

your comments and recommendations on the draft guidance document. The draft guidance will be announced in the **Federal Register** for public comment and posted on the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov/cber/guidelines.htm>.

Transcripts: Transcripts of the meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, rm. 12A-16, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting at a cost of 10 cents per page. The public meeting transcript will also be available on the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov/cber/minutes/workshop-min.htm>.

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Margaret M. Dotzel,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Application of Nucleic Acid Testing to Blood Borne Pathogens and Emerging Technologies; Public Workshop

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a public workshop entitled "Application of Nucleic Acid Testing to Blood Borne Pathogens and Emerging Technologies." The purpose of the public workshop is to focus on issues surrounding the implementation of nucleic acid testing (NAT) to screen blood and plasma donors.

Date and Time: The 2-day public workshop will be held on December 4 and 5, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: The public workshop will be held at the Lister Hill Center, National Institutes of Health, Bldg. 38A, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD.

Contact: Joseph Wilczek, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (HFM-305), Food and Drug Administration, 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-1448, 301-827-6129, FAX 301-827-2843, e-mail: wilczek@cber.fda.gov.

Registration: Preregistration is not required. However, early registration is recommended because there are only 175 seats at the site. Registration at the site will be done on a space available basis on the days of the workshop, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Mail, e-mail, or

fax your registration information (including name, title, firm name, address, telephone and fax number, and e-mail address) to the contact person on or before November 23, 2001. A registration form is available on the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov/cber/scireg.htm>. There is no registration fee. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Joseph Wilczek (address above) at least 7 days in advance.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is sponsoring a public workshop on issues surrounding the implementation of NAT for blood borne pathogens. These issues for testing blood and plasma donors include screening for human immunodeficiency virus, hepatitis C virus, hepatitis B virus, and testing manufacturing pools for hepatitis A virus and parvovirus B-19. The goals of the public workshop are to examine: (1) International developments and regulatory issues regarding the implementation of minipool and single unit NAT; (2) standardization and quality assurance of NAT methods; (3) industry experience with minipool NAT for donor screening and in-process plasma pools; (4) potential replacement of current viral marker tests by NAT; and (5) emerging issues in nucleic acid testing, including new pathogens and new screening technologies. Another goal of the workshop is to evaluate future directions in NAT for blood borne pathogens. The public workshop agenda is posted on the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov/cber/scireg.htm>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Maternal and Child Health Federal Set-Aside Program; Project Grants; Hana Health Initiative for Children and Adolescents

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of grant award.

SUMMARY: The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is awarding a grant for \$1,000,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2001 to the Hana Community Health Center in Hana, Hawaii. The grant supports expansion of health services to children and adolescents, with a focus on addressing special needs of Native Hawaiians in the community of Hana. The award was made from funds appropriated under Public Law 106-554 (HHS Appropriation Act for FY 2001). This project is a Special Project of Regional and National Significance (SPRANS) authorized by section 501(a)(2) of the Social Security Act, the Maternal and Child Health Federal Set-Aside Program.

Purpose: HRSA determined that it was necessary to provide funds to the community of Hana for expanded emergency, health and related services to children and adolescents in Hana, with services to have a Native Hawaiian focus. The primary source of health care for Hana is the Hana Community Health Center. To seek another source of health care residents must travel two and one-half to three hours, one way, to the main town of Wailuku.

In FY 2001, community surveys indicated a continuing need for funds for the on-site health services supported through this project, which was initiated in 1999 through MCHB's Emergency Medical Services for Children program. Concerns were raised about the need for quality primary and related health care services and the maintenance of 24 hour coverage, especially emergency care. As this is an isolated community with limited health and human services there was a desire to expand the services of the Hana Community Health Center. Maternal and Child Health SPRANS funds were designated to continue to address these services. This project reflects input and participation from the State of Hawaii and the Hana-based community health center and service providers. It provides a comprehensive strategy for: (1)

Addressing service delivery gaps and barriers; (2) expanding health care and related services to the children and adolescents of Hana; and (3) responding to the needs of the Native Hawaiian population in Hana.

Availability of Funds: Approximately \$1,000,000 was made available to support this project for the first year of a planned three-year project/budget period, beginning in FY 2001, and extending from September 27, 2001 through September 26, 2004, subject to the availability of appropriations.

Other Award Information: This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal programs (as implemented by 45 CFR part 100). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this project is 93.110M.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter S. Conway, Division of Child, Adolescent and Family Health, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, HRSA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 18A-30, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-2250.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Maternal and Child Health Federal Set-Aside Program; Welfare Reform and Women's and Children's Health Cooperative Agreement

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of grant award.

SUMMARY: The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is awarding \$224,000 in fiscal year (FY) 2001 to support a cooperative agreement with the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, in New York, NY. The award was made from funds appropriated under Public Law 106-554 (Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education and Related Agencies Appropriation Act for FY 2001). The cooperative agreement is authorized by section 501(a)(2) of the Social Security Act, the Maternal and Child Health Federal Set-Aside Program, as a Special Project of Regional and National Significance.

Purpose: The HRSA is providing Federal financial assistance for the "Finding Common Ground" project to allow completion of a pre-existing set of tasks by Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. The project is designed to provide an empirical base for assessing the impact of State welfare reform policies, implemented since 1996, on women's and children's health services utilization and health outcomes. These tasks include analysis of data gathered from six national and State data sets and identification of trends in welfare and Medicaid in South Carolina, Texas, and Washington. The project was initiated in 1997 through a cooperative agreement with combined support from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Office of Population Affairs. This funding expired in 2001.

This award for a new cooperative agreement, sponsored solely by MCHB, ensures that results of the ongoing study are available on a timely basis to provide the empirical foundation to address maternal and child health issues associated with welfare reform. Data will be used to develop training and demonstration projects to inform participants in professional deliberations regarding possible future changes in welfare law.

This "Finding Common Ground" project is the only existing analytical project dedicated to exploring the impact of welfare reform policies on the health status and service utilization of women and children. While other groups are conducting studies on welfare reform, they are primarily focused on the impact on employment, earnings, and income. The project team for this study is uniquely qualified through its combination of expertise and experience in clinical, public health, and social science research to complete the project in cooperation with MCHB.

The administrative and funding instrument used for this program is the cooperative agreement, in which substantial MCHB scientific or programmatic involvement with the awardee is anticipated during performance of the project. Under the cooperative agreement, MCHB supports or stimulates the awardee's activities by working with the awardee in a non-directive, partnership role, but not assuming direction, prime responsibility, or a dominant role in the activity.

Availability of Funds: Approximately \$224,000 was made available for obligation to support this project for budget period beginning in FY 2001,

extending from September 30, 2001 through August 29, 2002.

Other Award Information: This program is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal programs (as implemented by 45 CFR part 100). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number is 93.110RA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russ Scarato, Office of Data and Information Management, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, HRSA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 18-44, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-0701.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Great Lakes Panel Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Great Lakes Panel. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Great Lakes Panel will meet from 8 am to 5 pm on Thursday, November 29, 2001, and 8 am to noon on Friday, November 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The Great Lakes Panel will be held at the Holiday Inn, North Campus, 3600 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105. Phone (734) 769-9800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathe Glassner-Shwayder, Project Manager, Great Lakes Commission, at 734-665-9135 or Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703-358-2308 or by e-mail at: sharon_gross@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces meetings of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Great Lakes Panel. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990.

The Great Lakes Panel, comprised of representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies and from private