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Meeting Announcement

Expert Panel Meets to Carry Out Phase II of a Funding Allocation Methodology for Federally Funded Nursing Education Programs

FAIRFAX, VA, October 4, 2001- A panel of experts representing nurses and the health care industry will be convened by Drs. PJ Maddox and Mary Wakefield of the Center for Health Policy, Research and Ethics (CHPRE) at George Mason University to make recommendations about a proposed funding allocation methodology for selected Division of Nursing programs. Title VIII programs in the Division of Nursing, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration support the development of the nursing workforce in the US. The purpose of the expert panel meetings is to carry out a method to allocate funds for advanced education nurses (Part B); increased diversity in the nursing workforce (Part C); and basic nursing education and practice (Part D).

This initiative is funded by the Division of Nursing and undertaken in response to a Congressional directive. During the one-year contract period, the expert panel will be convened (see attached meeting dates) to oversee and test the funding allocation formula and make recommendations about its implementation. Oral statements and written testimony from the public are encouraged (see attached public statement periods). The Phase II project will conclude with a Report to Congress submitted by CHPRE in June 2002.

This project will build on work completed by the Urban Institute in Phase I of a contract to develop a funding allocation method for Title VIII programs. In phase II, CHPRE will utilize qualitative and quantitative methods (including structured scenario analysis with available data) and an expert judgment process to implement recommendations for deriving the funding methodology proposed in Phase I. The expert panel will recommend a course of action to the Division of Nursing for implementing the proposed data driven approach for allocating Title VIII funds. To register to attend the meeting(s) and for background information, list of expert panelists and meeting agenda, see the CHPRE website: <http://chpre.gmu.edu>, click on Funding Allocation Project.

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**Testing a Funding Allocation Methodology for Title VIII
Programs: Phase II**

Meeting and Public Comment Timetable

EXPERT PANEL MEETINGS		PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	
Date/Time	LOCATION	Opens	Closes
Meeting #1: 8:30am-5:30pm EST Wednesday OCTOBER 31, 2001	Holiday Inn at Ballston 4610 North Fairfax Drive Arlington, VA 22203 Phone: (703) 243-9800	8:30am EST Monday November 5, 2001	5:00pm EST Thursday November 29, 2001
Meeting #2: 8:30am-5:30pm EST Wednesday JANUARY, 30 2002	Holiday Inn at Ballston 4610 North Fairfax Drive Arlington, VA 22203 Phone: (703) 243-9800	8:30am EST Monday February 4, 2002	5:00pm EST Thursday February 21, 2002
Meeting #3: 8:30am-5:30pm EST Friday APRIL 5, 2002	Holiday Inn at Ballston 4610 North Fairfax Drive Arlington, VA 22203 Phone: (703) 243-9800	8:30am EST Wednesday April 10, 2002	5:00pm EST Friday May 3, 2002

Public attendees are **strongly** encouraged to pre-register to attend the meeting(s) as space is limited. Those who do not pre-register may not be assured seating. Pre-register at our project website:

<http://chpre.gmu.edu> [click on the Funding Allocation Project]

or contact Dr. Eileen T. O'Grady at the Funding Allocation Project Office at (703) 993-3583.