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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
National Institutes of Health

Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the NIH Scientific Management Review Board (SMRB). On December 15, 2014, the SMRB will deliberate findings and recommendations developed by the SMRB Working Group on Pre-college Engagement in Biomedical Science. The Working Group has considered approaches to optimize NIH's pre-college programs and initiatives that both align with the NIH mission and ensure a continued pipeline of biomedical science students and professionals. SMRB members will also discuss preliminary findings and recommendations for streamlining NIH's grant review, award, and management process while maintaining proper oversight. Panel discussions will be held with grantees and other stakeholders.

The NIH Reform Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-482) provides organizational authorities to HHS and NIH officials to: (1) establish or abolish national research institutes; (2) reorganize the offices within the Office of the Director, NIH including adding, removing, or transferring the functions of such offices or establishing or terminating such offices; and (3) reorganize, divisions, centers, or other administrative units within an NIH national research institute or national center including adding, removing, or transferring the functions of such units, or establishing or terminating such units. The purpose of the SMRB is to advise appropriate HHS and NIH officials on the use of these organizational authorities and identify the reasons underlying the recommendations.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting. Times are subject to change.

Name of Committee: Scientific Management Review Board (SMRB)

Date: December 15, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: At this meeting, SMRB members will deliberate findings and recommendations developed by the Working Group on Pre-college Engagement in Biomedical Science. The Working Group on the NIH Grant Review, Award, and Management Process will report their preliminary findings and recommendations on ways to streamline the process, and grantees and other stakeholders will share insights regarding the effectiveness and feasibility of the recommendations. Time will be allotted on the agenda for public comment. Sign up for public comments will begin approximately at 8:00 a.m. on December 15, 2014, and will be restricted to one sign-in per person. In the event that time does not allow for all those interested to present oral comments, any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number, and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

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The meeting will also be webcast. The draft meeting agenda and other information about the SMRB, including information about access to the webcast, will be available at <http://smrb.od.nih.gov>.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance onto the NIH campus. All visitor vehicles, including taxis, hotel, and airport shuttles will be inspected before being allowed on campus. Visitors will be asked to show one form of identification (for example, a government-issued photo ID, driver's license, or passport) and to state the purpose of their visit.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 93.22, Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.232, Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally; 93.39, Academic Research Enhancement Award; 93.936, NIH Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Loan Repayment Program; 93.187, Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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