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- R01 HL54037, “Stem Cell Transduction of SLF/FLT–3–Ligand Genes by AAV.V.”
- R01 HL56416, “Mechanisms of Synergistic Regulation of Stem/Progenitors.”
- T32 DK07519, “Regulation of Hematopoietic Cell Production.”

The following administrative actions have been implemented:

(1) Dr. Aronica has been debarred from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility or involvement in nonprocurement programs of the United States Government referred to as “covered transactions” as defined in the debarment regulations at 45 CFR part 76 for a period of five (5) years, beginning on February 10, 2006;

(2) Dr. Aronica is prohibited from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as consultant for a period of five (5) years, beginning on February 10, 2006; and

(3) Within 60 days of February 10, 2006, the authors of the following papers will be requested to submit a letter to the editors of Journal of Biological Chemistry and Blood, requesting their retraction of:


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, Division of Investigative Oversight, Office of Research Integrity, 1101 Wooton Parkway, Suite 750, Rockville, MD 20852. (240) 453–8800.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Semi-Annual and Final Reporting Requirements for the Older Americans Act Title IV Discretionary Grant Program

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging (AoA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of Information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information collection requirements relating to Performance Progress Reports for Title IV grantees.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by May 30, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to: greg.case@aoa.hhs.gov.

Submit written comments on the collection of information to Greg Case, Administration on Aging, Washington, DC 20201 or by fax to (202) 357–3469.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Case at (202) 357–3442 or greg.case@aoa.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency request or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, AoA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, AoA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AoA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of AoA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

AoA plans to submit to the Office of Management and Budget for approval Guidelines for Preparing Performance Reports for Grants Supported by Title IV of the Older Americans Act. These guidelines provide instructions for semi-annual and final performance reporting pursuant to requirements in Title IV of the Older Americans Act. Through its Title IV Program, the Administration on Aging (AoA) supports projects for the purpose of developing and testing new knowledge and program innovations with the potential for contributing to the well-
being of older Americans. Deliverables required by the AoA of all Title IV grantees are the semi-annual and final reports, as provided for in Department of Health and Human Services regulations, 45 CFR Part 74, Section 74.51. The proposed guidelines may be found on the Administration on Aging Web site at http://www.aao.gov/doingbus/grantrep/grantrep.asp. AoA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows: Semi-annual submission with the place of the semi-annual report at the end of the final year of the grant. Respondents: States, public agencies, private nonprofit agencies, institutions of higher education, and organizations including tribal organizations. Estimated Number of Responses: 600. Total Estimated Burden Hours: 12,000.


Josefina G. Carbonell, Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention


In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:


Time and Date: 2 p.m.–5 p.m., April 20, 2006 (Closed).

Place: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC, 24 Executive Park Drive NE, MS E–74, Room 1429, Atlanta, GA 30329; Telephone Number 404.498.2582.

Status: The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92–463.

Matters To Be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to: Member Conflict: Safety and Occupational Health, Program Announcements PA–04–038, PA–04–021, PA–04–030, and PAR–04–105.

For Further Information Contact: Charles N. Rafferty, PhD, Designated Federal Official, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E–74, Atlanta, GA 30333; Telephone Number 404.498.2582. The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: March 27, 2006.

Alvin Hall, Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part C (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 FR 67772–76, dated October 14, 1980, and corrected at 45 FR 69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 71 FR 6777, dated February 9, 2006) is amended to reflect the reorganization of the Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, within the National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities.

Section C–B, Organization and Functions, is hereby amended as follows:

After the mission statement for the Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (CUBB), insert the following:

Office of the Director (CUBB). (1) Manages, directs, and coordinates the research agenda and activities of the division; (2) provides leadership and guidance on strategic planning, policy, program and project priority planning and setting, program management, and operations; (3) establishes division goals, objectives, and priorities; (4) monitors progress in implementation of projects and achievement of objectives; (5) plans, allocates, and monitors resources; (6) provides management, administrative, and support services, and coordinates with appropriate NCBDDE offices on program and administrative matters; (7) provides liaison with other CDC organizations, other governmental agencies, international organizations, and other outside groups; (8) provides support for internal scientific advisory groups; (9) provides scientific leadership and guidance to the division to assure highest scientific quality and professional standards; and (10) provides and coordinates support for CDC’s efforts to reduce adverse consequences from birth defects, developmental disabilities, and pediatric genetic conditions.

Birth Defects Branch (CUBBB). (1) Designs and conduct epidemiologic and genetic research to identify causes and risk factors of birth defects; (2) conducts evaluates interventions to improve infant and child health by preventing or reducing the adverse consequences of birth defects; (3) designs and conducts surveillance of selected birth defects to identify rates, trends, and patterns of occurrence, and to evaluate the effectiveness of prevention programs; (4) disseminates findings of studies to the scientific and public health communities, and to the general public; (5) provides technical assistance to state and local agencies on surveillance of birth defects, epidemiologic research, prevention program design and evaluation, and prevention effectiveness research; (6) designs and conducts surveillance and other extramural activities to improve the knowledge base for the prevention of birth defects through surveillance, epidemiologic research, and applies research of preventive interventions; (7) coordinates activities with other CDC functional units, HHS, other federal agencies, and appropriate private organizations regarding research and prevention programs for birth defects; (8) works with international organizations in developing strategies for the prevention of birth defects; and (9) disseminates findings of research through direct contact with health authorities, publication and distribution of special reports, publication in scientific and technical journals, conference presentations, and other appropriate means.

Prevention Research Branch (CUBBC). (1) Modifies the impact of prenatal exposures leading to adverse physical and developmental impairments in infants, children, and adults, including integrating successful prevention programs into social and medical...