we may require (including corrective action plans).

IV. Response to Public Comments and Notice Upon Completion of Evaluation

Because of the large number of public comments we normally receive on **Federal Register** documents, we are not able to acknowledge or respond to them individually. We will consider all comments we receive by the date and time specified in the **DATES** section of this preamble, and, when we proceed with a subsequent document, we will respond to the comments in the preamble to that document.

Upon completion of our evaluation, including evaluation of comments received as a result of this notice, we will publish a final notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the result of our evaluation.

V. Collection of Information Requirements

This document does not impose information collection and recordkeeping requirements. Consequently, it need not be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under the authority of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 35).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.778, Medical Assistance Program; No. 93.773 Medicare—Hospital Insurance Program; and No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: May 14, 2009.

Charlene Frizzera,

Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), 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; Mechanisms of Practice-Induced Reaching Improvement after Stroke.

Date: July 17, 2009.

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Room 5B01, Rockville, MD 20852 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Peter Zelazowski, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Division of Scientific Review, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Rm. 5B01, Bethesda, MD 20892-7510, 301-435-6902, peter.zelazowski@nih.gov.

(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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Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, June 25, 2009, 6 p.m. to June 26, 2009, 5 p.m., Embassy Suites, 1250 22nd Street NW., Washington, DC 20037 which was published in the **Federal Register** on May 27, 2009, 74 FR 25261.

This meeting will be held on August 3, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The meeting is closed to the public.

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Jennifer Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center for Research Resources; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings 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 Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel; ARRA STRB July Meeting 2.

Date: July 24, 2009.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, One Democracy Plaza, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Carol Lambert, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Office of Review, National Institutes of Health, NCCR, 6701 Democracy Blvd., 1 Democracy Plaza, Room 1076, MSC 4874, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301)-435-0814, lambert@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel; ARRA STRB July Meeting 1.

Date: July 24, 2009.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, One Democracy Plaza, 6701 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Mohan Viswanathan, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, National Center for Research Resources, National Institutes of Health, One Democracy Plaza, 6701 Democracy Blvd., Room 1084, Bethesda, MD 20892-4874, 301-435-0829, mv10f@nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine; 93.333, Clinical Research; 93.371, Biomedical Technology; 93.389, Research Infrastructure, 93.306, 93.333; 93.702, ARRA Related

Construction Awards., National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC), part of which will be a joint meeting between the IACC and the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC).

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space availability; interested individuals are encouraged to register early to secure a space. The meeting will be accessible by videocast and conference call. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should inform the Contact Person listed below at least 5 business days in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC).

Date: July 15, 2009.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: In the morning, the IACC will host a joint meeting with the NVAC Vaccine Safety Working Group to discuss vaccine safety and autism; the afternoon will include discussion of analysis of the autism research portfolio and services-related activities. Public comment periods will be allotted in both the morning and afternoon sessions.

Place: *In Person:* Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, The Polaris Room (Overflow: The Horizon Room), 1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20004.

Videocast and conference call information, as well as Web pre-registration and the agenda will be available through the IACC Web site meetings and events page: <http://iacc.hhs.gov/events/>.

Contact Person: Ms. Lina Perez, Office of Autism Research Coordination, Office of the Director, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892-9669, (301) 443-6040, IACCPublicInquiries@mail.nih.gov.

Any member of the public interested in presenting oral comments to the Committee(s) must notify the Contact Person listed on this notice at least 10 days in

advance of the meeting. Interested individuals and representatives of organizations must submit a letter of intent, a brief description of the organization represented, and a written/electronic copy of the oral presentation/statement at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. A printed/electronic copy of the comment/statement provided by the deadline is required prior to the oral presentation; the document will become a part of the public record. Only one representative of an organization will be allowed to present oral comments and presentations will be limited to three to five minutes per speaker, depending on the number of speakers to be accommodated within the allotted time. Speakers will be assigned a time to speak in order of the date and time when their request to speak is received, along with the required written statement submitted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

In addition, any interested person may submit written comments to the IACC and/or the NVAC prior to the meeting by sending the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person. All written statements received by the deadline for both oral and written public comment will be provided to the IACC (and the NVAC, if appropriate) for their consideration.

Information about the IACC and a registration link for this meeting are available on the IACC Web site: <http://www.iacc.hhs.gov>.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.242, Mental Health Research Grants; 93.281, Scientist Development Award, Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, and Research Scientist Award; 93.282, Mental Health National Research Service Awards for Research Training, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), 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 contract proposals and