

Application Assessment and Evaluation Criteria

Applications which are judged to be late or which do not conform to the requirements of this program announcement will not be accepted for review. Applicants will be so notified, and the applications will be returned. All other applications will be reviewed by a multi-disciplinary panel of independent reviewers and assessed according to the following criteria:

(1) The applicant's provision of a clear statement of mission, goals, measurable (outcome) objectives, reasonable methods for achieving the objectives, a reasonable workplan and timetable, and clear statements of expected results. (25 points)

(2) The capacity of the applicant to implement the program, including personnel and other resources, and the applicant's experience and expertise in providing programs for adolescents. (15 points)

(3) The population the project proposes to serve, including ethnic composition, number of adolescent and pre-adolescent clients, family members and community members. [Healthy People 2010 is a set of health objectives for the Nation to achieve over the first decade of the new century. The two goals of Healthy People 2010 are to increase quality of years of healthy life and to eliminate health disparities. In evaluating this criterion, priority will be given to programs which serve minority populations in order to eliminate health disparities.] (15 points)

(4) The applicant's presentation of a detailed evaluation plan, indicating an understanding of program evaluation methods, and reflecting a practical and technically sound approach to assessing the project's achievement of program objectives. (15 points)

(5) The applicant's presentation of the need for the project, including the incidence of adolescent pregnancy in the geographic area to be served and the availability of services for adolescents within this geographic area. (10 points)

(6) The applicant's presentation of an organizational model for service delivery with appropriate design, consistent with the requirements of Title XX. (10 points)

(7) The community commitment to and involvement in planning and implementation of the project, as demonstrated by letters of commitment and willingness to participate in the project's implementation, acceptance of referrals, etc. (10 points)

Final grant award decisions will be made by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs. In making these

decisions, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Population Affairs will take into account the extent to which applications recommended for approval will provide an appropriate geographic distribution of resources, the priorities in sec. 2005(a), and other factors including:

(1) Recommendations and scores submitted by the review panels;

(2) The geographic area to be served, particularly the needs of rural areas;

(3) The reasonableness of the estimated cost of the project based on factors such as the incidence of adolescent pregnancy in the geographic area to be served and the availability of services for adolescents in this geographic area; and

(4) The usefulness for policymakers and service providers of the proposed project and its potential for replication.

OAPP does not release information about individual applications during the review process until final funding decisions have been made. When these decisions have been made, applicants will be notified by letter of the outcome of their applications. The official document notifying an applicant that an application has been approved for funding is the Notice of Grant Award, which specifies to the grantee the amount of money awarded, the purpose of the grant, the terms and conditions of the grant award, and the amount of funding to be contributed by the grantee to project costs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the National Human Research Protections Advisory Committee (NHRPAC)

AGENCY: Office of Public Health and Science, Office for Human Research Protections, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of January 28-29, 2002 Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Human Research Protections Advisory Committee (NHRPAC).

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance 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 contact person listed below. Individuals planning on attending the meeting and who want to ask questions must submit their requests in writing in advance of the meeting to the contact person listed below.

DATES: The Committee will hold its next meeting on January 28-29, 2002. The meeting will convene EST from 8:30 a.m. to its recess at approximately 5:30 p.m. on January 28 and resume at 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on January 29.

ADDRESSES: Hyatt Regency Bethesda Hotel, One Bethesda Metro, Bethesda, MD, (301) 657-1234.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kate-Louise Gottfried, Executive Director, National Human Research Protections Advisory Committee, Office for Human Research Protections, The Tower Building, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200, Rockville, Maryland 20852, (301) 435-4917. The electronic mail address is: kogottfried@osophs.dhhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Human Research Protections Advisory Committee was established on June 6, 2000, to provide expert advice and recommendations to the Secretary of HHS, Assistant Secretary for Health, the Director, Office for Human Research Protections, and other departmental officials on a broad range of issues and topics pertaining to or associated with the protection of human research subjects.

Information about NHRPAC, and the draft agenda for the Committee's January 2002 meeting, will be posted on the NHRPAC website at: <http://ohrp.osophs.dhhs.gov/nhrpac/nhrpac.htm>.

Dated: January 4, 2002.

Greg Koski,

Executive Secretary, National Human Research Protections Advisory Committee.

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