

Dear Dr. Jones,

Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the health of this country's citizens. I have had CFS/ME since 1993 and have never had as much optimism about this condition as I have lately. I long to live a more productive life and not be bound by the limitations, stigma and confusion of this condition. With the momentum of studies of XMRV no resource can be overlooked or scaled back.

Please renew the CFSAC Charter set to expire on September 5, 2010

Please amend the Charter to direct the Committee to meet four times per year instead of the "not more than two times a year" currently provided for. While the Charter doesn't currently specify how many days the meetings should be held, I request that the Charter call for the meetings to be held over a two-day period. A one-day meeting doesn't allow sufficient time for agenda items to be covered, public testimony to be heard, and sub-committees to meet for discussion.

Two-day meetings will allow the Committee to function in a much more efficient manner.

Please amend the Charter to include a provision for live videocasting of the meetings. This provides me an opportunity to participate. I would like to see this provision written into the Charter itself so continuation of the videocasting will be insured for future meetings.

Please amend the Charter to provide for status reports at least twice a year on the recommendations presented by the CFSAC to the Secretary of Health.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of the requested changes to the CFSAC Charter.

With great hope,

Nikki Knoll

request that the Committee's charter be renewed request that the committee meet four times a year rather than just two request that replacements for outgoing committee members be filled in a timely fashion request that the agendas be posted in a timely fashion request that video live-streaming of the meetings be embedded in the charter request that the status of the CFSAC's recommendations be posted