

upon the renewal of the Committee by appropriate action prior to its termination. Members may serve after the expiration of their term until their successors have taken office.

Meetings. Meetings shall be held approximately three times per year at the call of the Chair with the advance approval of a Government official who shall also approve the agenda. Meetings shall be open to the public except as determined otherwise by the Secretary or designee; notice of all meetings shall be provided to the public.

Compensation. Members shall be paid at a rate not to exceed the daily equivalent of the rate in effect for Executive Level IV of the Executive Schedule for each day they are engaged in the performance of their duties as members of the Committee. Members shall receive per diem and travel expenses as authorized by section 5703, Title 5 U.S.C., as amended, for persons employed intermittently in the Government service. Members who are officers or employees of the United States shall not receive compensation for service on the Committee.

Termination Date. Unless renewed by appropriate action prior to its expiration, the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Xenotransplantation shall terminate on July 10, 2005.

Additional information about the SACX, including the complete charter, is available at <http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/Sacx.htm>.

Nominations

DHHS will consider nominations of all qualified individuals. Committee members will have expertise in fields such as xenotransplantation, epidemiology, virology, microbiology, infectious diseases, molecular biology, veterinary medicine, immunology, transplantation surgery, public health, law, bioethics, social sciences, psychology, patient advocacy, and animal welfare. Individuals may nominate themselves or other individuals, and professional associations and other organizations may nominate individuals. DHHS has a strong interest in ensuring that women, minority groups, and physically challenged individuals are adequately represented on the Committee and, therefore, encourages nominations of qualified candidates from these groups. DHHS also encourages geographic diversity in the composition of the Committee.

A nomination package should include the following information for each nominee: (1) A letter of nomination stating the name, affiliation, and contact information for the nominee, the basis

for the nomination (*i.e.*, what specific attributes recommend him/her for service in this capacity), and the nominee's field(s) of expertise; (2) a biographical sketch of the nominee and a copy of his or her curriculum vitae; and (3) the name, return address, and daytime telephone number at which the nominator can be contacted. Except for self-nominations, a nomination package should also include a statement by the nominee that he/she is willing to accept an appointment to Committee membership. All nomination information should be provided in a single, complete package within 30 days of the publication of this notice. The nomination letter should bear an original signature; facsimile transmissions or copies cannot be accepted. All nominations for membership should be sent to Dr. Mary Groesch at the address provided above.

DHHS will use the nomination package only for the purpose of considering nominees for appointment to the committee. However, portions of the nomination package may be publicly disclosed to the extent required by law in response to requests under the Freedom of Information Act, (5 U.S.C. 522), regardless of whether the nominee is appointed to the committee.

Dated: September 10, 2003.

Cristina V. Beato,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is hereby giving notice that the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee (CFSAC) will hold a meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 29, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: National Institutes of Health, Building 31C, Conference Room 10, 9000 Rockville Pike; Bethesda, MD 20892.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Larry E. Fields, Acting Executive Secretary, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee, U.S. Department

of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 701H, Washington, DC 20201; (202) 690-7694.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CFSAC was established on September 5, 2002, to replace the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Coordinating Committee. CFSAC was established to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Health, on a broad range of topics including (1) the current state of knowledge and research about the epidemiology and risk factors relating to chronic fatigue syndrome, and identifying potential opportunities in these areas; (2) current and proposed diagnosis and treatment methods for chronic fatigue syndrome; and (3) development and implementation of programs to inform the public, health care professionals, and the biomedical, academic, and research community about chronic fatigue syndrome advances.

This will be the initial meeting of the Committee; the agenda for this meeting is being developed.

Public attendance at the meeting is limited to space available. Individuals must provide a photo ID for entry into the meeting. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the designated contact person. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments at the meeting. Preregistration is required for public comment. Any individual who wishes to participate in the public comment session should call the telephone number listed in the contact information to register. Public comment will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Any members of the public who wish to have printed material distributed to CFSAC members should submit materials to the Acting Executive Secretary, CFSAC, whose contact information is listed above prior to close of business, September 25, 2003.

This notice is being published less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to issues pertaining to technical arrangements.

Dated: September 12, 2003.

Larry E. Fields,

Acting Executive Secretary, Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee.

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