DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) DNA Samples

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) will not be receiving DNA proposals in 2012. NHANES is changing its plan for making DNA available for genetic research and its proposal guidelines. NHANES anticipates that the DNA Bank will be open for proposals approximately January 2013.

DATES: Effective date is date of publication in the Federal Register.

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Background: The Advisory Board was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to advise the President on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Advisory Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines that have been promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a final rule; advice on methods of dose reconstruction, which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule; advice on the scientific validity and quality of dose estimation and reconstruction efforts being performed for purposes of the compensation program; and advice on petitions to add classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort.

In December 2000, the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Advisory Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, and will expire on August 3, 2013.

Purpose: The Advisory Board is charged with (a) Providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advise the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class. The Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Reviews was established to aid the advisory Board in carrying out its duty to advise the Secretary, HHS, on dose reconstruction.

Matters to be Discussed: The agenda for the Subcommittee meeting includes: discussion of dose reconstruction cases under review (sets 7–10); DCAS dose reconstruction; quality management and assurance activities; and dose reconstruction issues from NIOSH 10-year review.

The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

In the event an individual cannot attend, written comments may be submitted. Any written comments received will be provided to the meeting.

Contact Person for More Information: Theodore Kertz, Executive Secretary, NIOSH, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, Mailstop E–20, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone: (513) 533–6800, Toll Free: 1 (800) CDC–INFO, Email: otcs@cdc.gov.

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 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: November 17, 2011.

Elaine L. Baker, Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Public Health Service Guideline for Reducing Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Through Solid Organ Transplantation

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

ACTION: Extension of the public comment period.

SUMMARY: On September 21, 2011, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), published a notice in the Federal Register requesting public comment on the draft “Public Health Service (PHS) Guideline for Reducing Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) through Solid Organ Transplantation” (76 FR 58517). Written and electronic comments were to be received on or before November 21, 2011. However, HHS/CDC has received requests for a 30 day extension of the comment period. In consideration of those requests, HHS/CDC is extending the comment period by 30 days to December 23, 2011.

CDC also published a supporting document for reference, the Evidence Report. The Evidence Report includes primary evidence, studies, and data tables that were used by the Guideline authors in developing the recommendations in the Guideline.

The draft Guideline is for use by organ procurement organizations (OPOs); transplant centers, including physicians, nurses, administrators, and clinical coordinators; laboratory personnel responsible for testing and storing donor and recipient specimens; and persons responsible for developing, implementing, and evaluating infection prevention and control programs for OPs and transplant centers. This Guideline provides evidence-based recommendations for reducing unexpected transmission of HIV, HBV and HCV from deceased and living organ donors.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 23, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted electronically or by mail. To
SUMMARY: Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority; Administration on Developmental Disabilities

AGENCY: Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

This notice amends Part K of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) as follows: Chapter KA, Office of the Assistant Secretary (OAS) last amended, 75 FR 60471–60473, September 30, 2010, and Chapter KC, Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) last amended 75 FR 63186–63187, October 14, 2010.

I. Under Chapter, KA, Amend the Office of the Assistant Secretary as Follows

A. Delete KA.10 Organization in its entirety and replace with the following: KA.10 Organization. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families is headed by the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families who reports directly to the Secretary and consists of: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families (KA) Executive Secretariat Office (KAF) Office of Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Response (KAG) Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary and Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development (KAH)

B. Delete KA.20 Functions B in Its entirety.

II. Under Chapter, KC, Administration on Developmental Disabilities, Delete in Its entirety and Replace With the Following

KC.00 Mission. The Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) advises the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, on matters relating to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. ADD serves as the focal point in the Department to support and encourage the provision of quality services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. ADD assists states, through the design and implementation of a comprehensive and continuing state plan, in increasing the independence, productivity and community inclusion of individuals with developmental disabilities. These state plans make optimal use of existing Federal and state resources for the provision of services and supports to these individuals and their families to achieve these outcomes. ADD works