

development, implementation, and evaluation of strategic safety programs designed to decrease a product's risks. Specifically, the discussion will focus on issues raised by the concept paper "Risk Management Programs" (<http://www.fda.gov/cder/meeting/riskmanagement.htm>). This concept paper presents FDA's preliminary thoughts on:

1. Considerations on what comprises and prompts a risk management program,
2. The selection and development of risk management tools,
3. The evaluation of risk management programs, and
4. The recommended elements of a risk management program submission to FDA.

Comments on evaluation methods and overall concepts are requested, in particular, from academicians and others with experience in outcomes research in health care quality or pharmacoepidemiology.

C. Risk Assessment of Observational Data: Good Pharmacovigilance Practices and Pharmacoepidemiologic Assessment (April 11, 2003)

Pharmacovigilance is generally regarded as all postapproval scientific and data gathering activities relating to the detection, assessment, understanding, and prevention of adverse events or any other product-related problems. On April 11, 2003, the public workshop discussion will focus on the assessment of a product's risk profile as identified from observational data sources (including case reports, case series, and pharmacoepidemiologic studies). Specifically, the discussion will focus on issues raised by the concept paper "Risk Assessment of Observational Data: Good Pharmacovigilance Practices and Pharmacoepidemiologic Assessment" (<http://www.fda.gov/cder/meeting/riskmanagement.htm>). This concept paper presents FDA's preliminary thoughts on:

1. Important pharmacovigilance concepts,
2. Safety signal identification,
3. Pharmacoepidemiologic assessment and interpretation of safety signals, and
4. The development of pharmacovigilance plans.

In particular, in this segment of the public workshop, FDA is interested in receiving public input on the following questions:

1. How can the quality of spontaneously reported case reports be improved?
2. What are possible advantages or disadvantages of applying datamining

techniques (e.g., empirical Bayesian techniques, proportional reporting ratios) to spontaneous reports databases for the purpose of identifying safety signals?

3. What are possible advantages or disadvantages of performing causality assessments at the individual case level?

4. Under what circumstances would a registry be useful as a surveillance tool and when would it cease to be useful?

5. Under what circumstances would active surveillance strategies prove useful to identify as yet unreported adverse events?

6. Under what circumstances would additional pharmacoepidemiologic studies be useful?

III. Registration and Requests for Oral Presentations

To speak at the workshop you must preregister by March 21, 2003. Requests must be submitted electronically or in writing. In your request to speak, you should state the: (1) Day of the workshop when you would like to speak; (2) specific issue related to that day's topic that you intend to address; (3) names and addresses of all individuals that plan to participate; and (4) approximate time requested to make your presentation. Electronic requests to speak at the workshop may be submitted at <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/oc/dockets/meetings/meetingdocket.cfm>. Requests to speak will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals who register to speak will be notified of the scheduled time for their presentation before the workshop and will have reserved seating. Depending on the number of speakers, FDA may need to limit the time allotted for each presentation. Speakers must submit two copies of each presentation by the date they have registered to speak. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please inform the registration contact person when you register. Presentations should be limited to the topics addressed in the concept papers. Preregistration is not necessary if you are not speaking and plan to come only as an attendee to the workshop. However, seating is limited and will be available on each of the workshop days on a first-come first-served basis.

IV. Request for Comments

Regardless of attendance at the workshop, interested persons may submit written or electronic comments on the concept papers to the Dockets Management Branch (see ADDRESSES). You should annotate and organize your comments to identify the specific

concept paper and issue to which they refer. Where possible, comments should reference line numbers in the concept papers. Two copies of any mailed comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. The concept papers and received comments may be seen at the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Transcripts of the hearing also will be available for review at the Dockets Management Branch.

V. Electronic Access

Electronic versions of the concept papers are available via Internet using the World Wide Web at <http://www.fda.gov/cder/meeting/riskmanagement.htm>.

Dated: March 3, 2003.

William K. Hubbard,

Associate Commissioner for Policy and Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Center for Substance Abuse Treatment; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the 36th meeting of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) National Advisory Council will be held in March 2003.

A portion of the meeting is open and includes discussion of the Center's policy issues and current administrative, legislative, and program developments. The Council's meeting will include reports on SAMHSA's Faith-Based and Community Initiative; Pregnant and Postpartum Women (PPW) & Residential Women and Children (RWC) Cross Site Evaluations; Oral Fluid Testing; Science to Services; Methadone Deaths; and SAMHSA's Co-Occurring Report to Congress. In addition, the CSAT Director will provide an update on CSAT's program and activities.

The meeting will also include the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual grant applications. Therefore a portion of the meeting will be closed to the public as determined by the SAMHSA Administrator, in accordance

with title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) and (6) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d).

SAMHSA/CSAT welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee, and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please inform the contact person at least 7 days in advance of the meeting. Substantive program information, a summary of the meeting and a roster of Council members may also be obtained from the contact person.

Committee Name: Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, National Advisory Council.

Meeting Dates: March 12—8:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., March 13—9:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Place: Embassy Suites Hotel, Chevy Chase Ballroom, 4300 Military Road, Washington, DC 20015.

Type:

Closed: March 12, 2003—8:30 a.m.—10 a.m., Open: March 12, 2003—10 a.m.—5:30 p.m., Open: March 13, 2003—9:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

Contact: Cynthia Graham, Public Health Analyst, SAMHSA/CSAT NAC, 5600 Fishers Lane, RW II, Ste 618, Rockville, MD 20857. (301) 443-8923. FAX: (301) 480-6077.

Dated: February 28, 2003.

Toian Vaughn,

Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4809-N-10]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 7, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Johnson, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: February 27, 2003.

John D. Garrity,

Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Application Notice Announcing the Opening Date for Transmittal of Applications for Funding Assistance Under the FGDC National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice inviting applications for the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program Awards for FY 2003, with performance to begin in August 2003 through September 2004.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program is to facilitate and foster partnerships, alliances, and technology within the among various public and private entities to assist in building the NSDI. The NSDI consists of technologies, policies, organizations and people necessary to promote cost-effective production, ready availability, and greater utilization of high quality geospatial data among a variety of sectors, disciplines and communities.

The FY 2003 NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program will fund projects in five categories of activities: (1) Metadata implementation assistance, (2) metadata trainer assistance, (3) metadata outreach, (4) clearinghouse integration with OpenGIS services, and (5) U.S. and Canadian Spatial Data Infrastructure development. Applications may be submitted by Federal agencies, State and local government agencies,

educational institutions, private firms, non-profit foundations, and Federally acknowledge or state-recognized Native American tribes or groups. Applications from Federal agencies will not be competed against applications from other sources. Authority for this program is contained in the Organic Act of March 3, 1879, 43 U.S.C. 31 and Executive Order 12906.

DATES: The program announcements and application forms for the FY 2003 NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program are expected to be available on or about March 3, 2003. Applications must be received on or before May 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Copies of each Program Announcement #03HQPA0006 for the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program will be available through the Internet at <http://www.usgs.gov/contracts/index.html> and <http://www.fgdc.gov>. Copies of Program Announcement #03HQPA0006 may also be obtained by writing to Karen Staubs, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Grants, National Assistance Programs Branch, MS 205G, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, or emailing kstaubs@usgs.gov. Requests must be in writing; verbal requests will not be honored.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For NSDI technical information contact: David Painter, U.S. Geological Survey, Federal Geographic Data Committee, MS 590, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; 703-648-5513, fax 703-648-5755, e-mail dpainter@fgdc.gov.

For the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program contact: Ms. Karen Staubs, U.S. Geological Survey, Office of Acquisition and Grants, National Assistance Programs Branch, MS 205G, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; 703-648-7393, fax 703-648-7901, e-mail kstaubs@usgs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the NSDI Cooperative Agreements Program a total of \$1,000,000 is available for award.

2003 NSDI Cooperative Agreement Program Categories:

Category 1: "Don't Duck Metadata:" Metadata Implementation and Creation Assistance. The objectives for this category are the documentation of geospatial data through metadata creation and serving that documentation on the Internet through a NSDI clearinghouse. Under this category funds are provided for organizations needing assistance in receiving metadata training and in metadata creation.

Category 2: "Don't Duck Metadata:" Metadata Trainer Assistance. Funding