

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2).

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**Michael J. O'Grady,**

*Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Notice of Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board Membership

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces the appointment of members to the AHRQ Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB). This action is being taken in accordance with Title 5, U.S.C., Section 4314(c)(4) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, which requires members of the performance review boards to be published in the *Federal Register*.

The function of the PRB is to ensure consistency, stability and objectivity in the SES performance appraisals, and to make recommendations to the Director, AHRQ, relating to the performance of senior executives in the Agency.

The following persons will serve on the AHRQ SES Performance Review Board: Helen Burstin, Francis Chesley, Steven Cohen, J. Michael Fitzmaurice, Irene Fraser, George Grob, Kathleen Kendrick, Anna Marsh, Robert McSwain, William Munier, Jean Slutsky, Christine Williams, and Phyllis Zucker.

For further information about the AHRQ Performance Review Board, contact Mr. Jeffrey Toven, Office of Performance, Accountability, Resources, and Technology, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Suite 4329, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

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**Carolyn M. Clancy,**

*Director, AHRQ.*

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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 (AHRQ), 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 Council of Healthcare Research and Quality.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, November 4, 2005, from 8:30 to 4 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Conference Center, The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Queenan, Coordinator of the Advisory Council, at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850, (301) 427-1330. For press-related information, please contact Karen Migdail at (301) 427-1855.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Mr. Donald L. Inniss, Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Program Support Center, on (301) 443-1144 no later than October 28. Agenda, roster, and minutes are available from Ms. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Office, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Ms. Campbell's phone number is (301) 427-1554.

#### 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 of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), on matters related to actions of the Agency through scientific research and dissemination of evidence based findings to enhance the quality, improve the outcomes, reduce the costs of health care services, improve access to such

services, and to promote 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.

#### II Agenda

On Friday, November 4, 2005, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chair. The Director, AHRQ, will provide an update of the Agency's current research, programs, and initiatives. The Council will discuss the relationship between payment for and quality of healthcare services, and building a campaign to eliminate health care disparities. Time will be allotted for public comment. The meeting will adjourn at 4 p.m. The official agenda will be available on AHRQ's Web site at <http://www.ahrq.gov> no later than October 28, 2005.

Dated: October 17, 2005.

**Carolyn M. Clancy,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

The Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR): Meeting.

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and NCEH/ATSDR announce the following committee meeting:

**Name:** Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

**Times and Dates:** 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., November 17, 2005. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., November 18, 2005.

**Place:** CDC facility, 1825 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia 30345.

**Status:** Open to the public for observation, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

**Purpose:** The Secretary, and by delegation, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the

Administrator of NCEH/ATSDR, are authorized under Section 301 (42 U.S.C. 241) and Section 311 (42 U.S.C. 243) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, to (1) conduct, encourage, cooperate with, and assist other appropriate public authorities, scientific institutions, and scientists in the conduct of research, investigations, experiments, demonstrations, and studies relating to the causes, diagnosis, treatment, control, and prevention of physical and mental diseases and other impairments; (2) assist States and their political subdivisions in the prevention of infectious diseases and other preventable conditions and in the promotion of health and well being; and (3) train state and local personnel in health work. The Board of Scientific Counselors, NCEH/ATSDR provides advice and guidance to the Secretary, HHS; the Director, CDC and Administrator, ATSDR; and the Director, NCEH/ATSDR, regarding program goals, objectives, strategies, and priorities in fulfillment of the agencies' mission to protect and promote people's health. The Board provides advice and guidance that will assist NCEH/ATSDR in ensuring scientific quality, timeliness, utility, and dissemination of results. The Board also provides guidance to help NCEH/ATSDR work more efficiently and effectively with its various constituents and to fulfill its mission in protecting America's health.

**Matters to be Discussed:** The agenda items will include but are not limited to an update on the futures initiatives of the Coordinating Center for Environmental Health and Injury Prevention; an update on the NCEH/ATSDR Director's priorities; the Environmental Health Services Branch peer review report; the program response to the report; an overview of the Air Pollution and Respiratory Health Branch; overview of the Division of Toxicology; update on new laboratory methods for detecting botulism toxin; and updates from the Community and Tribal Subcommittee, the Health Department Subcommittee, and the Delisting Workgroup.

Agenda items are tentative and subject to change.

**Contact Person for More Information:** Sandra Malcom, Committee Management Specialist, NCEH/ATSDR, 1600 Clifton Road, M/S E-28, Atlanta, GA 30303; telephone 404/498-0003, fax 404/498-0059; e-mail: [smalcom@cdc.gov](mailto:smalcom@cdc.gov). The deadline for notification of attendance is November 10, 2005.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and NCEH/ATSDR.

Dated: October 21, 2005.

**Diane Allen,**

*Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

The Community and Tribal Subcommittee of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR).

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NCEH/ATSDR announces the following subcommittee meeting: Teleconference.

**Name:** Community and Tribal Subcommittee (CTS).

**Time and Date:** 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., November 16, 2005.

**Place:** Century Center, 1825 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. See *Supplementary Information*.

**Status:** Open to the public, limited by the available space. The meeting room accommodates approximately 40 people.

**Purpose:** Under the charge of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NCEH/ATSDR, the Community and Tribal Subcommittee will provide the BSC, NCEH/ATSDR with a forum for community and tribal first-hand perspectives on the interactions and impacts of NCEH/ATSDR's national and regional policies, practices and programs.

**Matters to Be Discussed:** The meeting agenda will include discussions on NCEH/ATSDR health disparities and environmental justice programs; the development of an agency environmental justice strategy; a review of new NCEH and ATSDR Web sites; discussion of new members to the subcommittee.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

**Supplementary Information:** This meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. To participate please dial 1-877-315-6535 and enter conference code 383520. Public Comment period is between 11 a.m.-11:15 a.m. EST.

**Contact Person for More Information:** Sandra Malcom, Committee Management Specialist, NCEH/ATSDR, 1600 Clifton Road, M/S E-28, Atlanta, GA 30303; telephone 404/498-0003; e-mail: [smalcom@cdc.gov](mailto:smalcom@cdc.gov). The deadline for notification of attendance is November 14, 2005.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and NCEH/ATSDR.

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**Diane Allen,**

*Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following Council meeting:

**Name:** Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis (ACET).

**Times and Dates:** 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., November 16, 2005. 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., November 17, 2005.

**Place:** Corporate Square, Building 8, 1st Floor Conference Room, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone (404) 639-8008.

**Status:** Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

**Purpose:** This council advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the elimination of tuberculosis. Specifically, the Council makes recommendations regarding policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities; addresses the development and application of new technologies; and reviews the extent to which progress has been made toward eliminating tuberculosis.

**Matters to Be Discussed:** Agenda items include issues pertaining to TB surveillance in the United States, Tuberculosis Coalition for Technical Assistance Activities and other TB related topics.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

**Contact Person for More Information:** Paulette Ford-Knights, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., M/S E-07, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/639-8008.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** Notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.