

Jefferson Street, Suite 600, Rockville, Maryland, 20852. Nominations also may be faxed to (301) 443-0251.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Anne Lebbon, AHRQ, at (301) 594-7216.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 42 U.S.C. 299c, section 921 of the PHS Act, provides that the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality consist of 21 appropriately qualified representatives of the public appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and eight ex officio representatives from Federal agencies conducting or supporting health care research. The Council meets in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, generally in Rockville, Maryland, approximately three times a year to provide broad guidance to the Secretary and AHRQ's Director on the direction and programs for AHRQ.

Eight individuals will presently be selected by the Secretary to serve on the Council beginning with the meeting in the fall of 2000. Members generally serve 3-year terms. Appointments are staggered to permit an orderly rotation of membership.

Interested persons may nominate one or more qualified persons for membership on the Council. Nominations shall include a copy of the nominee's resume or curriculum vitae, and state that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Council. Potential candidates will be asked to provide detailed information concerning their financial interests, consultant positions, and research grants and contracts, to permit evaluation of possible sources of conflict of interest.

The Department is seeking a broad geographic representation and has special interest in assuring that women, minority groups, and the physically handicapped are adequately represented on advisory bodies and, therefore, extends particular encouragement to nominations for approximately qualified female, minority, and/or physically handicapped candidates.

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John M. Eisenberg,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, March 17, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at 6010 Executive Boulevard, Fourth Floor, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anne Lebbon, Coordinator of the Advisory Council, at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 600, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, (301) 594-7216. For press-related information, please contact Karen Migdail at 301/594-6120.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Linda Reeves, Assistant Administrator for Equal Opportunity, AHCPR, on (301) 594-6662 no later than March 10, 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Purpose

Section 921 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 299c) established the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality. In accordance with its statutory mandate, the Council is to advise the Secretary and the Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), on matters related to actions of the Agency to enhance the quality, improve outcomes, reduce costs of health care services, improve access to such services through scientific research, the promotion of improvements in clinical practice and in the organization, financing, and delivery of health care services. The Council is composed of members of the public appointed by the Secretary and Federal ex-officio members. Donald M. Berwick, M.D., the Council chairman, will preside.

II. Agenda

On Friday, March 17, 2000, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chairman.

The Director, AHRQ, will present the status of the Agency's current research, programs and initiatives. Tentative agenda items include health care markets: research directions, national quality measures, and patient safety. The official agenda will be available on AHCPR's website at www.ahrq.gov no later than March 10, 2000. The meeting will adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

Dated: February 25, 2000.

John M. Eisenberg,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of a Special Emphasis Panel meeting.

A Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) is a committee of a few experts selected to conduct scientific reviews of applications related to their areas of expertise. The committee members are drawn from a list of experts designated to serve for particular individual meetings rather than for extended fixed terms of services.

Substantial segments of the upcoming SEP meeting listed below will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b(c)(6). Grant applications are to be reviewed and discussed at this meeting. These discussions are likely to include personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the above-cited statutes.

1. Name of SEP: HIV/AIDS.

Date: March 24, 2000 (Open from 3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. and closed for remainder of the meeting).

Place: AHRQ, 2101 E. Jefferson Street, suite 400W, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members or minutes of the meeting should contact Ms. Jenny Griffith, Committee Management Officer, Office of Research Review, Education and Policy, AHRQ, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1847.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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John M. Eisenberg,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention is providing opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

1. Information Collection Procedures for Requesting Public Health Assessments—(0923-0002)—EXTENSION—The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is announcing the request for extension of the OMB approval for the Information Collection Procedures for Requesting Public Health Assessments. ATSDR is authorized to accept and

respond to petitions from the public that request public health assessments of sites where there is a threat of exposure to hazardous substances (42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(6)(B)). The Agency conducts public health assessments of releases or facilities for which individuals provide information that people have been exposed to a hazardous substance, and for which the source of such exposure is a release, as defined under CERCLA. The general administrative procedures for conducting public health assessments, including the information that must be submitted with each request, is described at 42 CFR 90.3, 90.4, and 90.5. Procedures for responding to petitions, decision criteria, and methodology for determining priorities may be found at 57 FR 37382-89. There is no cost to the respondents other than their time.

ATSDR anticipates approximately 36 requests will be received each year. This estimate is based on the number of requests received since the enabling legislation was enacted and the expressions of interest (via telephone, letter, etc.) from members of the public, attorneys, and industry representatives.

Respondents	Annual number of respondents	No. of responses/respondent	Avg. hourly burden/response	Total burden hours
General public	36	1	.50	18

2. National Survey of Family Growth, Cycle 6 Pretest (0920-0314)—Reinstatement—The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)—The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) has been conducted periodically by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) since 1973—in 1973, 1976, 1982, 1988, and 1995. The purpose of the NSFG is to provide national statistics on “family formation, growth, and dissolution” (Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act). This includes data on factors affecting birth, pregnancy rates, and family formation—such as sexual activity, marriage, divorce, cohabitation, contraception, infertility, miscarriage, and wanted and unwanted births. The social, economic (e.g., education, income, and work), and health factors (such as low birth weight and receipt of health care) associated with them are also collected. The target

universe of the NSFG has always been women in the civilian non-institutional population of reproductive age (15-44). The population in this pretest includes an independent sample of men (15-49), in order to collect data related to male fertility, marriage and divorce, and parenting, as well as data to measure the risk of HIV (the virus that causes AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases.

NSFG data are used by NCHS, the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), the Office of Population Affairs, the CDC HIV Prevention program, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (OASPE/DHHS), and the Children's Bureau. Specific uses include the Healthy People 2000 and 2010 objectives, reporting to Congress required by the 1996 Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act (Sections 905 and 906), the DHHS

Fatherhood Initiative, and the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, among others. Data are published by NCHS, in professional journals, used by private academic and nonprofit researchers, and cited by journalists and others.

The NSFG Cycle 6 pretest will include interviews with about 600 males and 600 females and will test a variety of procedures to improve the quality and usefulness of the data. The interviews are conducted in person by trained female interviewers in respondents homes. Interviews average 60 minutes for males and 80 minutes for females. Remuneration is proposed, and will be the subject of an experiment in the pretest. The pretest is in preparation for a main study that will include interviews with 7,200 males and 11,800 females in 2001 or 2002. There is no cost to the respondent.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of responses/respondent	Avg. burden per responses (in hrs.)	Response burden (in hrs.)
Screening	2000	1	5/60	167
Interviewing:				