

Call for Self-Nominations to the Laboratory Standards and Procedures Subcommittee of the Secretary's Advisory Committee for Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children

The Laboratory Standards and Procedures Subcommittee of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders in Newborns and Children (SACHDNC) is looking to fill up to four member representative vacancies for the following expertise categories:

- 1) State Laboratory (with expertise in molecular science)
- 2) Commercial Labs that conduct newborn screening
- 3) Clinicians
- 4) Pathologists

Each member will be selected for a 4-year term with an optional extension for up to 3 additional years after the initial term. A member may voluntarily remove themselves from the Subcommittee at any time by submitting a resignation letter to the Chair of the Subcommittee.

There is a 2-week open self-nomination period, with all requested materials due back to HRSA by Monday, October 15, 2012.

The charge of the Laboratory Standards and Procedures Subcommittee is to:

- Review and recommend: Laboratory procedures utilized for effective and efficient testing of the conditions included on the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP).
- Review and recommend: Infrastructure services needed for effective and efficient screening of the conditions included on the RUSP.
- Define and implement a mechanism for the periodic review and assessment of conditions included on the RUSP.

Member Representative Openings

State Laboratory: Persons interested in fulfilling this opening must be employed at a state newborn screening laboratory and have significant expertise in new test development and implementation. They should be familiar and actively involved with the development and implementation of newborn screening tests; state health care systems; and state legislation and policies for conditions included on the RUSP of the SACHDNC.

Commercial Labs that conduct newborn screening: Persons interested in this position should be employed by a private entity that provides newborn screening as either supplemental screening or routine state newborn screening.

Clinicians: Persons interested in this opening should have expertise in newborn screening, inherited disorders or other congenital disorders. They should be familiar with state public health programs and the processes related to newborn screening and genetic testing.

Pathologists: Persons interested in this opening should be trained in molecular genetics and testing for inherited disorders. A board certification in molecular genetics from the American Board of Medical Genetics is preferred.

How to Apply

Those interested in becoming a Member Representative of the Laboratory Standards and Procedures Subcommittee should self-nominate, and must provide the following information listed below. Submit required information to Debi Sarkar, at HRSA MCHB Genetic Services Branch, via e-mail:

dsarkar@hrsa.gov by Tuesday, October 16, 2012.

1. Curriculum Vitae.
2. Description of your perspective and expertise including why the perspective and expertise would benefit the subcommittee.
3. Description of how the Subcommittee's work affects and/or impacts you on a professional or personal level.

Member Representatives are expected to attend SACHDNC in-person meetings in Washington, D.C. and are responsible for paying for their own travel and lodging. Also, participation in routine Laboratory Standards and Procedures Subcommittee conference calls may also be needed depending on the project.

All final decisions regarding membership will be made by the Chair and the Designated Federal Officer of the SACHDNC. Once a membership decision has been made, an approval letter will be sent to each new member. Notifications are expected to be sent by November 2012, in time for new members to participate in the next SACHDNC meeting scheduled for January 31, 2013.

Please direct any questions to Debi Sarkar at dsarkar@hrsa.gov.

Other information:

- Link to SACHDNC website: www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/mchbadvisory/heritabledisorders
- SACHDNC 2013 meeting dates: January 31 – February 1; May 16 – 17; and September 19 – 20.