

reasonably close geographic proximity to the delineated borders of one of ITCN's member tribes, as required in 45 CFR 98.61(c) and 98.83(b), and as described in the Program Instruction CCDF-ACF-PI-2022-03. As a result, OCC adjusted ITCN's child count downward.

CCDF regulations prescribe that reconsideration shall be conducted by hearing governed by 45 CFR part 99. The ACF Director of Office of Grants Policy, Latasha Abney, is the designated presiding officer. The presiding officer has authority to "modify or waive any rule in [Part 99] upon determination that no party will be unduly prejudiced and the ends of justice will thereby be served." 45 CFR 99.4.

45 CFR 99.15 allows recognition of other individuals or groups as parties "if the issues to be considered at the hearing have directly caused them injury and their interests to be protected by the governing Federal statute and regulations." This **Federal Register** notice serves as notification to other parties who may have interest in this hearing. Individuals or groups desiring to participate as parties should submit a petition in writing to presiding officer, Latasha Abney, at the address above within 15 days of publication of this notice. Such petition shall concisely state (i) Petitioner's interest in the proceeding; (ii) Who will appear for petitioner; (iii) The issues on which petitioner wishes to participate; and (iv) Whether petitioner intends to present witnesses. A copy of the petition must also be served on ITCN Executive Director, Deserea Quintana at dquintana@itcn.org. The presiding officer will promptly determine whether each petitioner has the requisite interest and shall permit or deny participation accordingly.

45 CFR 99.22 allows parties to (a) Appear by counsel or other authorized representative, in all hearing proceedings; (b) Participate in any prehearing conference held by the presiding officer; (c) Agree to stipulations as to facts which will be made a part of the record; (d) Make opening statements at the hearing; (e) Present relevant evidence on the issues at the hearing; (f) Present witnesses who then must be available for cross-examination by all other parties; (g) Present oral arguments at the hearing; and (h) Submit written briefs, proposed findings of fact, and proposed conclusions of law, after the hearing. 45 CFR 99.23 allows that "The Department, the Lead Agency, and any individuals or groups recognized as parties shall have the right to conduct discovery (including depositions) against

opposing parties," and that Rules 26–37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure shall apply to discovery proceedings.

Pursuant to 45 CFR 99.32, at the conclusion of the hearing and completion of post-hearing briefs, if any, the presiding officer shall certify the record and provide recommended finding and a proposed decision to the Assistant Secretary. Any party will then have 20 days to file exceptions and a supporting brief or statement with the Assistant Secretary. The decision of the Assistant Secretary shall be the final agency action on the matter.

All written material provided by ACF, ITCN, and any other recognized party will be included in the administrative record.

Megan E. Steel,

ACF Certifying Officer, Administration for Children and Families.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Interest Rate on Overdue Debts

Section 30.18 of the Department of Health and Human Services' claims collection regulations (45 CFR part 30) provides that the Secretary shall charge an annual rate of interest, which is determined and fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury after considering private consumer rates of interest on the date that the Department of Health and Human Services becomes entitled to recovery. The rate cannot be lower than the Department of Treasury's current value of funds rate or the applicable rate determined from the "Schedule of Certified Interest Rates with Range of Maturities" unless the Secretary waives interest in whole or part, or a different rate is prescribed by statute, contract, or repayment agreement. The Secretary of the Treasury may revise this rate quarterly. The Department of Health and Human Services publishes this rate in the **Federal Register**.

The current rate of 12³/₈%, as fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, is certified for the quarter ended September 30, 2024. This rate is based on the Interest Rates for Specific Legislation, "National Health Services Corps Scholarship Program (42 U.S.C. 254o(b)(1)(A))" and "National Research Service Award Program (42 U.S.C. 288(c)(4)(B))." This interest rate will be applied to overdue

debt until the Department of Health and Human Services publishes a revision.

David C. Horn,

Director, Office of Financial Policy and Reporting.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; 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: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Feasibility of Novel Diagnostics for TB in Endemic Countries (FEND for TB) (R01—Clinical Trial Not Allowed).

Date: November 22, 2024.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3E72A, Rockville, MD 20892 (Video Assisted Meeting).

Contact Person: Frank S. De Silva, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3E72A, Rockville, MD 20892, (240) 669–5023, fdesilva@niaid.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: October 18, 2024.

Lauren A. Fleck,

Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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