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AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE POLICY AND RESEARCH

Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2) announcement is made of the following special emphasis panel scheduled to meet during the month of September 1995:

Name: Health Care Policy and Research Special Emphasis Panel.

Date and Time: September 22, 1995 8:30 a.m.

Place: The Double Tree, 1750 Rockville Pike, Conference Room TBA, Rockville, MD 20852.

Open September 22, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: This Panel is charged with conducting review of competing continuation of grant applications for MEDTEP Research Centers on Minority Populations.

Agenda

The open session of the meeting on September 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters. During the closed session, the committee will be reviewing and discussing grant applications dealing with health services research issues. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6), it has been determined that this latter session will be closed because the discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or other relevant information should contact Linda Blankenbaker, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 400, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1438.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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Final Review Criteria for Grants for the Minority Faculty Fellowship Program for Fiscal Year 1995

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces the final review criteria for Grants for the Minority Faculty Fellowship Program (MFFP) under the authority of section 738(b), title VII of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by the Health Professions Education Extension Amendments of 1992, Pub. L. 102-408, dated October 13, 1992.

Purpose

The purpose of the MFFP is to increase the number of underrepresented minority faculty members in health professions schools, i.e., schools of medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, podiatric medicine, pharmacy, public health, health administration, clinical psychology, and other public or private nonprofit health or educational entities. Specifically, these grant awards are intended to allow institutions an opportunity to provide a fellowship to individuals who have the potential for teaching, administering programs, or conducting research as faculty members.

Institutions must demonstrate a commitment and ability to identify, recruit, and select underrepresented minorities in health professions. The institutions' training programs provide the fellows with the techniques and skills needed to secure an academic career including competence in: Pedagogical skills, research methodology, development of research grant proposals, writing and publication skills, and the ability to work with minority populations and provide health services to medically underserved communities. In addition, the fellows must work under the direct supervision of a senior level faculty member engaged in the disciplines mentioned above, and upon successful completion of the program would be assured a teaching position at the institution.

Final Review Criteria

The program announcement published in the **Federal Register** at 60 FR 28619 on June 1, 1995, proposed four review criteria for this program. No comments were received within the 30 day comment period. Therefore, the following review criteria remain as proposed.

1. The extent to which the institution demonstrates that it has the commitment and ability to identify, recruit, and select underrepresented minority faculty, and its ability to provide health services to rural or medically underserved populations;

2. The extent to which the institution's training program will provide the fellow with the preparation, training and skills needed to secure an academic career. Training may include: pedagogical skills, program administration, grant writing and publication skills, research methodology and development of research grant proposals, and community service abilities;

3. The degree to which the institution's senior faculty are involved in the training and preparation of fellows pursuing an academic career, and the potential of the institution to continue the program without Federal support beyond the approved project period; and

4. The extent to which the institution meets the eligibility requirements set forth in section 738(b) of the Public Health Service Act.

In determining awards, the Secretary will also take into consideration equitable distribution among health disciplines and geographic areas.

Additional Information

If additional programmatic information is needed, please contact: Mr. Lafayette Gilchrist, Analysis and Evaluation Branch, Division of Disadvantaged Assistance, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Room 8A-09, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, telephone: (301) 443-3680 FAX: (301) 443-5242.

This program, Grants for the Minority Faculty Fellowship Program, is listed at 93.923 in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. It is not subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs (as implemented through 45 CFR part 100). This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

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