

69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 68 FR 65935–37, dated November 24, 2003) is amended to reflect the reorganization of the Epidemiology Program Office.

Section C–B, Organization and Functions, is hereby amended as follows:

Delete the mission statement for the *Epidemiology Program Office (CB)* and insert the following:

(1) Plans, directs, and manages CDC-wide training and service programs, including the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS), the Preventive Medicine Residency (PMR), and the Public Health Program Specialist (PHPS) programs, as well as various internship and fellowship programs; (2) plans, develops, edits, publishes and disseminates the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), related publications, and various scientific and health communication documents and special reports; (3) serves as a focal point for the development of innovative methods for the collection, analysis, and communication of public health surveillance information (e.g. National Electronic Telecommunications System for Surveillance, 121 Cities Mortality Reporting System, and CDC WONDER); (4) in collaboration with other Centers, Institute, and Offices (CIOs) and state health departments, coordinates, develops, implements, and supports various public health information systems for agency application; (5) provides consultation, technical assistance, and training on epidemiology, public health surveillance and informatics, health information systems, prevention effectiveness, scientific communications, behavioral science, statistics, and development of community health practice guidelines to CDC/ATSDR, states, other agencies, other countries, and domestic and international organizations; (6) provides epidemiologic assistance and epidemic aid through the field assignment of epidemiologists; (7) provides liaison with governmental agencies, international organizations, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists, and other outside groups; (8) plans, conducts, and evaluates research activities in various aspects of disease and injury control for global programs; (9) promotes the development of international field epidemiologic training programs; (10) develops, promotes, and implements programs for international and domestic data policy formation for decision makers to identify information needs and to use information for improved decision

making; (11) in carrying out the above functions, collaborates, as appropriate, with the CDC Office of the Director, other CDC CIOs, domestic and international agencies and organizations; and (12) organizes and establishes populations for research in urban areas.

Delete the functional statement for the *Office of the Director (CB1)* and insert the following:

(1) Manages, directs, coordinates, and evaluates the activities of EPO; (2) develops goals and objectives and provides leadership, policy formation, scientific oversight, and guidance in program planning and development; (3) coordinates EPO program activities with other CDC components, other PHS agencies, other federal agencies, other international organizations, state and local health departments, community-based organizations, business, and industry; (4) consults and coordinates activities with medical, scientific, and other professional organizations interested in epidemiology, public health surveillance and informatics, health information systems, terrorism and emergency response, behavioral science, statistics, scientific communications, community health practice guidelines, prevention effectiveness, and training activities; (5) ensures quality of scientific products of EPO staff and adherence to ethical principles and guidelines as specified in Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) policy statements; (6) coordinates technical assistance to states, other nations and international organizations; (7) advises the Director, CDC, on policy matters concerning EPO activities; (8) conducts EPO planning and evaluation activities; (9) reviews, prepares, and coordinates legislation, congressional testimony, and briefing documents; (10) within the policies and guidelines of DHHS and CDC, conducts EPO planning and evaluation activities including tracking program objectives and performing evaluation studies; (11) coordinates the annual EPO program briefing, including preparation of all written and visual materials; (12) maintains liaison, on behalf of EPO, with the CDC Foundation and other similar organizations for the coordination of mutually beneficial collaborative activities; (13) plans and prepares EPO promotional and marketing materials; and (14) organizes and establishes populations for research in urban areas.

Delete the functional statement for the *Office of Scientific and Health Communications (CB12)* and insert the following: (1) Plans, coordinates, edits, and produces the MMWR series and

various special reports and publications; (2) provides editorial services and support to EPO; (3) develops, implements, and evaluates innovative methods for the communication of scientific and health information by EPO and its domestic and international constituents; (4) assists EPO and its constituents in identifying and building needed expertise, state-of-the-art technology, logistical support, and other capacities required to conduct effective scientific and health communication in domestic and international settings; (5) provides expert consultation and training to EPO, other CIOs, and outside domestic and international constituencies on development of effective messages, materials, and methods to clearly and effectively communicate risks and prevention recommendations, including written, oral, and visual communication; (6) provides leadership, coordination, and collaboration for the planning and management of EPO communications with other CDC programs and outside organizations in scientific and health communications, including serving as the primary EPO liaison with the CDC Office of Communication; (7) works closely with state and federal agencies and EPO domestic and international constituents to develop health information networks and to promote information sharing; (8) in conjunction with the CDC Office of Communication, collaborates with organizations in the public and private sectors to market prevention strategies; (9) coordinates EPO's information-sharing activities, including involvement on the Internet; (10) develops, plans, coordinates, edits, and produces the weekly component of the MMWR series; (11) participates with other office personnel for the delivery of services and training to external organizations, both domestic and international, in the area of scientific and health communications; (12) provides EPO-wide desktop publishing support, including the support of the MMWR series; (13) develops, plans, coordinates, edits, and produces other components of the MMWR series, including the MMWR Recommendations and Reports, CDC Surveillance Summaries, and the Annual Summary of Notifiable Diseases; (14) plans, coordinates, edits, and produces other EPO and CDC program publications; (15) provides editorial services for work to be published outside CDC; (16) assists in review of EPO documents for editorial clearance for all publications; (17) develops and manages an internship program in scientific and health publications