

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Office of the Secretary****Office of Public Health and Science;  
Announcement of the Establishment of  
the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome  
Coordinating Committee and Request  
for Nominations for Members of the  
Committee**

**AGENCY:** Office of Public Health and Science, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS) announces the establishment by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, September 5, 1996, of the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Coordinating Committee (CFSCC). In addition, OPHS requests nominations for representatives to serve on the CFSCC in accordance with its charter. Initial appointments of representatives shall be made for staggered terms of one to four years.

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

**ADDRESSES:** All nomination packages shall be submitted to Lillian Abbey, Executive Secretary, National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases, Solar Building, Room 3A18, 6003 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lillian Abbey at the above address or at (301) 496-1884 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. EDT.

**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. 217a) the Office of Public Health and Science announces the

establishment by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, September 5, 1996, of the following Federal advisory committee:

**Purpose**

The Committee shall provide advice to the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary for Health; and the Commissioner, Social Security Administration (SSA), to assure interagency coordination and communication regarding chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) research and other related issues; facilitate increased Department and agency awareness of CFS research and educational needs; develop complementary research programs which minimize overlap; identify opportunities for collaborative and/or coordinated efforts in research and education; and develop informed response to constituency groups regarding Department (HHS) and SSA efforts and progress. Authority for this Committee shall expire on September 5, 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**

Nominations are solicited for representatives in the following categories: (1) Individuals who are biomedical research scientists with demonstrated achievements in biomedical research relating to chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS); (2) individuals with expertise in health care services, disability issues, or who are representatives of private health care insurers; and, (3) representatives of voluntary organizations that are concerned with the problems of individuals with CFS.

**Information Required**

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

A. A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the nominator's basis for the nomination, and the category for which the person is nominated;

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

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

Nominations for membership in the category of representatives of voluntary organizations that are concerned with the problems of individuals with CFS must also include: (1) A comprehensive description of the voluntary organization, including the relationship of the nominee to the organization, and the full legal name, address, and telephone number of the organization and (2) a letter with an original signature from an officer of that organization certifying that the nominee is recognized as the respective organization's representative. Additional descriptive information that is helpful to understanding the nature and scope of the organization (such as the date the organization was founded, number of members, types or categories of members, and subsidiary or parent organizations, if any) should be included.

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.

Dated: September 26, 1996.

Philip R. Lee,

*Assistant Secretary for Health.*

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