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Name of Committee: National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel; Mechanistic Studies on the Impact of Social Inequality on the Substance Use Trajectory.

Date: February 3, 2022.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Rebekah Feng, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, 3WFN 09C49, MSC 6021, 301 North Stonestreet Avenue, Rockville, MD 20892, (301) 827-7245, rebekah.feng@nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.277, Drug Abuse Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, Scientist Development Awards, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse and Addiction Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 7, 2021.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following 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 contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Phase II Program Contract Solicitation (PHS 2020-1) Topic 086 Development of rapid fungal diagnostics for select endemic dimorphic fungi (N01).

Date: January 6, 2022.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3F37, Rockville, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Scott Jakes, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, 5601 Fishers Lane, Room 3F37, Rockville, MD 20852, (240) 669-5931, jakesse@mail.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings 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 Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel; NINDS Small Vessel VCIID Biomarkers Validation Consortium Coordinating Center (U24) Review Meeting.

Date: January 6, 2022.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: Mir Ahamed Hossain, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892-

9529, (301) 496-9223, mirahamed.hossain@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel; NINDS Neuroscience Development for Advancing the Careers of a Diverse Research Workforce (R25).

Date: January 11, 2022.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852 (Virtual Meeting).

Contact Person: DeAnna Lynn Adkins, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892-9529, 301-496-9223, deanna.adkins@nih.gov.

(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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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2021-0051]

Identifying Recommendations To Support the Work of the Interagency Task Force on the Reunification of Families

AGENCY: Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Request for public input.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), on behalf of the Interagency Task Force on the Reunification of Families (Task Force), is seeking comments from the public on recommendations for ways to minimize the separation of migrant parents and legal guardians and children entering the United States, consistent with the law. This input will help in the drafting of a report required by the Executive order titled "Establishment of Interagency Task Force on the Reunification of Families."

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 10, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number DHS-2021-0051, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Comments

submitted in any other manner, including emails or letters sent to Task Force officials, may not be reviewed by the Task Force. The Task Force cannot accept any comments that are hand delivered or couriered. In addition, the Task Force cannot accept comments contained on any form of digital media storage devices, such as CDs/DVDs and USB drives. Due to COVID-19, the Task Force is also not accepting mailed comments at this time. If you cannot submit your comment by using <https://www.regulations.gov>, please contact Samantha Deshommes, Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, by telephone at (240) 721-3000 for alternate instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Anderson, Director of Policy for the Family Reunification Task Force, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, (240) 721-3000 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone numbers above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

Interested persons are invited to comment on this notice by submitting input using the method identified in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Instructions: All comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided.

Docket: For access to the docket to view comments, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/>.

II. Background

A. Executive Order 14011

On February 2, 2021, President Biden signed Executive Order 14011 (E.O. 14011), Establishment of Interagency Task Force on the Reunification of Families, condemning the human tragedy that occurred when application of our immigration laws resulted in the separation of children from their parents or legal guardians (families), including through the use of the Zero-Tolerance Policy, and committing to protect family unity so that children entering the United States are not separated from their families, except in the most extreme circumstances when necessary for the safety and well-being of the child or when required by law.¹

As early as February 2017, some Trump administration officials began discussing the separation of parents from their children at the U.S.-Mexico border. In the summer of 2017, in the El Paso, Texas Border Patrol Sector, there was an increase in the number of prosecutions for illegal entry which resulted in an increase in the number of family separations within that sector. On April 6, 2018, the Department of Justice (DOJ) formally announced the Zero-Tolerance Policy, which was implemented through a memorandum issued by then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions to all U.S. Attorney's Offices along the Southwest border. Under this policy, DOJ would prosecute all referrals of individuals for 8 U.S.C. 1325 (unauthorized entry), to the extent practicable, even though it meant the separation of parents and children.

On May 5, 2018, based on guidance from DHS, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) began to refer an increased number of individuals to DOJ for criminal prosecution for entering the United States without authorization, including parents who entered with their minor children. When parents were referred for criminal prosecution under 8 U.S.C. 1325, they were remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service for the duration of their criminal proceedings. Their accompanying children were then classified as unaccompanied children (UC) and therefore transferred to the care and custody of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement (HHS-ORR).

On June 20, 2018, President Trump signed Executive Order 13841, Affording Congress an Opportunity to Address Family Separation, to maintain family unity during the pendency of immigration and criminal proceedings relating to 8 U.S.C. 1325 prosecutions for unauthorized entry, where appropriate and consistent with the law.²

The separations of parents and children were challenged in federal court, and on June 26, 2018, a federal district court ordered the reunification of a certified class of parents with their children. The court later expanded the class to include parents who entered the United States with their child(ren) on or after July 1, 2017, were separated from their children, and whose children were not in HHS-ORR custody on June 26, 2018.

The Department, including Task Force agency members, is involved in multiple active litigation cases involving separated families, but that

litigation is ongoing and outside the scope of this request for public information.

B. Scope and Functions of the Task Force

E.O. 14011 established the Task Force, which focuses on family separations that occurred at the U.S.-Mexico border between January 20, 2017, and January 20, 2021, in connection with the operation of the Zero-Tolerance Policy. E.O. 14011 defines "Zero-Tolerance Policy" as the policy discussed in the Attorney General's memorandum of April 6, 2018, entitled, "Zero-Tolerance for Offenses Under 8 U.S.C. 1325(a)," and any other related policy, program, practice, or initiative resulting in the separation of children from their families at the United States-Mexico border. E.O. 14011 identifies the Task Force's key functions as the following:

- Identify all children who were separated by DHS from their families at the United States-Mexico border between January 20, 2017 and January 20, 2021 as a result of the Zero-Tolerance Policy;
- Facilitate and enable the reunification of those children with their families;
- Provide recommendations regarding the provision of additional services and support for the children and their families, including behavioral health services with a focus on trauma-informed care; and
- Provide regular reports to the President, including: An initial progress report no later than 120 days after the date of E.O. 14011; interim progress reports every 60 days thereafter; a report containing recommendations to ensure that the Federal Government will not repeat the policies and practices leading to the separation of families at the border no later than 1 year after the date of E.O. 14011; and a final report when the Task Force has completed its mission.

The Task Force leverages the authorities and functions of the Secretaries of Homeland Security, State, and Health and Human Services, the Attorney General, and other key government officials to complete the functions ordered in E.O. 14011.

C. Recommendations Report

Section 4(c)(iii) of E.O. 14011 requires the Task Force to provide the President "a report containing recommendations to ensure that the Federal Government will not repeat the policies and practices leading to the separation of families at the border, no later than 1 year after the date of this order."

¹ 86 FR 8273 (published Feb. 5, 2021).

² 83 FR 29435 (published Jun. 25, 2018).

III. Request for Input

E.O. 14011 directs the Task Force to coordinate its work, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, with relevant stakeholders, including domestic and international non-governmental organizations, and representatives of the children and their families. Based on this directive, the Task Force is soliciting input and recommendations to minimize the separation of migrant parents and legal guardians and children entering the United States, consistent with law. The Task Force welcomes thoughts on the causes of family separations that occurred incident to the Zero-Tolerance policy as well as policies, procedures, or regulations that may minimize the separation of migrant parents and legal guardians and children entering the United States, consistent with law. This is not an exhaustive list of the types of comments the Task Force is interested in receiving on this important topic and the public may provide additional thoughts and concerns.

IV. Review of Public Feedback

The Task Force will use the public's feedback to help draft recommendations to the President on how to prevent the Federal Government in the future from separating children from their parents except in the most extreme circumstances where a separation is clearly necessary for the safety and well-being of the child or is required by law, as directed in E.O. 14011. Public input provided in response to this notice does not bind the Task Force to any further actions, to include publishing a formal response or agreement to initiate a recommended change. The Task Force will consider the feedback and include the feedback in its report at its sole discretion.

Disclaimer

This notice is for information and planning purposes only and should not be construed as a solicitation or as creating or resulting in any obligation on the part of DHS.

Dated: December 6, 2021.

Michelle Brané,

Executive Director, Interagency Task Force on the Reunification of Families, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R3-ES-2021-0126; FXES1114030000-212]

Aitkin-Carlton Counties Habitat Conservation Plan, Aitkin and Carlton Counties, Minnesota; Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit, Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan; Categorical Exclusion

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of documents; request for comments and information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received an application from Aitkin and Carlton Counties for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act for the proposed Aitkin-Carlton Counties Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). If approved, the ITP would authorize the incidental take of three bat species for a 25-year period. The applicant has prepared an HCP to cover a suite of activities associated with continued forest and habitat management. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed HCP, and on the Service's preliminary determination that this HCP qualifies as "low-effect," categorically excluded under the National Environmental Policy Act. To make this determination, we used our environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.

DATES: We will accept comments received or postmarked on or before January 10, 2022.

ADDRESSES:

Document availability: Electronic copies of the documents this notice announces, along with public comments received, will be available online in Docket No. FWS-R3-ES-2021-0126 at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Comment submission: In your comment, please specify whether your comment addresses the proposed HCP, draft environmental action statement, or any combination of the aforementioned documents, or other supporting documents. You may submit written comments by one of the following methods:

- *Online:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search for and submit comments on Docket No. FWS-R3-ES-2021-0126.
- *U.S. mail:* Submit comments to Public Comments Processing, Attn:

Docket No. FWS-R3-ES-2021-0126; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB/3W; Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shauna Marquardt, Deputy Field Supervisor, Minnesota-Wisconsin Ecological Services Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4101 American Boulevard East, Bloomington, MN 55425; telephone: 573-239-3293; or Andrew Horton, Regional HCP Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-Interior Region 3, 5600 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458; telephone: 612-713-5337.

Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application from Aitkin and Carlton Counties (applicants) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), for a proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP) for the northern long-eared bat, little brown bat, and tricolored bat. The applicants conduct habitat and forest management activities on county-managed lands in Aitkin and Carlton Counties, Minnesota. The applicants have prepared an HCP that describes their continued habitat and forest management operations and measures that the applicants would implement to avoid, minimize, and mitigate incidental take of the covered species. The HCP proposes to create, enhance, and maintain more than one-third of county-managed forest lands as covered species' habitat to offset impacts of habitat and forest management activities to the covered species.

If approved, the ITP would be for a 25-year period and would authorize the incidental take of the following three species: northern long-eared bat (federally listed as threatened), little brown bat (currently under discretionary review), and tricolored bat (petitioned for listing under the ESA). The applicant has prepared an HCP that describes the actions and measures that the applicants would implement to avoid, minimize, and mitigate incidental take of the three species. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed HCP, and on the Service's preliminary determination that this HCP qualifies as "low-effect," categorically excluded under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). To make