Public Comment
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I am an individual whose life is limited by the the neurological disease myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME) / post-viral (or infection) fatigue syndrome (PVFS) - World Health Organization G93.3, recognized since 1969.

I do not support Health and Human Services' (HHS) current contract with the National Academies' Institute of Medicine (IOM). As evidenced by the Science-in-the-Public-Interest report "Independence and Objectivity at the National Academies" as well as personal observation, IOM does not reflect unbiased scientific truth.

I am deeply disturbed by IOM's misrepresentation of ME in its Gulf-War-and-Health series. I am deeply disturbed that the Veterans Administration (VA) currently defines ME as chronic multisymptom illness (CMI). (See http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/medically-unexplained-illness.asp). What is CFSAC's opinion of this classification?

As a US citizen, I ask that the public servants of We the People actively do all within their power to cancel the HHS and IOM campaign of medically-negligent and psychologically-abusive misinformation. I ask that HHS adopt the International Consensus Criteria (ICC) for ME. This is the way forward. This is the path for healing, dignity, and a return to life.

The ME patient population and our loved ones have been and continue to be horrifically traumatized by negligent government policies. ME patients worldwide are suffering without proper care, social support, and basic human dignity. Countless choose suicide to end their suffering. Why are our voices, our doctors, as well as scientific truth ignored?

Our abusers are employed in government and psychiatry. They belong to the same category of abusers recognized for State-enforced social policies like eugenics, forced sterilization, forced lobotomies, criminalization of homosexuality, and institutionalization for political dissent. Today, we have institutionalization for medical dissent.

Danish psychiatrist Per Fink is cited in the IOM texts. He is also one of those responsible for forcibly institutionalizing a young Danish woman, Karina Hansen, against her will and denying her legal representation. What is CFSAC's statement regarding this method of "treatment" for an ME patient - especially by a doctor cited in IOM's Gulf War series? Is it ethical to cite doctors who imprison patients for medical dissent? Is it ethical to cite doctors who have carried out the abuses cited in Malcolm Hooper's *Magical Medicine: How to Make a Disease Disappear*? What is CFSAC's opinion of Dr. Hooper's detailed testimony?

What is CFSAC doing to protect and promote the scientific truths which reveal ME to be a neuro-immune disease? What is CFSAC doing to protect individuals with ME from the continued horrors of misinformation and psychological abuse? Will CFSAC consider legal action against the government agencies and individuals responsible for this continued abuse and intentional medical negligence?

Signed,

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