

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research; Notice of 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 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 Institute of Dental Research Special Emphasis Panel 00-06, Review of R01.

*Date:* November 19, 1999.

*Time:* 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* H. George Hausch, PHD, Chief, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Dental Research Special Emphasis Panel 00-13, Review of R01 Grant.

*Date:* November 19, 1999.

*Time:* 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Philip Washko, PHD, DMD, Scientific Review Administrator, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Dental Research Special Emphasis Panel 00-11, P01 Review.

*Date:* November 23, 1999.

*Time:* 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Philip Washko, PHD, DMD, Scientific Review Administrator, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 93.121, Oral Disease and

Disorders Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS).

Dated: October 4, 1999.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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#### National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Notice of Closed Meeting

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*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Initial Review Group, Maternal and Child Health Research Subcommittee, Maternal and Child Health Research Subcommittee.

*Date:* October 19, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Ramada, 8400 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Gopal M. Bhatnagar, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, PHS, DHHS, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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. 93.209, Contraception and Infertility Loan Repayment Program; 93.864, Population Research; 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children; 93.929, Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 12-13, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* The Doyle Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

*Contact Person:* Syed Husain, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5216, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892-7850, (301) 435-1224.

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.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 14-15, 1999.

*Time:* 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Georgetown Suites, 1111 30th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Cheri Wiggs, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3180, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-8367.

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.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 15, 1999.

*Time:* 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Paul K. Strudler, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4100, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1716.

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.

*Name of Committee:* Surgery, Radiology and Bioengineering Initial Review Group, Diagnostic Radiology Study Section.

*Date:* October 19-20, 1999.

*Time:* 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* St. James Hotel, 950 24th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Eileen W. Bradley, DSC, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5120, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1179.

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.

*Name of Committee:* Endocrinology and Reproductive Sciences Initial Review Group, Endocrinology Study Section.

*Date:* October 19-20, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Chevy Chase Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Syed M. Amir, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6168, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1043, amirs@csr.nih.gov.

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*Name of Committee:* Cardiovascular Sciences Initial Review Group, Pathology A Study Section.

*Date:* October 19-20, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road, NW, Washington, DC 20015.

*Contact Person:* Larry Pinkus, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4132, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1214.

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.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 19, 1999.

*Time:* 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* St. James Hotel, 950 24th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Lee Rosen, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5116, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1171, lrosen@csr.nih.gov.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 19, 1999.

*Time:* 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hotel Durant, 2600 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94704.

*Contact Person:* Camilla E. Day, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2208, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1037, dayc@csr.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.

*Name of Committee:* Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Initial Review Group, Alcohol and Toxicology Subcommittee 1.

*Date:* October 20-21, 1999.

*Time:* 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Russell T. Dowell, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4118, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1169, dowellr@drg.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.

*Name of Committee:* Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Initial Review Group, Microbial Physiology and Genetics Subcommittee 2.

*Date:* October 20-21, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Rona L. Hirschberg, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4186, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1150.

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.

*Name of Committee:* Oncological Sciences Initial Review Group, Radiation Study Section.

*Date:* October 20-21, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Embassy Suites Hotel, The Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road NW, Wisconsin at Western Avenue, Washington, DC 20015.

*Contact Person:* Paul K. Strudler, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4100, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1716.

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.

*Name of Committee:* Immunological Sciences Initial Review Group, Immunological Sciences Study Section.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Alexander D. Politis, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4204, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1225.

*Name of Committee:* Biophysical and Chemical Sciences Initial Review Group, Biophysical Chemistry Study Section.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Ramada Inn, 1775 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Donald Schneider, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4172, MSC 4172, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1727.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1-BDCN-1 (01)S

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Riande Continental Miami Beach Hotel, 1825 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

*Contact Person:* Joe Marwah, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5188, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1253.

*Name of Committee:* Biochemical Sciences Initial Review Group, Biochemistry Study Section.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hotel Sofitel, 1914 Connecticut Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

*Contact Person:* Chhanda L. Ganguly, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5156, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1739.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Clarion Hampshire Hotel, 1310 New Hampshire Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

*Contact Person:* Jay Joshi, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5184, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1184.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* DoubleTree Hotel, 2649 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133.

*Contact Person:* Mary Custer PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5102, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1164.

*Name of Committee:* Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Initial Review Group, Visual Sciences A Study Section.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Ramada Inn, 1775 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Luigi Giacometti, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 5701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5208, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1246.

*Name of Committee:* Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Initial Review Group, Bacteriology and Mycology Subcommittee 1.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Georgetown Holiday Inn, Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Timothy J. Henry, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4180, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1147.

*Name of Committee:* Immunological Sciences Initial Review Group, Experimental Immunology Study Section.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Georgetown, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Calbert A. Laing, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for

Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4210, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1221.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* DoubleTree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Mary Sue Krause, MEDS, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3168, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0681.

*Name of Committee:* Biophysical and Chemical Sciences Initial Review Group, Metallobiochemistry Study Section.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* River Inn, 924 25th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* John L. Bowers, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4168, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1725.

*Name of Committee:* Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Initial Review Group, Bacteriology and Mycology Subcommittee 2.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* William C. Branche, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4182, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1148.

*Name of Committee:* Immunological Sciences Initial Review Group, Allergy and Immunology Study Section.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Chevy Chase, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Eugene M. Zimmerman, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4202, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1220.

*Name of Committee:* Oncological Sciences Initial Review Group, Experimental Therapeutics Subcommittee 1.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Arlington Hyatt, 1325 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22209.

*Contact Person:* Philip Perkins, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of

Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4148, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1718, perkinsp@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1-BDCN-2 (01)S.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Riande Continental Miami Beach Hotel, 1825 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139.

*Contact Person:* Herman Teitelbaum, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5190, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1254.

*Name of Committee:* Biophysical and Chemical Sciences Initial Review Group, Bio-Organic and Natural Products Chemistry Study Section.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn—Silver Spring, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

*Contact Person:* Mike Radtke, MHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4176, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1728, radtkem@csr.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 21-22, 1999.

*Time:* 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Chevy Chase, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Kathryn Meadow-Orlans, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3182, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0902.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Nancy Hicks, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3158, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0695.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* October 22, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Betty Hayden, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4206,

MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1223, haydenb@csr.nih.gov.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Call for Public Comment: Changing the Conversation—A National Plan to Improve Substance Abuse Treatment

**AGENCY:** Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on five issues (domains) of concern to the substance abuse treatment field when assessing substance abuse treatment.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) is formally inviting public comment on five issues (domains) that are of concern to the substance abuse treatment field and require development and exploration. Via several mechanisms, including public hearings, CSAT intends that findings from the exploration of individual domains will ultimately be synthesized into a coherent national strategy to guide substance abuse treatment program and policy development for the future. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to comment in one of several ways: (1) in writing, by submission through the U.S. Mail or courier service; (2) via the National Treatment Plan web site (<http://www.NaTxPlan.org>); or (3) in person at the remaining public hearing. The final cutoff date for comments is December 1, 1999. This notice discusses the public hearings at which interested individuals/organizations may testify regarding the five substance abuse treatment domains discussed below.

**DATES/LOCATIONS:** In addition to the public hearings held on July 8 in Hartford, Connecticut; September 16 in Chicago, Illinois; October 18 in Washington, DC; and October 26 in Portland, Oregon; CSAT plans to

conduct a public hearing on November 8 in Tampa, Florida. The hearing will be held at the County Center, Corner of Kennedy Boulevard and Pierce Street, Tampa, Florida 33602 on November 8, 1999, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Specific details regarding any subsequent hearings will be published in the **Federal Register** approximately one month prior to the hearing.

Requests to testify at the Tampa, Florida, public hearing must be submitted to the addressee indicated below by November 2, 1999. Seating is limited. In the event that interpretive services for the hearing-impaired are required, please indicate these special needs to the addressee.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information regarding the hearing and/or testimonies, as well as requests to testify must be addressed to: Marjorie Cashion (Tele: (301) 443-3821; e-mail: [mcashion@samhsa.gov](mailto:mcashion@samhsa.gov); Fax: (301) 480-6077), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, SAMHSA, Rockwall II Building, Suite 618, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

Written comments (without a request to personally testify) will also be accepted by the above addressee. Written testimonies are limited to five (5) typed pages using 1.5 line spacing and 12 point font.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Building on recent advances and studies, CSAT has initiated plans to focus on how to apply its extensive knowledge to the practical objective of improving treatment outcomes. The plans include synthesizing current knowledge and recommendations about treatment, service systems, application of best practices, diffusion methods, and organization and financing of substance abuse treatment services. Federal Government and outside experts, as well as the interested public, will explore the current state of the knowledge, resources, needs, and service and organizational capacity. The objective is the culling of priorities for action by the government and by others in the substance abuse treatment field. As noted above, CSAT is inviting the public to comment on five domains as part of the initial step of the plan. The domains, as well as some initial questions for exploration, include:

(1) *Closing the Treatment Gap:* Where are the gaps? How big are they for different populations? For different types of settings and treatment modalities? How big are gaps in other

related systems of care, e.g., welfare, child welfare, housing? What are the policy, organization, and financing issues that must be addressed in the private and public systems, including Medicaid and Medicare, to close the treatment gap?

(2) *Reducing Stigma and Changing Attitudes:* What are the nature, causes and consequences of addiction stigma? What can CSAT, the treatment field, consumers and families do to address stigma related to addiction, substance abuse treatment and individuals with substance abuse disorders? How do other stigmas impact/compound the stigma of addiction?

(3) *Improving and Strengthening Treatment Systems:* What are the clinical and organizational challenges facing treatment organizations in the public and private sectors? What can CSAT, the treatment field, consumers and families do to improve and strengthen treatment organizations so that they can adapt to the new imperatives of the changing treatment system, and to improve the relationship between the general health care system and the specialty substance abuse treatment system? What should be done at the State, county and/or local levels to improve and strengthen substance abuse treatment?

(4) *Connecting Services and Research:* What are the best methods by which CSAT, the treatment field, consumers and families can foster and support evaluation of proven research findings in community-based settings and identification and adoption of best practices?

(5) *Addressing Workforce Issues:* What are the issues facing clinicians treating addictions? What can CSAT, the treatment field, consumers and families, and professional associations do to foster training, appropriate credentialing, and licensure in all settings in which treatment occurs, and to support treatment organizations in developing appropriate policies for clinical training?

#### Hearing Format

The hearings will be divided into five segments (i.e., the five domains described above) of approximately 60 minutes each. Each individual/organization participant will be limited to three (3) minutes of oral testimony and five (5) pages of typed testimony per domain. All oral testimonies must be accompanied by a written testimony of no more than five (5) typed pages using 1.5 line spacing and 12 point font. Four copies of written testimonies may either be submitted before the hearing to the addressee listed above or to the