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Dear Colleagues:

We are pleased to provide you with a series of documents relating to the January 2006 Meeting of the National Children's Study Federal Advisory Committee (NCSAC). As you know, our meeting will be held January 24–25 at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center in Gaithersburg, MD. Invited participants include members of the NCSAC, the Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC), and the Program Office (PO).

The primary purpose of the January NCSAC meeting will be to discuss the following topics of interest to the National Children's Study: Probability Sample/Creating the Segments; Environmental Exposures and Measures; Pre-Pregnancy and Pregnancy Protocol Development; Revealing Information to Participants, Families, and Communities; Human Subjects, Informed Consent, and Institutional Review Board Issues; and Community Engagement – Strategies for Minority Recruitment in the National Children's Study.

We are very pleased with the activities planned for this meeting. By the end of this two-day meeting, the NCSAC hopes to have your thoughtful input on important issues.

Immediately following the meeting on January 24, we will be hosting a leadership recognition ceremony to honor the five individuals who have served their four year maximum tenure as Federal Advisory Committee Members. Please join us in recognizing the dedication of these individuals to the National Children's Study. Light refreshments/snacks will be provided.

If you have any questions about the upcoming meeting or the information included in this letter, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Jessica Sapienza, Committee Liaison Officer, at 301.451.2135 or via e-mail at sapienzj@mail.nih.gov. Dr. Marion Balsam, Executive Secretary of the NCSAC, can be contacted at 301.435.7679. We look forward to seeing you January 24–25, 2006 in Gaithersburg, MD.

Sincerely,

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