

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Commission of Childhood Vaccines; Request for Nominations for Voting Members

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is requesting nominations to fill three vacancies on the Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV). The ACCV was established by Title XXI of the Public Health Service Act (the Act), as enacted by Public Law (Pub. L.) 99-660 and as subsequently amended, and advises the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) on issues related to implementation of the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP).

DATES: The agency must receive nominations on or before June 22, 2009.

ADDRESSES: All nominations are to be submitted to the Director, Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation, Healthcare Systems Bureau (HSB), HRSA, Parklawn Building, Room 11C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Michelle Herzog, Principal Staff Liaison, Policy Analysis Branch, Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation, HSB, HRSA at (301) 443-0650 or *e-mail*: mherzog@hrsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authorities that established the ACCV, the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463) and section 2119 of the Act, 42 U.S.C. 300aa-19, as added by Public Law 99-660 and amended, HRSA is requesting nominations for three voting members of the ACCV.

The ACCV advises the Secretary on the implementation of the VICP. The activities of the ACCV include: recommending changes in the Vaccine Injury Table at its own initiative or as the result of the filing of a petition; advising the Secretary in implementing section 2127 regarding the need for childhood vaccination products that result in fewer or no significant adverse reactions; surveying Federal, State, and local programs and activities related to gathering information on injuries associated with the administration of childhood vaccines, including the adverse reaction reporting requirements

of section 2125(b); advising the Secretary on the methods of obtaining, compiling, publishing, and using credible data related to the frequency and severity of adverse reactions associated with childhood vaccines; consulting on the development or revision of the Vaccine Information Statements and recommending to the Director of the National Vaccine Program that vaccine safety research be conducted on various vaccine injuries.

The ACCV consists of nine voting members appointed by the Secretary as follows: (1) Three health professionals, who are not employees of the United States Government and have expertise in the health care of children, and the epidemiology, etiology, and prevention of childhood diseases, and the adverse reactions associated with vaccines, at least two shall be pediatricians; (2) three members from the general public, at least two shall be legal representatives (parents or guardians) of children who have suffered a vaccine-related injury or death; and (3) three attorneys, at least one shall be an attorney whose specialty includes representation of persons who have suffered a vaccine-related injury or death, and one shall be an attorney whose specialty includes representation of vaccine manufacturers. In addition, the Director of the National Institutes of Health, the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (or the designees of such officials) serve as nonvoting ex officio members.

Specifically, HRSA is requesting nominations for three voting members of the ACCV representing: (1) A health professional, who has expertise in the health care of children; and the epidemiology, etiology, and prevention of childhood diseases; (2) an attorney whose specialty includes representation of a vaccine manufacturer; and (3) a member of the general public. Nominees will be invited to serve a 3-year term beginning January 1, 2010, and ending December 31, 2012.

Interested persons may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the ACCV. Nominations shall state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the ACCV and appears to have no conflict of interest that would preclude the ACCV membership. Potential candidates will be asked to provide detailed information concerning consultancies, research grants, or contracts to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflicts of interest. A curriculum vitae or resume should be submitted with the nomination.

The Department of Health and Human Services has special interest in assuring that women, minority groups, and the physically disabled are adequately represented on advisory committees; and therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations for appropriately qualified female, minority, or disabled candidates.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Family Youth and Services Bureau

AGENCY: Family Youth And Services Bureau, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice to Award a Single-Source Replacement Grant.

CFDA#: 93.616.

Legislative Authority: Section 439 of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Child and Family Services Improvement Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-288)

Amount of Award: \$292,000.

Project Period: April 1, 2009–September 29, 2010.

SUMMARY: The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) awarded a Mentoring Children of Prisoners grant (Grant No. 90CV0343) to Prevent Child Abuse California of North Highlands, CA on September 30, 2007. On October 31, 2008, Prevent Child Abuse California submitted a letter relinquishing their grant. Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency of Jackson, CA, an eligible non-profit organization, submitted their letter along with their grant application requesting approval as the replacement grantee for the Mentoring Children of Prisoners grant. FYSB has received and reviewed the application from Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency. Upon finding that the proposed project will be able to carry out objectives originally intended to be completed by Prevent Child Abuse California, this organization has been awarded funds in the amount of \$292,000 as the permanent successor grantee.

Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency will continue through a community-based approach to work toward the goal of creating high-quality, one-to-one lasting mentoring