effectiveness of various approaches to teaching children how to read and report on the best ways to apply these findings in classrooms and at home. Its members include prominent reading researchers, teachers, child development experts, leaders in elementary and higher education, and parents. The Chair of the Panel is Dr. Donald N. Langenberg, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland.

The Panel will build on the recently announced findings presented by the National Research Council's Committee on the Prevention of Reading Difficulties in Young Children. Based on a review of the literature, the Panel will: determine the readiness for application in the classroom of the results of these research studies; identify appropriate means to rapidly disseminate this information to facilitate effective reading instruction in the schools; and identify gaps in the knowledge base for reading instruction and the best ways to close these gaps.

The purpose of the meetings of the Panel will be to provide an opportunity for interaction between the Panel members regarding the Panel's charge and to receive input from experts and the general public regarding that charge. Through these interactions the Panel hopes to make its task clear to others while gaining useful input from those it intends to inform. A period of time will be set aside for members of the public to address the Panel and express their views regarding the Panel's mission. Individuals desiring an opportunity to speak before the Panel should address their requests to F. William Dommel, Jr., Executive Director, National Reading Panel, c/o Ms. Amy Andryszak and either mail them to the Widmeyer-Baker Group, 1875 Connecticut Avenue NW., Suite 800, Washington, DC 20009, or e-mail them to amya@twbg.com or fax them to 202–667–0902. Requests for addressing the Panel should be received as soon as possible. Panel business permitting, each public speaker will be allowed five minutes to present his or her views. In the event of a large number of public speakers, the Panel Chair retains the option to further limit the presentation time allowed to each. Although the time permitted for oral presentations will be brief, the full text of all written comments submitted to the Panel will be made available to the Panel members for consideration.

For further information contact Ms. Amy Andryszak 202–667–0901. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ms. Amy Andryszak as soon as possible.

Dated: May 26, 1998.

Duane Alexander,

Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Office of Extramural Research; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Peer Review Oversight Group (PROG) on June 17–18, 1997 in the C-Wing of Building 31, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892. The meeting will be held in Conference Room 8 on June 17, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and in Conference Room 7 on June 18, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public subject to space restrictions.

The Committee will discuss current NIH review procedures, the implementation of the new review criteria, and the integration of AIDS, neuroscience, and behavioral reviews.

The meeting agenda and roster of committee members are available on the World Wide Web via the NIH Home Page <*http://www.nih.gov.grants/*> or from Ms. Barbara Nolte, Committee Assistant, PROG, or Ms. Nancy Avis, Office of Extramural Research, Office of the Director, National Institutes Health, Building 1, Room 252, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, or by phone at (301) 402–1058.

Individuals who plan to attend the meeting and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations, should contact Ms. Nolte or Ms. Avis by June 1, 1998.

Dated: May 22, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Refugee Resettlement Program; Final Notice of Availability of Formula Allocation Funding for FY 1998 Targeted Assistance Grants for Services to Refugees in Local Areas of High Need

AGENCY: Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR), ACF, HHS.

ACTION: Final notice of availability of formula allocation funding for FY 1998 targeted assistance grants to States for services to refugees [1] in local areas of high need.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of funds and award procedures for FY 1998 targeted assistance grants for services to refugees under the Refugee Resettlement Program (RRP). These grants are for service provision in localities with large refugee populations, high refugee concentrations, and high use of public assistance, and where specific needs exist for supplementation of currently available resources. The final notice reflects adjustments in final allocations to States as a result of additional arrival data.

A notice of proposed allocations of targeted assistance funds was published for public comment in the **Federal Register** on February 17, 1998 (63 FR 7814).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Toyo Biddle, Director, Division of Refugee Self-Sufficiency, (202) 401–9250.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: The closing date for submission of applications is July 17, 1998. Applications postmarked after the closing date will be classified as late.

[1] In addition to persons who meet all requirements of 45 CFR 400.43, ''Requirements for documentation of refugee status,'' eligibility for targeted assistance includes Cuban and Haitian entrants, certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are admitted to the U.S. as immigrants, and certain Amerasians from Vietnam who are U.S. citizens. (See section II of this notice on ''Authorization.'') The term ''refugee'', used in this notice for convenience, is intended to encompass such additional persons who are eligible to participate in refugee program services, including the targeted assistance program.

Refugees admitted to the U.S. under admissions numbers set aside for private-sector-initiative admissions are not eligible to be served under the targeted assistance program (or under other programs supported by Federal refugee funds) during their period of coverage under their sponsoring agency's agreement with the Department of State—usually two years from their date of arrival, or until they obtain permanent resident alien status, whichever comes first.