(AHCPR) announces the following technical review committee to meet during the month of February 1998:

Name: Exhibit Logistics Support.

Date and Time: February 5, 1998, 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Place: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Executive Office Building, 5th floor (East Wing) OHID Conference Room, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, MD 20852.

This meeting will be closed to the public.

Purpose: The technical Review Committee's charge is to provide, on behalf of the AHCPR Contracts Review Committee, recommendations to the Administrator, AHCPR, regarding the technical merit of contract proposals submitted in response to a specific Request for Proposal for the Exhibit Logistics Support contract. The purpose of this contract is to continue the provision of logistical support services for AHCPR exhibits. The support services include pre-exhibit negotiations with professional organizations concerning logistical requirements; arrangements for space, furniture, equipment rentals,and on-site services; arrangements for shipping of appropriate publications and support materials; arrangements for booth set up and tear down, recrating and return shipping when the exhibit is over; providing knowledgeable professionals to staff exhibits during meetings when required; and evaluation/analysis of the impact of each exhibit in terms of exhibit strategy in reaching audiences and in generating interest in programs.

Agenda: The Committee meeting will be devoted entirely to the technical review and evaluation of the contract proposal submitted in response to the above referenced Request for Proposal. The Administrator, AHCPR, has made a formal determination that this meeting will not be open to the public. This action is necessary to protect the free and full exchange of views in the contract evaluation process and safeguard confidential proprietary information, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposal that may be revealed during the meeting. This action is taken in accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2, 5 U.S.C. 522 (b)(c)(6), 41 CFR 101–6.1023 and Department procurement regulations, 48 CFR 315.604(d).

Anyone wishing to obtain information regarding this meeting should contact Sandra Shane, Office for Health Information Dissemination, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 501, Rockville, Maryland 20852, 301/594–1364, X1377.

Dated: January 23, 1998.

John M. Eisenberg,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Notices of Meetings

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2) announcement is made of the following subcommittees schedules to meet during the month of February 1998:

Name: Health Care Quality and Effectiveness Research.

Date and Time: February 2, 1998, 8:00 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Delaware Room, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Open February 2, 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

Name: Health System Research.

Date and Time: February 13, 1998, 8:00 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Delaware Room, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Open February 13, 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

Name: Health Care Technology and Decision Sciences.

Date and Time: February 26, 1998, 1:00 p.m.

Place: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 602, Conference Room 1, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Open February 26, 1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Closed for remainder or meeting.

Name: Health Research Dissemination and Implementation.

Date and Time: February 27, 1998, 9:00 a.m.

Place: Ramada Inn, 1775 Rockville Pike, Montrose Room, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Open February 27, 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

Closed remainder of meeting.

Purpose: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Agenda: The open session of the meetings will be devoted to business covering administrative matters and reports. During the closed sessions, the Subcommittees will be reviewing and discussing grant applications dealing with health services research issues. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), the Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, has made a formal determination that these latter sessions will be closed because the discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associations with the grant applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, minutes of the meeting, or other relevant information should contact Mrs. Sheila Simmons, Committee Management Officer, Office of Scientific Affairs, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594–1452×1627.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: January 23, 1998.

John Eisenberg,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC/ATSDR Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639–7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Wilma Johnson, CDC/ATSDR Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS–D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Projects

1. Project Intensive Care Antimicrobial Resistance Epidemiology (ICARE), Phase 3—Reinstatement—The Hospital Infections Program, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is proposing a study to investigate the

relationship between use of antimicrobial agents and the incidence of antimicrobial resistance at 40 U.S. hospitals. The proposed Phase 3 study of Project ICARE will be very similar to Phase 2 ICARE with minor revisions. We hope to enroll 40 hospitals and address many confounding factors of antimicrobial resistance. In addition, these hospitals will serve as a sentinel surveillance system for different antimicrobial resistant pathogens, such as vancomycin resistant staphylococci. About half of the hospitals have participated in Phase 2 of Project ICARE. Participating hospitals will all be active participants of the CDC's National Nosocomial Infections Surveillance (NNIS) system. Phase 3 of Project ICARE is a refinement of the Phase 2 study and will allow interhospital comparison of data (i.e., sending interim reports back to study hospitals) facilitated by incorporating differences in culturing frequency, case-mix by ICU type and speciality wards (i.e., internal organization), barrier precautions, and prescribing practice policies. Phase 3 will also allow for valid comparison of attempts at reducing antimicrobial resistance in study hospitals (i.e., publish results of interventions to reduce antimicrobials resistance at study hospitals). Also, key parameters of antimicrobial use could be correlated with antimicrobial resistance levels and tracked through the hospital's quality improvement indicator process, pharmacy and therapeutics committee, or medical staff. Unnecessary use of antimicrobials may be reduced by these efforts if the information can be provided to hospitals. Average cost to respondents is $17.18.

Form name	Number of respondents	Number responses/respondent	Average burden/response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Primary contact	40	12	1	480
Pharmacy	40	48 (median)	2.0	3,840
Microbiology	40	60 (median)	0.5	1,200
Isolates	40	80 (maximum)	0.20	640
Total				6,160

Dated: January 23, 1998.

Charles Gollmar,

Acting Associate Director for Policy Planning And Evaluation, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Office of Child Support Enforcement; Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

This notice amends Part K of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) as follows: Chapter KF, The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) (62 FR 14152), as last amended, March 25, 1997. This reorganization will establish two new offices within the OCSE, Office of Central Office Operations and Office of Automation and Special Projects.

I. Amend Chapter KF as follows:

a. KF.00 Mission. Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

KF.00 Mission. The Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE) advises the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, on matters relating to child support enforcement. The Office, in conjunction with Regional Offices, provides direction, guidance and oversight to State Child Support Enforcement (CSE) program offices and for activities authorized and directed by title IV–D of the Social Security Act and other pertinent legislation. The general purpose of the CSE legislation is to permit States to develop programs for establishing and enforcing support obligations by locating absent parents, establishing paternity when necessary, obtaining child support orders, and enforcing those orders. The specific responsibilities of this Office are to: Develop, recommend and issue policies, procedures and interpretations for State programs for locating non-custodial parents, establishing paternity, and obtaining child support; develop procedures for review and approval or disapproval of State plan material; conduct audits of child support programs; assist States in establishing adequate reporting procedures and maintaining records for the operation of the CSE programs and of amounts collected and disbursed under the CSE program and the costs incurred in collecting such amounts; provide technical assistance and training to the States to help them develop effective procedures and systems for establishing paternity, establishing support orders and collecting child support; certify applications from States for permission to utilize the courts of the United States to enforce court orders for support against absent parents; operate the Federal Parent Locator Service; certify to the Secretary of the Treasury amounts of child support obligations that require collection in appropriate instances; submit an annual report to Congress on all activities undertaken relative to the CSE program; approve advanced data processing planning documents; and review, assess and inspect planning, design and operation of state management information systems.

b. KF.10 Organization. Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

KF.10 Organization. The Office of Child Support Enforcement is headed by a Director and consists of:

Office of the Director (KFA)
Office of Central Office Operations (KFB)
Division of Audit (KFB1)
Division of Program Operations (KFB2)
Division of Policy and Planning (KFB3)
Division of Consumer Services (KFB4)
Division of State and Local Assistance (KFB5)
Office of Automation and Special Projects (KFC)
Division of Child Support Information Systems (KFC1)

c. KF.20 Functions. Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

KF.20 Functions. A. Office of the Director. The Director is also the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families and is directly responsible to the Secretary for carrying out OCSE's mission. The Deputy Director/Commissioner has day-to-day operational responsibility for Child Support Enforcement programs. The Deputy Director/Commissioner assists the Director in carrying out responsibilities of the Office and provides direction and leadership to the