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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force (Task Force) was established by Executive Order 13995, dated January 21, 2021. The Task Force is tasked with developing a set of recommendations to the President, through the Coordinator of the COVID-19 Response and Counselor to the President (COVID-19 Response Coordinator) for mitigating the health inequities caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and for preventing such inequities in the future. The Task Force shall submit a final report to the COVID-19 Response Coordinator addressing any ongoing health inequities faced by COVID-19 survivors that may merit a public health response, describing the factors that contributed to disparities in COVID-19 outcomes, and recommending actions to combat such disparities in future pandemic responses.

The meeting is open to the public and will be live-streamed at *www.hhs.gov/live*. A public comment session will be held during the meeting. Pre-registration is required to provide public comment during the meeting. To pre-register to attend or to provide public comment, please send an email to *COVID19HETF@hhs.gov* and include your name, title, and organization by close of business on Friday, March 19, 2021. Comments will be limited to no more than three minutes per speaker and should be pertinent to the meeting discussion. Individuals are encouraged to provide a written statement of any public comment(s) for accurate minute-taking purposes. If you decide you would like to provide public comment but do not pre-register, you may submit your written statement by emailing *COVID19HETF@hhs.gov* no later than close of business Thursday, April 1, 2021. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact: *COVID19HETF@hhs.gov* and reference this meeting. Requests for special accommodations should be made at least ten (10) business days prior to the meeting.

Dated: March 1, 2021.

**Samuel Wu,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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 Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel; Career Development Program to Promote Diversity in Health Research (K01).

*Date:* April 1, 2021.

*Time:* 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Lindsay M. Garvin, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review/DERA, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 208-Y, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-7911, *lindsay.garvin@nih.gov*.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.233, National Center for Sleep Disorders Research; 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: March 1, 2021.

**David W. Freeman,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

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

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA Panel: Co-Occurring Conditions, Data Science, and Clinical Trials Readiness in Down Syndrome.

*Date:* March 25, 2021.

*Time:* 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Maribeth Champoux, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3170, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-3163, *champoux@csr.nih.gov*.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; PAR 19-386 Environmental Risks for Psychiatric Disorders: Biological Basis of Pathophysiology.

*Date:* March 25, 2021.

*Time:* 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Julius Cinque, MS, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5186, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1252, *cinquej@csr.nih.gov*.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Mechanisms of Stress, Emotion, Health and Reward.

*Date:* March 26, 2021.

*Time:* 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Andrea B Kelly, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for

Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3182, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 455-1761, [kellya2@csr.nih.gov](mailto:kellya2@csr.nih.gov).

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Topics in Virology.

Date: March 30–31, 2021.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Marci Scidmore, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3192, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1149, [marci.scidmore@nih.gov](mailto:marci.scidmore@nih.gov).

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; RFA-OD19-029: The Intersection of Sex and Gender Influences on Health and Disease.

Date: March 30–31, 2021.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Latha Meenalochana Malaiyandi, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 812Q, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1999, [malaiyandilm@csr.nih.gov](mailto:malaiyandilm@csr.nih.gov).

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Training in Veterinary and Comparative Medicine.

Date: March 30, 2021.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Mark Caprara, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5156, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-613-5228, [capraramg@mail.nih.gov](mailto:capraramg@mail.nih.gov).

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: HIV/AIDS Related Behavioral Research.

Date: March 30, 2021.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Pamela Jeter, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 10J08, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-2591, [pamela.jeter@nih.gov](mailto:pamela.jeter@nih.gov).

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Dated: March 1, 2021.

**Melanie J. Pantoja,**

*Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Counselors; Announcement of Meeting; Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the next meeting of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). The BSC, a federally chartered, external advisory group composed of scientists from the public and private sectors, will review and provide advice on programmatic activities. This meeting is a virtual meeting and is open to the public. Written comments will be accepted and registration is required to present oral comments. Information about the meeting and registration are available at <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>.

#### DATES:

*Meeting:* Scheduled for April 23, 2021, 12:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

*Written Public Comment*

*Submissions:* Deadline is April 16, 2021.

*Registration for Oral Comments:*

Deadline is April 16, 2021.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Meeting Web page:* The preliminary agenda, registration, and other meeting materials are available at <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>.

*Virtual Meeting:* The URL for viewing the virtual meeting will be provided on the meeting web page.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Sheena Scruggs, Designated Federal Official for the BSC, Office of Liaison, Policy and Review, Division of NTP, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, K2-03, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. Phone: 984-287-3355, Fax: 301-451-5759, Email: [sheena.scruggs@nih.gov](mailto:sheena.scruggs@nih.gov). Hand Deliver/Courier address: 530 Davis Drive, Room K2130, Morrisville, NC 27560.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BSC will provide input to the NTP on programmatic activities and issues. The preliminary agenda topics include presentations from two of the Division of the National Toxicology Program

(DNTP)'s research program areas. The preliminary agenda, roster of BSC members, background materials, public comments, and any additional information, when available, will be posted on the BSC meeting web page (<https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>) or may be requested in hardcopy from the Designated Federal Official for the BSC. Following the meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and made available on the BSC meeting web page.

*Meeting Attendance Registration:* The meeting is open to the public with time scheduled for oral public comments. Registration is not required to view the virtual meeting; the URL for the virtual meeting is provided on the BSC meeting web page (<https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>). TTY users should contact the Federal TTY Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Requests should be made at least five business days in advance of the event.

*Written Public Comments:* NTP invites written public comments. Guidelines for public comments are available at [https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/ntp/about\\_ntp/guidelines\\_public\\_comments\\_508.pdf](https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/ntp/about_ntp/guidelines_public_comments_508.pdf).

The deadline for submission of written comments is April 16, 2021. Written public comments should be submitted through the meeting web page. Persons submitting written comments should include name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, email, and sponsoring organization (if any). Written comments received in response to this notice will be posted on the NTP web page, and the submitter will be identified by name, affiliation, and sponsoring organization (if any).

*Oral Public Comment Registration:* The agenda allows for two formal public comment periods—one comment period for each program area (up to 3 commenters, up to 5 minutes per speaker, per topic). Persons wishing to make an oral comment are required to register online at <https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165> by April 16, 2021. Oral comments will be received only during the formal comment periods indicated on the preliminary agenda. Oral comments will only be by teleconference line. The access number for the teleconference line will be provided to registrants by email prior to the meeting. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Each organization is allowed one time slot per topic. After the maximum number of speakers per comment period is exceeded, individuals registered to provide oral comment will be placed on a wait list and notified should an opening become available. Commenters will be notified approximately one week