

(PHS) Act, as amended. The Committee is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees. The ACBTSA advises, assists, consults with, and makes policy recommendations to the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary for Health, regarding broad responsibilities related to the safety of blood, blood products, tissues, and organs. For solid organs and blood stem cells, the Committee's work is limited to policy issues related to donor derived infectious disease complications of transplantation.

To carry out its mission, the ACBTSA provides advice to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Health on a range of policy issues which includes: (1) Identification of public health issues through surveillance of blood and tissue safety issues with national biovigilance data tools; (2) identification of public health issues that affect availability of blood, blood products, and tissues; (3) broad public health, ethical, and legal issues related to the safety of blood, blood products, and tissues; (4) the impact of various economic factors (*e.g.*, product cost and supply) on safety and availability of blood, blood products, and tissues; (5) risk communications related to blood transfusion and tissue transplantation; and (6) identification of infectious disease transmission issues for blood, organs, blood stem cells and tissues.

On October 9, 2020, the Secretary approved for the ACBTSA charter to be renewed. The new charter was effected and filed with the appropriate Congressional committees and the Library of Congress on October 9, 2020. Renewal of the Committee's charter gives authorization for the Committee to continue to operate until October 9, 2022.

A copy of the ACBTSA charter is available on the Committee's website at <https://www.hhs.gov/oidp/advisory-committee/blood-tissue-safety-availability/charter/index.html>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group; Extension of Nomination Period

**AGENCY:** Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH), Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of nomination period.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health published a document in the **Federal Register** on October 6, 2020 seeking nominations of non-federal public individuals who represent diverse scientific disciplines and views and are interested in being considered for appointment to the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group (TBDWG). Due to requests to extend the nomination period, this document is announcing a 30-day extension. The October 6 notice can be accessed at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-10-06/pdf/2020-22062.pdf>.

**DATES:** To be assured consideration, nominations must be sent to the TBDWG email address at [tickbornedisease@hhs.gov](mailto:tickbornedisease@hhs.gov) no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on December 5, 2020.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James Berger, (202) 795-7608; [tickbornedisease@hhs.gov](mailto:tickbornedisease@hhs.gov).

Dated: October 29, 2020.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below. Individuals

who plan to participate 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.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council.

*Date:* February 3-4, 2021.

*Open:* February 03, 2021, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* Report by the Director, NINDS; Report by the Director, Division of Extramural Activities; and Administrative and Program Developments.

*Open session will be videocast from this link:* <https://videocast.nih.gov/>.

*Closed:* February 04, 2021, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, NSC Building, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

*Contact Person:* Robert Finkelstein, Ph.D., Director of Extramural Research, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, NIH, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3309, MSC 9531, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-9248, [finkelsr@ninds.nih.gov](mailto:finkelsr@ninds.nih.gov).

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.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page:

[www.ninds.nih.gov](http://www.ninds.nih.gov), where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.853, Clinical Research Related to Neurological Disorders; 93.854, Biological Basis Research in the Neurosciences, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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