

# The CFIDS Association of America

*Working to make CFS widely understood, diagnosable, curable and preventable*

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Wanda K. Jones, Dr.P.H.  
Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave., SW  
Room 712E  
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Dr. Jones,

The CFIDS Association of America respectfully nominates the following individuals to the Department of Health and Human Services Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee (CFSAC). Each of the nominees has given her or his approval for the CFIDS Association to make the nomination.

**Bruce Allshouse:** Bruce is an experienced executive with a diverse background in the electric utility industry. His areas of expertise include nuclear maintenance, project management, process reengineering, organizational design and change management. He has taught change management at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Graduate School of Management. Mr. Allshouse is the principal of WSC International, LLC, a consulting firm that works with companies in the United States, Canada, Japan and elsewhere to plan and manage major strategic transitions. Bruce's adult daughter Cari has CFS. Mr. Allshouse serves on the CFIDS Association of America's Board of Directors as its treasurer. He has demonstrated expertise in voluntary organizations concerned with the problems of individuals with CFS.

**Christoph Bausch, PhD:** While working on his doctorate degree in molecular microbiology at Ohio State University, Dr. Bausch became ill with CFS. Eventually he recovered enough to finish his dissertation and take a postdoctoral research position at Stowers Institute for Medical Research focusing on genetics where he worked from 2003-2006. Dr. Bausch joined the biotech firm Sigma Aldrich as a senior research and development scientist in the spring of 2006, and in 2008 transferred to business development, working as a strategic marketing analyst for the company. He is also working toward his MBA at St. Louis University. Dr. Bausch serves on the Board of Directors of the CFIDS Association of America. He has demonstrated expertise in biomedical research and voluntary organizations concerned with the problems of individuals with CFS.

**Dane Cook, PhD:** Dr. Cook is an assistant professor of kinesiology in the department of education at University of Wisconsin. His recent work has focused on using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to understand central nervous system mechanisms of pain and fatigue in patients with fibromyalgia (FM) and chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS). Results from these investigations have demonstrated that CFS patients require greater utilization of brain regions involved in working memory to accurately complete a cognitive task. These studies have provided some of the first objective evidence in support of the

perceptual experiences in these patients. Dr. Cook was honored with the IACFS/ME Junior Investigator Award in 2003. He has demonstrated expertise in biomedical research.

**Michael Houghton, PhD:** In 1989 Dr. Houghton and his colleagues at Chiron were the first to identify the hepatitis C virus (HCV) in collaboration with CDC. Their discovery led to a series of HCV tests that are now used globally to screen the blood supply to prevent infection. Their work also led to the identification of important new anti-HCV drug targets. For this work, Dr. Houghton received the Albert Lasker Prize in 2000 as well as numerous other awards from various countries and organizations throughout the world. He has published more than 200 articles in the fields of gene regulation, human beta interferon and hepatitis C and D viruses. In February 2007 he joined Epiphany Biosciences as its chief scientific officer. Dr. Houghton has demonstrated expertise in biomedical research.

**Judy Mikovits, PhD:** Dr. Mikovits spent more than twenty years at the National Cancer Institute in Frederick MD, during which time she received her PhD in biochemistry and molecular biology, investigating mechanisms by which retroviruses dysregulate the delicate balance of cytokines in the immune response. Dr. Mikovits has studied the immune response to retroviruses and herpes viruses including HIV, SIV, HTLV1, HERV, HHV6 and HHV8 with a special emphasis on virus host cell interactions in cells of the hematopoietic system including hematopoietic stem cells (HSC). Dr. Mikovits has co-authored more than 40 peer-reviewed publications that address fundamental issues of viral pathogenesis, hematopoiesis and cytokine biology. She is the director of research for the Whittemore-Peterson Institute for Neuroimmune Disease in Reno, Nevada. Dr. Mikovits has demonstrated expertise in biomedical research.

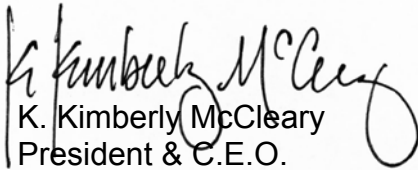
**Donnica Moore, MD:** Dr. Moore is highly regarded as a women's health expert, advocate, physician educator and as a media commentator. Dr. Moore is the founder and president of DrDonnica.com, a popular women's health information website launched in Sept. 2000. She is also founder and president of Sapphire Women's Health Group LLC, a multimedia women's health education and communications firm. Dr. Moore's son, Brian, was diagnosed with CFS four years ago. Dr. Moore has been active in organized medicine for over 15 years. For seven years she served on the Board of Directors of the American Medical Women's Association. She has also been a member of the Boards of Directors of the Society for Women's Health Research, the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research, the National Council on Women's Health, and Research!America. She has demonstrated expertise in health services and insurance.

**Daniel L. Peterson, MD:** During more than 25 years of medical practice, Dr. Peterson has become a sought-after internist for diagnosing difficult and complex medical cases. Dr. Peterson was one of the first physicians to recognize an outbreak of what is known as ME/CFS. He became a pioneering physician and researcher in understanding the biological characteristics and methods for diagnosing, managing and treating ME/CFS. He has been caring for patients with ME/CFS for two decades, and his clinical work is complimented by a strong commitment to research as evidenced by his participation in more than 17 research studies and his foresight to collect and maintain the world's single largest repository of

ME/CFS patient samples. Among the numerous awards that he has received, in 2007 he was awarded the Nelson Gantz Clinician Award. He is also medical director of the Whittemore-Peterson Institute for Neuroimmune Disease in Reno, Nevada. He has demonstrated expertise in biomedical research and health services.

The curricula vitae for the above named nominees are enclosed as required in the Solicitation for Nominations published in the Federal Register Notice of August 26, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Kimberly McCleary". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

K. Kimberly McCleary  
President & C.E.O.

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