

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry.

Date and Time: September 28, 2006, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. and September 29, 2006, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Place: Hilton Hotel, 620 Perry Parkway, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public.

Purpose: The Advisory Committee provides advice and recommendations on a broad range of issues dealing with programs and activities authorized under section 747 of the Public Health Service Act as amended by The Health Professions Education Partnership Act of 1998, Public Law 105-392. At this meeting the Advisory Committee will work on its sixth report which will be submitted to Congress and to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. The report will focus on the role of Title VII, section 747 grant programs in preparing primary care practitioners to care for underserved high-risk groups and vulnerable populations.

Agenda: The meeting on Thursday, September 28, will begin with opening comments from the Chair of the Advisory Committee and introductory remarks from senior management of the Health Resources and Services Administration. A plenary session will follow in which there will be a brief review of six papers commissioned for the Advisory Committee's sixth report. The Advisory Committee will develop a definition of "vulnerability" for the report. In both small groups and in the plenary session, the Advisory Committee will determine recommendations for the report. There will be an annual election for chair and two vice chairs. An opportunity will be provided for public comment.

On Friday, September 29, the Advisory Committee will discuss in the plenary session how the commissioned papers will be used in the sixth report, determine an initial outline for the report, and discuss how grantee data will be incorporated. Small groups will

draft a report abstract, expand the report's outline, and determine commentary to accompany grantee data. Grantee anecdotal information will also be considered for the report. The Advisory Committee will plan next steps in the report preparation process. An opportunity will be provided for public comment.

For Further Information Contact: Anyone interested in obtaining a roster of members or other relevant information should write or contact Jerilyn K. Glass, M.D., Ph.D., Division of Medicine and Dentistry, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 9A-27, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone (301) 443-6785. The Web address for information on the Advisory Committee is <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/medicine-dentistry/actpcmd>.

Dated: August 21, 2006.

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Health Resources and Services Administration

Notice of availability of Draft Policy Documents for Comment

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability and solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: This is a Notice of Availability and request for comments on certain draft policy documents prepared by HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC). HRSA plans to periodically make some draft policy documents (including draft Program Information Notices (PINs)) available for public comment on the Internet at <http://bphc.hrsa.gov>. Comments will be reviewed and analyzed, and a summary and general response will be published as soon as possible after the deadline for receipt of comments.

DATES: We must receive comments on or before the due date specified for each document.

ADDRESSES: Addresses to which comments should be sent will be provided on the HRSA Web site along with each draft document.

Background:

HRSA administers the Consolidated Health Center Program, which supports more than 3,700 health care delivery sites, including community health centers, migrant health centers, health care for the homeless centers, and public housing primary care centers. Health centers serve clients that are primarily low income and minorities, and deliver preventive and primary care services to patients regardless of their ability to pay. Charges for health care services are set according to income.

HRSA believes that community input is valuable to the development of policies and policy documents related to the implementation of HRSA programs, including the Consolidated Health Center Program. Therefore, HRSA will periodically, as appropriate, solicit comments on some policies and policy documents via the HRSA Web site. This will provide all interested parties with equal access to the proposed document and an opportunity to comment. In some cases, HRSA may solicit comments on new, proposed policies. In other cases, HRSA may seek comments on documents that represent a written statement of an already-existing policy. In these situations, although the policy is being actively applied during the comment period, the written document may be adjusted after the comments are reviewed and analyzed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding the process described above, please contact Shannon Dunne Faltens, Senior Public Health Analyst, Division of Policy and Development, Bureau of Primary Health Care, at sdunne-faltens@hrsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Note that HRSA will not publish an individual **Federal Register** notice for each document made available for public comment. The applicability of this notice to BPHC policy documents expires 2 years from the date of publication of this notice. Within one year after the publication of this notice, HRSA will publish a second notice to ensure that the public remains aware of this process.

Federal Register notices will continue to be published inviting public comment on all information collection activities that fall under the purview of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Dated: August 17, 2006.

Elizabeth M. Duke,
Administrator.

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