

grantees to effectively implement their demonstration projects by providing quality assurance within program activities. Many organizations that apply to OAPP for Adolescent Family Life (AFL) funding for either demonstration projects for care services or prevention services are often new, small, community-based, inexperienced organizations. Although they may be able to write an application, present acceptable data on the needs for services and present a sound methodology for achieving results, including an evaluation plan, most of them do not have staff in place to implement the proposed programs. Consequently technical assistance and training are essential to enable most AFL demonstration projects to get started and to make core services available within a reasonable time after such grant is received.

DSI is a unique organization in its proposed provision of technical assistance to AFL grantees. It is very familiar with the needs of grantees and is sensitive to the problems, difficulties and obstacles that grantees face in implementation of both care and prevention AFL projects. DSI has already established a needs assessment instrument specific to AFL programs, has established relationships with logistical sites for technical assistance and AFL specific facilitators, and has established rapport with not only grantees, but also with OAPP staff. For these reasons, after a review by an objective review panel of the unsolicited proposal submitted by DSI, this award is made on non-competitively.

The technical assistance activities proposed by DSI will include organizing, implementing, and facilitating two orientation meetings per year for all AFL grantees, which will provide the pertinent information and guidance they need to familiarize themselves with AFL legislation and policy. DSI proposes to assess the needs of all AFL grantees at the orientation meetings, subsequently develop technical assistance goals and objectives, and will then organize and implement 8–10 regional technical assistance meetings addressing the grantee identified needs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Notice of Meetings

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces meetings of scientific peer review groups. The subcommittees listed below are part of the Agency's Health Services Research Initial Review Group Committee.

The subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6). Grant applications are to be reviewed and discussed at these meetings. These discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

1. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Technology and Decision Sciences.

Date: October 5–6, 2000 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

2. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Systems Research.

Date: October 19–20, 2000 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

3. *Name of Subcommittee:* Health Care Quality and Effectiveness Research.

Date: October 26–27, 2000 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHRQ, Executive Office Center, 6010 Executive Boulevard, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or minutes of the meetings should contact Ms. Jenny Griffith, Committee Management

Officer, Office of Research Review, Education and Policy, AHRQ, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594–1847.

Agenda items for these meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites: Fernald Health Effects Subcommittee: Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announce the following meeting.

Name: Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at DOE Sites: Fernald Health Effects Subcommittee (FHES).

Time and Date: 9 a.m.–9 p.m., September 20, 2000.

Place: The Plantation, 9660 Dry Fork Road, Harrison, Ohio 45020, telephone 513/367–5610.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

Background: Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in December 1990 with DOE and replaced by an MOU signed in 1996, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was given the responsibility and resources for conducting epidemiologic investigations of residents of communities in the vicinity of DOE facilities, workers at DOE facilities, and other persons potentially exposed to radiation or to potential hazards from non-nuclear energy production use. HHS delegated program responsibility to CDC.

In addition, a memo was signed in October 1990 and renewed in November 1992 between ATSDR and DOE. The MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or "Superfund"). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the