DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Announcement of the Establishment of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability and Request for Nominations for Members of the Committee

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Secretary announces the establishment by the Secretary, October 9, 1996, of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability (ACBSA). In addition, the Office of the Secretary requests nominations for representatives to serve on the ACBSA in accordance with its charter. Initial appointments of representatives shall be made for staggered terms of two to four years.

DATES: All nominations must be received at the address below by no later than 4:00 PM EDT on November 13, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All nomination packages shall be submitted to Eric Goosby, M.D., Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 736 E, 200 Independence Ave. S.W., Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda A. Smallwood, Ph.D., Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, HFM–350, Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Tel (301) 827–3514.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–493 as amended (5 U.S.C. App.2), and section 222 of the Public Health Service Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 217a), the Office of the Secretary announces establishment by the Secretary of the following Federal advisory committee:

Purpose

The Committee will provide advice to the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Health on a range of issues which include: (1) the implications for blood safety and availability of various economic factors affecting product cost and supply; (2) definition of public health parameters around safety and availability of the blood supply; and (3) broad public health, ethical, and legal issues related to safety of the blood supply.

Authority for the committee shall expire on October 9, 1998, unless the Secretary of Health and Human Services, with the concurrence of the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, determines that the continuance is in the public interest.

Nominations

Persons nominated for membership should be from among authorities knowledgeable in blood banking, transfusion medicine, bioethics and related disciplines. Members shall be selected from among State and local organizations, the blood and blood products industry including manufacturers and distributors, advocacy groups, consumer advocates, provider organizations, academic researchers, ethicists, private physicians, behavioral scientists, legal organizations, and from communities of persons who are frequent recipients of blood and blood products.

Members shall be invited to serve for overlapping terms: terms of more than two years are contingent upon the renewal of the committee by appropriate action prior to its expiration. Of the first members appointed, excluding the non-voting ex officio members, six shall serve for a term of two years, six for a term of three years, and six for a term of four years, as designated at the time of appointment.

Information Required

Each nomination shall consist of a package that at minimum includes:

A. A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the nominator's basis for the nomination, the category for which the person is nominated, and a statement that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee;

B. The name, return address, and daytime telephone number at which the nominator may be contacted, and the address and telephone number for the individual being nominated. Organizational nominators must identify a principal contact person in addition to contact information;

C. A copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae.

All nomination information for a nominee must be provided in a complete single package. Incomplete nominations cannot be considered. Nomination materials must bear original signatures and facsimile transmissions or copies are not acceptable.

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