

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 26, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 6, 1998.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; 202-542-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call 202-452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.bog.frb.fed.us> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: March 27, 1998.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary will periodically publish summaries of proposed information collections projects and solicit public comments in compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork

Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans and instruments, call the OS Reports Clearance Officer on (202) 690-6207.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Proposed Projects 1. Analysis of Employer Group Long-Term Care Insurance—New—*The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation is planning to survey employers offering group long-term care insurance in order to identify current products and best practices. Respondents: State or local governments, Businesses or other for-profit, non-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 125; Burden per Response: 1.33 hours; Total Burden: 167 hours.

Send comments to Cynthia Agnes Bauer, OS Reports Clearance Officer, Room 503H, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington DC, 20201. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Dennis P. Williams,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

AHCPR Health Services Research

AGENCY: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) announces release of a Program Announcement of its broad priority interests for extramural grants for research, demonstration, dissemination, and evaluation projects to: (1) Support

Improvements in Health Outcomes; (2) Strengthen Quality Measurement and Improvement, including the use of evidence-based practice information and tools; and (3) Identify Strategies to Improve Access and Foster Appropriate Use and Reduce Unnecessary Expenditures, including research on the organization, financing, and delivery of health care and the characteristics of primary care practice.

The Program Announcement (PA) of ongoing AHCPR research interests was published in the *National Institutes of Health (NIH) Guide for Grants and Contracts* on March 26, 1998. The PA is available from AHCPR's Website. (See **ADDRESSES.**)

Eligible applicants include nonprofit domestic and foreign organizations including universities, clinics, units of State and local governments, and foundations. For-profit organizations may participate as members of consortia or subcontractors.

DATES: Applications may be submitted at the standard receipt dates for new PHS research grants: February 1, June 1, and October 1, annually. See Application and Instructions, form PHS 398 (rev. 5/95).

ADDRESSES: Interested applicants should obtain application materials, which include the PA, from the AHCPR contractor: Equals Three Communications, Inc.; 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 200; Bethesda, MD 20814-3015; Telephone: 301/656-3100; FAX: 301/652-5264.

The PA is available through AHCPR's Web site (<http://www.ahcpr.gov> under Funding Opportunities) and from the electronic NIH Guide at <http://www.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html>. It can also be obtained through AHCPR InstantFAX at 301/594-2800. To use the 24-hour InstantFAX, callers must use a FAX machine with a telephone handset, and follow the voice instructions. For questions about this service, call Judy Wilcox, Office of Health Care Information, at 301/594-1364, ext. 1389.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The AHCPR mission is to support and conduct research to improve the outcomes, quality, access to, and cost and utilization of health care services. AHCPR achieves its mission through health services research designed to (1) improve clinical practice, (2) improve the health care system's ability to provide access to and deliver high quality, high-value health care, and (3) provide policy makers with the ability to assess the impact of system changes on outcomes, quality, access, cost, and use of health care services.

The AHCPR research agenda is designed to be responsive to the needs of consumers, patients, clinicians and other providers, plans, purchasers, and policy makers for evidence-based information which they need in order to improve health care quality and outcomes, control costs, and assure access to needed services.

The PA sets out priority interests in research, demonstration, dissemination and evaluation projects under broad program areas as follows:

(1) Support improvements in health outcomes. AHCPR seeks to support research to better understand the outcomes of health care, at both the clinical and systems levels; and, in particular, what works, for whom, when, and at what cost.

(2) Strengthen quality measurement and improvement. This area of interest includes research on the use of evidence-based practice information.

(3) Identify strategies to improve access, foster appropriate use and reduce unnecessary expenditures. This area includes research on access, use, and cost of health services; organization, financing, and delivery; and primary care practice.

AHCPR has identified as a special focus of research across the major program areas, health issues related to priority populations, identified as minority populations, women, and children.

The PA also identifies as emerging research interests two additional areas that are becoming increasingly important in today's market-driven health care delivery system. These are research on methodologic advances in health services research, especially cost-effectiveness analysis, and research on ethical issues across the spectrum of health care delivery.

The AHCPR is encouraging research using data from the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS), developed by AHCPR with collaboration by the National Center for Health Statistics, and other AHCPR-supported data bases such as the Health Care Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP-3).

Also encouraged are partnerships with private and public organizations to facilitate development and sharing of scientific knowledge and resources, including cost-sharing mechanisms; projects that will produce results within 2 to 3 years; and results that can be integrated rapidly into practice or policy.

Potential applicants and other interested organizations and individuals should obtain a copy of the complete PA for details on AHCPR interests, program

contracts, application procedures, and review and award criteria.

Dated: March 26, 1998.

John M. Eisenberg,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

[Program Announcement No: CB-98-02]

Fiscal Year 1998 Discretionary Announcement and Request for Applications for Two National Technical Assistance Resource Centers, and Community-Based Family Resource Grants to Tribal and Migrant Populations

AGENCY: Administration on Children, Youth and Families, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Fiscal Year 1998 discretionary announcement and request for applications for two national technical assistance resource centers, and community-based family resource grants to tribal and migrant populations

SUMMARY: The Children's Bureau and its Office on Child Abuse and Neglect announce the availability of fiscal year 1998 funding and request for applications to support a National Resource Center for Programs Serving Abandoned Infants and Infants At Risk of Abandonment and Their Families (as authorized by Pub. L. 104-235, the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988, as amended); a National Resource Center for Community-Based Family Resource and Support Programs; and Grants to Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Migrant Programs for Community-Based Family Resource and Support Programs (as authorized by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, as amended by Pub. L. 104-235 [1996]).

Note: Pursuant to the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Amendments of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-235), the Department of Health and Human Services announced in the December 8, 1997, **Federal Register**, the elimination of the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN) and the consolidation of child abuse and neglect functions within the Children's Bureau.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY COVERED UNDER THIS ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Children's Bureau solicits applications under the authority of Pub. L. 104-235: the Abandoned Infants Assistance Act of 1988, as amended (42 U.S.C. 670) (CFDA: 93.551); and the Child Abuse

Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended in 1996 (42 U.S.C. 5101 *et seq.*) (CFDA: 93.590).

DATES: The closing date for the receipt of applications under this announcement June 1, 1998. In order to be eligible for competition, mailed applications must be POSTMARKED on or before this date, and hand delivered applications must be RECEIVED on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Intent to Apply: If you are going to submit an application, call in the following information within two weeks of the receipt of this announcement: The name, address, and telephone number of the contact person; the name of the organization; and the priority area(s) in which you may submit an application or send a postcard with the information to: Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) Operations Center, 1225 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 414, Arlington, VA 22202. The telephone number is 1-800-351-2293. This information will be used to determine the number of expert reviewers needed and to update the mailing list of persons to whom future program announcements will be sent.

Mailed Applications and Overnight/Express Mail Service: Mailed applications and applications delivered by overnight/express mail services shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are **POSTMARKED** on or before the deadline date and sent to the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) Operations Center, 1225 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 414, Arlington, VA 22202. The telephone number is 1-800-351-2293. Any application **POSTMARKED** after the deadline date will not be considered for competition.

Hand Delivered Applications, Applicant Couriers: Applications *hand delivered by applicants or applicant couriers* shall be considered as meeting an announced deadline if they are **RECEIVED** on or before the deadline date, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at the Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) Operations Center, 1225 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 414, Arlington, VA 22202. The telephone number is 1-800-351-2293. Any application received after 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date will not be considered for competition.

Electronic Transmissions: ACF cannot accommodate transmission of applications by fax or through other electronic media. Therefore, applications transmitted to ACF electronically will not be accepted