

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.

Dated: February 24, 2000.

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 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.