

redesignation is made. The criteria are as follows:

(1) The number of Indians residing in the area proposed to be so included or excluded;

(2) Whether the Tribal governing body has determined that Indians residing in the area near the reservation are socially and economically affiliated with the Tribe;

(3) The geographic proximity to the reservation of the area whose inclusion or exclusion is being considered; and

(4) The level of funding which would be available for the provision of PRC.

Additionally, the regulations require that any redesignation of a PRCDA must be made in accordance with the procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553). 42 CFR 136.22(c). In compliance with this requirement, the IHS published a proposed notice of redesignation and requested public comments on January 19, 2024 (89 FR 3669). The IHS did not receive any comments in response to the notice of proposed expansion.

In support of this expansion, the IHS makes the following findings:

1. By expanding the PRCDA to include Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, Tolland, and Windham Counties, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation's eligible population will increase by an estimated 32 Tribal members and AI/AN employees.

2. The Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation has stated that these 32 individuals are socially and economically affiliated with MPTN.

3. The expanded PRCDA counties form a contiguous area with the existing PRCDA. In addition to their AI/AN employees, MPTN's members reside in each of the expansion counties. For these reasons, the IHS has determined that the expansion counties are geographically proximate, meaning "on or near", to the existing PRCDA.

4. The MPTN will use its existing Federal allocation for PRC funds to provide services to the expanded population. No additional financial resources will be allocated by the IHS to MPTN to provide services to its PRC-eligible population.

An updated listing of the PRCDA's for all federally-recognized Tribes may be accessed via a link on the IHS PRCDA Expansion website (<https://www.ihs.gov/prc/prcda-expansion>).

Public Comments: The IHS did not receive any comments in response to the notice of proposed expansion.

Roselyn Tso,

Director, Indian Health Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service

Notice of Update to the Purchased/ Referred Care Delivery Area for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Indian Health Service (IHS) has updated the geographic boundaries of the purchased/referred care delivery area (PRCDA) for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians to include the counties of Carroll and Jackson in the State of Mississippi and the county of Lauderdale in the State of Tennessee. The PRCDA for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians now comprises the Mississippi counties of Attala, Carroll, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Kemper, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Scott, and Winston, and the Tennessee county of Lauderdale. The sole purpose of this expansion is to authorize additional Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians members and beneficiaries to receive purchased/referred care (PRC) services. **DATES:** This update is effective as of April 2, 2024.

ADDRESSES: This notice can be found at <https://www.federalregister.gov>. Written requests for information should be delivered to: CAPT John Rael, Director, Office of Resource Access and Partnerships, Indian Health Service, 5600 Fishers Lane, Mail Stop 10E85C, Rockville, MD 20857, or by phone at (301) 443-0969 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IHS provides services under regulations in effect as of September 15, 1987, and republished at 42 CFR part 136, subparts A-C. Subpart C defines a Contract Health Service Delivery Area (CHSDA), now referred to as a PRCDA, as the geographic area within which PRC will be made available by the IHS to members of an identified Indian community who reside in the PRCDA. Residence within a PRCDA by a person who is within the scope of the Indian

health program, as set forth in 42 CFR 136.12, creates no legal entitlement to PRC but only potential eligibility for services. Services needed, but not available at an IHS/Tribal facility, are provided under the PRC program depending on the availability of funds, the relative medical priority of the services to be provided, and the actual availability and accessibility of alternate resources in accordance with the regulations.

The regulations at 42 CFR part 136, subpart C provide that, unless otherwise designated, a PRCDA shall consist of a county which includes all or part of a reservation and any county or counties which have a common boundary with the reservation. 42 CFR 136.22(a)(6). Under the Act of June 29, 2000, Public Law 106-228 at 1(a)(1), "all land taken in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians on or after December 23, 1944, shall be part of the Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation." (114 Stat. 462). A **Federal Register** Notice published by the Bureau of Indian Affairs on April 3, 2007, further provides that "... when additional lands are taken into trust by the United States for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians ... each such additional land parcel shall automatically become a part of the Mississippi Choctaw Indian Reservation without the need for any other formal declaration to that effect. ...". 72 FR 15899. In 2012 and 2013, parcels of land in Carroll and Jackson Counties, Mississippi and Lauderdale County, Tennessee were taken into trust by the United States for the benefit of the MBCI. Once taken into trust, these parcels automatically became a part of the MBCI reservation. Accordingly, and at the request of the MBCI, the IHS is now updating the MBCI's PRCDA to include these three counties.

There are no other counties which share a common boundary with the new reservation lands, nor is the MBCI requesting to include in their PRCDA any additional counties which do not hold reservation lands. No existing PRCDA's overlap with the MBCI's updated PRCDA. The MBCI estimates that updating the Tribe's PRCDA will allow an additional 327 individuals, including tribal members, persons of Indian descent residing on the reservation, and other eligible individuals with close social and economic ties to the MBCI to become PRC-eligible. The MBCI further estimates that a significant portion of the newly PRC-eligible individuals have third-party insurance, which will help

defray the costs associated with the expanded PRCDAs.

An updated listing of the PRCDAs for all federally recognized Tribes may be accessed via a link on the IHS PRCDAs Expansion website (<https://www.ihs.gov/prc/prcda-expansion>).

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to prior approval by the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Roselyn Tso,

Director, Indian Health Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Special Emphasis Panel.

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: National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Special Emphasis Panel; BEITA at HBCU RFA-EB-23-006 Review SEP.

Date: May 24, 2024.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Democracy II, Suite 920, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Tianhong Wang, M.D., Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, National Institutes of Health, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1189, wangt3@mail.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.866, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, National Institutes of Health.)

Dated: March 28, 2024.

Miguelina Perez,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

[National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting. The open session will be videocast and can be accessed from the NIH Videocasting website (<http://videocast.nih.gov/>).

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 Deafness and Other Communication Disorders Advisory Council.

Date: May 16, 2024.

Closed: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 1255, Rockville, MD 20852, Hybrid.

Open: 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Agenda: staff reports on divisional, programmatic, and special activities.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 1255, Rockville, MD 20852, Hybrid.

Contact Person: Rebecca Wagenaar-Miller, Ph.D., Director, Division of Extramural Activities, NIDCD/NIH, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-8693, rebecca.wagenaar-miller@nih.gov.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

In the interest of security, NIH has procedures at <https://www.nih.gov/about-nih/visitor-information/campus-access-security> for entrance into on-campus and off-campus facilities. All visitor vehicles, including taxicabs, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors attending a meeting on campus or at an off-campus federal facility will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <https://www.nidcd.nih.gov/about/advisory-council>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.173, Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communicative Disorders, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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Miguelina Perez,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 1009 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: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Injury and Alzheimer's Disease Epidemiology.

Date: April 17, 2024.

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).