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Re: FOI Case No. 47575, 47756, 47782, 47783, 47881

Dear Mr. Siri:

This is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests dated February 15, April 10, April 16, and May 10, 2018, addressed to the FOIA Office, National Institutes of Health, (NIH) and received in this office on those same days. You requested: A copy of all materials associated with the meetings held by the Task Force on Safe Childhood Vaccines, (NIH FOIA Case Number 47575), a copy of the charter for the Task Force for Safer Childhood Vaccines (NIH FOIA Case Number 47756), all agendas, minutes, and transcripts of meetings held by the Task Force on Safer Childhood Vaccines, as well as records sufficient to reflect the dates of these meetings, any and all recommendations made by the Task Force for Safer Childhood Vaccines, and any and all resolutions voted upon by the Task Force on Safer Childhood Vaccines established pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-27(b) (NIH FOIA Case Number 47782, 47783, and 47881). All of the aforementioned requests stipulated the same search dates from January 1, 2009 to present.

We queried the files of the NIH Office of the Director, Executive Secretariat, as well as the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and no records responsive to your requests, 47575, 47782, 47783, and 47881 were found. Please be advised that the Task Force for Safer Childhood Vaccines was disbanded in 1998.

We have found one record in connection with your request, 47756: The only record that we could find approaching that description is the attached letter establishing the Task Force in 1990. While this date falls out of the timeframe of your request, January 1, 2009 to present, we include this record with this response letter as a courtesy.

Please note that, we are in the process of gathering records responsive to your most recent request, 48013, regarding, "A copy of any and all recommendations made by the Task Force on Safer Childhood Vaccines," from December 22, 1987 to present. We will review those records once that case is next in the queue for review. It is still behind several other cases as of the date of this letter, and all cases will be processed on a first-in first-out basis as mandated by the FOIA.

If you are not satisfied with the processing and handling of this request you may contact the NIH FOIA Public Liaison and/or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS):

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In certain circumstances provisions of the FOIA and HHS FOIA Regulations allow us to recover part of the cost of responding to your request. Because no unusual circumstances apply to the processing of your request, there is no charge associated with our response.

If you have any questions about this response please call 301-496-5633.

Sincerely,



Gorka Garcia-Malene
Freedom of Information Officer, NIH

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