The National Bioethics Advisory Commission was created in response to Executive Order 12975 of October 3, 1995 which directs the Commission to make recommendations regarding, among other things, “the appropriateness of departmental, agency or other governmental programs, policies and regulations as they relate to bioethical issues arising from research on human biology and behavior.” The primary objectives of the NBAC are (1) to consider the adequacy of the protection of the rights and welfare of human research subjects and (2) to assess issues in the management and use of genetic information.

See attached pages for the comprehensive schedule of the NBAC’s records.
1. CREATION OF NBAC – 1 box
Includes documents relating to the initial planning, organization structure of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission dating back to 1993.

PERMANENT: Transfer to National Archives immediately upon approval of schedule.

2. COMMISSIONED PAPERS – 2 boxes
Contract papers used as background material for various Commission reports. Papers that were used in their entirety were included in published versions of the report.

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3. RESPONSES TO CONGRESSIONAL REQUEST FROM CONGRESSMAN SHAY – 4 boxes
Response to Congressman’s Shay’s request regarding NBAC’s work.

TEMPORARY: Destroy immediately upon approval of schedule.

4. REPORTS – 13 boxes
Topics which NBAC wrote official reports. Items include background materials, comments, final reports, etc.

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5. REFERENCE MATERIALS – 8 boxes
Copies of reference work and verification of accuracy.

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6. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AND SUBJECT FILES – 13 boxes
Miscellaneous correspondence.

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7. RESEARCH STAFF WORKING FILES – 3 boxes
Documents that NBAC research staff utilized as working files.

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8. FEDERAL AGENCY SURVEY FILES – 16 boxes
Phase I dealt with Federal Agencies responses to Executive Order 12975 (establishing NBAC). Phase II dealt with a survey requesting information regarding the agencies’ work in research involving human participants.

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9. NBAC MEETINGS – 14 boxes
Includes transcripts, briefing book material, background material, public and press sign-in sheets, Federal Register Notices, and additional handouts from the meetings.

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10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FILES- 1 box
Files of Executive Directors (Eric M. Meslin, Ph.D.; Bill Dommel, J.D.; and Henrietta Hyatt-Knorr) that include trips/visits/meetings that the NBAC Executive Director has attended or has represented NBAC.

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11. WEBSITE SNAPSHOT
Includes HTML, JPEG and other files of the commission posted on the Internet.

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12. WORD PROCESSING AND ELECTRONIC RECORDS
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