

public and nonprofit private providers of primary health services for the purpose of increasing the access of individuals to such services by developing and carrying out programs to provide bilingual or interpretive services.

(8) Support a national minority health resource center to carry out the following:

(A) Facilitate the exchange of information regarding matters relating to health information and health promotion, preventive health services, and education in the appropriate use of health care.

(B) Facilitate access to information.

(C) Assist in the analysis of issues and problems relating to such matters.

(D) Provide technical assistance with respect to the exchange of such information (including facilitating the development of materials of such technical assistance).

(9) Carry out programs to improve access to health care services for individuals with limited proficiency in speaking the English language. Activities under the preceding sentence shall include developing and evaluating model projects.

## II. Nominations

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) is requesting nominations to fill four vacancies for voting members to serve on the Advisory Committee. The Committee consists of 12 voting members appointed by the Secretary from among racial and ethnic minorities, defined as Black or African American, Hispanic/Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian American, and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, who have expertise regarding issues of minority health. The racial and ethnic minority groups will be equally represented among the voting members. Employees or officers of the Federal Government may not serve as voting members, except that the Secretary may also appoint employees of the DHHS to serve as ex-officio, non-voting members.

OMH is seeking nominations of persons from a wide-array of fields including but not limited to: Public health and medicine; health administration and financing; behavioral and social sciences; immigration and rural health; health law and economics; cultural and linguistic competency; and biomedical ethics and human rights. Demonstrated expertise regarding issues of minority health, such as: Access to care; data collection and analysis; health professions development; cultural competency; and eliminating disparities in cancer, cardiovascular diseases,

infant mortality, HIV infection/AIDS, child and adult immunization, diabetes, substance abuse, homicide, suicide, unintentional injuries, and other diseases and health conditions is also required.

Nominations must state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude membership. Potential candidates are required to provide detailed information concerning such matters as financial holdings, consultancies, and research grants or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

Members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Committee members will be compensated for the time they spend in Committee meetings (including travel time) as well as per diem costs.

Any interested person may nominate one or more qualified persons. Self-nominations will also be accepted.

## III. Nomination Forms

Nomination forms may be obtained by contacting the Office of Minority Health Resource Center, PO Box 37337, Washington, DC 20013-7337, telephone 1-800-444-6472, TDD 301-589-0951, e-mail: [info@omhrc.gov](mailto:info@omhrc.gov). Nomination forms may also be downloaded from the Office of Minority Health Resource Center Web site, <http://www.omhrc.dhhs.gov>. All nominations and curricula vitae for the Advisory Committee should be sent to Sheila Pack Merriweather at the address in this notice.

Dated: January 31, 2002.

**Nathan Stinson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agenda for February 13 and 14, 2002 Meeting of the President's Council on Bioethics

**AGENCY:** President's Council on Bioethics, HHS.

**ACTION:** Addendum to the Prior Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Council on Bioethics will hold its second meeting to discuss its agenda and future activities on February 13 and 14, 2002.

## Tentative Agenda

*Wednesday, February 13*

8:30 am

Opening Remarks.

Leon R. Kass, M.D., Chairman.

8:45 am

Session 1: Human Cloning 4: Proper Use of Language.

Working Paper #5: On Terminology.

10:00 am

Break.

10:15 am

Session 2: Human Cloning 5: National Academics' Report, "Scientific and Medical Aspects of Human Reproductive Cloning."

Irving L. Weissman, M.D.

Noon

Lunch.

1:30 pm

Session 3: Human Cloning 6: Ethical Issues in "Reproductive" Cloning. Working Paper #6: The Ethics of "Reproductive" Cloning: Child, Family, and Society.

3:00 pm

Break.

3:15 pm

Session 4: Human Cloning 7: Ethical Issues in "Reproductive" Cloning. Continued.

5:00 pm

Session 5: Ethical Conduct of Council Members. Q&A with Administration Attorney.

5:30 pm

Adjournment.

*Thursday, February 14*

8:30 am

Session 6: Human Cloning 8: Ethical Issues in "Therapeutic/Research" Cloning.

10:00 am

Break.

10:15 am

Session 7: Human Cloning 9: Cloning and Public Policy: Legislative Alternatives.

11:45 am

Break.

Noon

Session 8: Public Comments.

1:00 pm

Adjournment.

*Public Comments:* Written statements may be submitted by members of the public for the Council's records. Please submit statements to Ms. Diane Gianelli (tel. 202/296-4694). Persons wishing to comment in person may do so during the hour set aside for this purpose beginning at noon on Thursday, February 14. Comments will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker or organization. Please give advance notice of such statements to Ms. Gianelli at the phone number given

above, and be sure to include name, affiliation, and a brief description of the topic or nature of the statement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Diane Gianelli, 202/296-4694.

Dated: February 6, 2002.

**Dean Clancy,**

*Executive Director, President's Council on Bioethics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a public hearing by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform. As governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act in accordance with Section 10(a)(2), the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform is seeking guidance for the Department's efforts to streamline regulatory requirements. The Advisory Committee will advise and make recommendations for changes that would be beneficial in four broad areas: Health care delivery, health systems operations, biomedical and health research, and the development of pharmaceuticals and other products. The Committee will review changes identified through regional public hearings, written comments from the public, and consultation with HHS staff.

All meetings and hearings of the Committee are open to the general public. During each meeting, invited witnesses will address how regulations affect health-related issues. Meeting agendas will also allow some time for public comment. Additional information on each meeting's agenda and list of participating witnesses will be posted on the Committee's Web site prior to the meetings, <http://www.regreform.hhs.gov>.

**DATES:** The first public hearing of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform will be held on Monday, February 25, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, February 26, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing will be held in Miami, Florida. Information about the

exact location will be posted at the Web site address listed above and published in the **Federal Register** when the location has been confirmed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christy Schmidt, Executive Coordinator, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 344G, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 401-5182.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Anyone planning to attend the meeting who requires special disability-related arrangements such as sign-language interpretation should provide notice of their need by Tuesday, February 19, 2002. Please make any request to Michael Starkweather—phone: 301-628-3141; fax: 301-628-3101; e-mail: [mstarkweather@s-3.com](mailto:mstarkweather@s-3.com).

On June 8, 2001, HHS Secretary Thompson announced a Department-wide initiative to reduce regulatory burdens in health care, to improve patient care, and to respond to the concerns of health care providers and industry, State and local Governments, and individual Americans who are affected by HHS rules. Common sense approaches and careful balancing of needs can help improve patient care. As part of this initiative, the Department is establishing the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform to provide findings and recommendations regarding potential regulatory changes. These changes would enable HHS programs to reduce burdens and costs associated with departmental regulations and paperwork, while at the same time maintaining or enhancing the effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and access of HHS programs.

Dated: February 7, 2002.

**William Raub,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides an update of the HHS poverty guidelines to account for last (calendar) year's

increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** These guidelines go into effect on the day they are published (unless an office administering a program using the guidelines specifies a different effective date for that particular program).

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Washington, DC 20201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about how the poverty guidelines are used or how income is defined in a particular program, contact the Federal (or other) office which is responsible for that program.

For general questions about the poverty guidelines (but NOT for questions about a particular program—such as the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program—that uses the poverty guidelines), contact Gordon Fisher, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201—telephone: (202) 690-5880; persons with Internet access may visit the poverty guidelines Internet site at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/poverty.htm>.

For information about the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program (no-fee or reduced-fee health care services at certain hospitals and other health care facilities for certain persons unable to pay for such care), contact the Office of the Director, Division of Facilities Compliance and Recovery, Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS, Room 10C-16, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. To speak to a person, call (301) 443-5656. To receive a Hill-Burton information package, call 1-800-638-0742 (for callers outside Maryland) or 1-800-492-0359 (for callers in Maryland), and leave your name and address on the Hotline recording. Persons with Internet access may visit the Division of Facilities Compliance and Recovery Internet home page site at <http://www.hrsa.gov/osp/dfcr>. The Division of Facilities Compliance and Recovery notes that as set by 42 CFR 124.505(b), the effective date of this update of the poverty guidelines for facilities obligated under the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program is sixty days from the date of this publication.

For information about the percentage multiple of the poverty guidelines to be used on immigration forms such as INS Form I-864, Affidavit of Support,