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Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2) announcement is made of the following advisory committees scheduled to meet during the month of June 1996:

Name: Health Services Research Review Subcommittee.

Date and Time: June 6-7, 1996, 8:30 a.m.

Place: Ramada Inn, 1775 Rockville Pike, Conference Room TBA, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Open June 6, 1996, 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: The Subcommittee is charged with the initial review of grant applications proposing analytical and theoretical research on costs, quality, access, and efficiency of the delivery of health services for the research grant program administered by the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR).

Agenda: The open session of the meeting on June 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters and reports. During the closed session, the Subcommittee will be reviewing and discussing grant applications dealing with health services research issues. 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), the Administrator, AHCPR, has made a formal determination that this latter session will be closed because the discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, minutes of the meeting, or other relevant information should contact Patricia G. Thompson, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Scientific Affairs, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 400, Executive Office Center, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1437x1607.

Name: Health Services Research Dissemination Study Section.

Date and Time: June 27, 1996, 7:30 a.m.

Place: Doubletree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Conference Room TBA, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Open June 27, 1996, 7:30

a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: The Study Section is charged with the review of and making recommendations on grant applications for Federal support of conferences, workshops, meetings, or projects related to dissemination and utilization of research findings, and AHCPR liaison with health care policy makers, providers, and consumers.

Agenda: The open session of the meeting on June 27, from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters and reports. During the closed session, the Subcommittee will be reviewing and discussing grant applications dealing with health services research issues. 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), the Administrator, AHCPR, has made a formal determination that this latter session will be closed because the discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, minutes of the meeting, or other relevant information should contact Linda Blankenbaker, Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Scientific Affairs, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 400, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1437x1603.

Agenda items for all meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Office on (404) 639-7090.

The following requests have been submitted for review since the last publication date on May 9, 1996.

Proposed Project

1. Intensive-Care Antimicrobial Resistance Epidemiology (Project ICARE), Phase II—NEW—Antibiotic resistance is estimated to cost as much as 4 billion dollars a year to the health care system in the United States and the number of resistant microorganisms is

increasing. For example, data reported to the National Nosocomial Infections Surveillance (NNIS) system demonstrated a 20-fold increase, between January 1989 and March 1993, in the percentage of enterococci associated with nosocomial infections that are resistant to vancomycin (VRE). Additional analysis of NNIS data has demonstrated that other antibiotic resistant nosocomial pathogens have also increased in recent years. One of the major factors limiting the understanding of antibiotic resistance among nosocomial pathogens is the lack of information on the relationship between the amount and kind of antibiotic used in hospitals and the emergence of resistance.

This proposed one year study, called Project ICARE, will collect data on the amount of antibiotics used in 50 NNIS hospitals and the antibiotic susceptibility patterns found in certain bacterial pathogens isolated in these hospitals' microbiology laboratories between June 1996 and June 1997. Further, new mechanisms of resistance will be studied on specific antibiotic-resistant isolates that will be sent to CDC from these laboratories. A successful pilot study involving eight NNIS hospitals was conducted between August 1994 and January 1995 to study the feasibility of collecting such information.

After initially setting up the project with information on the different intensive care units (ICUs) and wards, the hospital will provide three different types of data each month: (1) Summary of the amount of parenteral and oral antibiotics, by generic group, reported by the pharmacy, (2) summary of the number of isolates, by species, susceptible, intermediate or resistant to various antibiotics reported by the microbiology laboratory, and (3) actual isolates of resistant pathogens to be sent to by the microbiology laboratory to CDC. For antibiotics used and number of isolates in each of the susceptibility categories, separate data are to be reported for each ICU, all other inpatients, and outpatients (antibiotic use among outpatients is not collected). Data collection forms for summary data from the microbiology laboratory and pharmacy have been created to assist in recording the data; however, the data will be entered into a computer software created by CDC specifically for Project ICARE. The software will be provided to the hospitals at no cost. Data will be transmitted to CDC by floppy disk or by electronic transfer when it become available in the NNIS system in 1996.