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Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee (CFSAC)
Office of Public Health and Science
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 712E
200 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee:

Our organization would like to thank the CFSAC for a job well done. Houston CFIDS Association has limited funds and cannot participate in the upcoming May 27-28 meeting but would like to have the following addressed on the agenda.

Houston, Texas has one of the largest medical communities in the world that formed a “research consortium” approximately two or three years ago. Members include (but are not limited to) world renowned medical schools and hospitals such as University of Texas, Rice University, Baylor Hospital, St. Luke’s Hospital, University of Houston, Methodist Hospital. Houston also has numerous advanced virology, immunology, gene, and stem cell research facilities. This leads us to question:

- Why there are **no** research studies related to CFIDS/CFS in Houston?
- Why federal agencies and the CFIDS Association of America are not actively contacting and recruiting the Houston medical community regarding available grants and funding?
- Why are studies in progress seemingly related to symptomology instead of cause (*i.e.: viral or immune*)?
- In 2009, why is Houston's large medical community not informed as to diagnosis, treatment, or compassion for PWC's with this debilitating illness? *Only one physician admittedly and actively treats CFIDS/CFS.*

Some of these points are under the broad spectrum of the agenda; however, we would like amore in-depth response. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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