

duplicate current and widely available research syntheses, unless new evidence is available that suggests the need for revisions or updates.

For each topic, nominators should provide a rationale and supporting evidence on the importance and relevance of the topic. Nominators must also state their plans for use of the evidence report and indicate how the report could be used by public and private decision makers. Nomination information should include:

- Defined organizational/financial arrangement or structure impacting quality, outcomes, cost, access or use.
- Three to five specific questions to be answered.
- If appropriate, description of how the organizational/financial arrangement or structure is particularly relevant to delivery of care for specific vulnerable populations (e.g., children, persons with chronic disease) or certain communities (e.g., rural markets).
- Costs potentially affected by the organizational/financial arrangement, to the extent they can be quantified.
- Impact potential of the evidence report to decrease health care costs or to improve health status or outcomes.
- Availability of scientific and/or administrative data and bibliographies of studies on the topic.
- References to significant variation in delivery and financing patterns and/or results, and related controversies.
- Nominator's plan for use of an evidence report on this topic.
- Nominator's plan for measuring the impact of the report on practice.

Selection Criteria for Organization and Financing Topics

Factors that will be considered in the selection of topics related to the organization and financing of care include the following: (1) Uncertainty about the impact of the subject organizational or financing strategy; (2) potential for the subject organizational or financing strategy or the proposed research synthesis to significantly impact aggregate health care costs; (3) policy-relevant to Medicare, Medicaid, and/or other Federal and State health programs; (4) relevant to vulnerable populations, including racial and ethnic minorities, and particular communities, such as rural markets; (5) available scientific data to support systematic review and analysis of the topic; (6) demonstrated commitment by the nominating organization to incorporate the report into its managerial or policy decision-making; and (7) plans by the

nominating organization to measure the impact of the report on practice.

Dated: November 2, 2000.

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Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Infectious Diseases: 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 (CDC) announces the following committee meeting.

Name: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID).

Times and Dates: 9 a.m.-5:45 p.m., December 7, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., December 8, 2000.

Place: CDC, Roybal Building 17 Conference Room, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: The Board of Scientific Counselors, NCID, provides advice and guidance to the Director, CDC, and Director, NCID, in the following areas: program goals and objectives; strategies; program organization and resources for infectious disease prevention and control; and program priorities.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items will include:

1. Opening Session: NCID Update
2. CDC Facilities Master Plan, Fort Collins, Colorado
3. Program Update: Patient Safety and Quality Care
4. Issue Updates
 - a. NCID Research Agenda
 - b. Planning and Communication Strategies
 - c. Global Infectious Disease Strategic Plan
5. Tour of Roybal Building 17
6. Breakout groups on Issue Updates (Item 4, a-c above)
7. Program Update: West Nile Virus
8. Breakout Group Report/Discussion: NCID Research Agenda
9. Breakout Group Report/Discussion: Planning and Communication Strategies
10. Breakout Group Report/Discussion: Global Infectious Disease Strategic Plan
11. Late Breakers: Scientific Outbreak Reports
12. Discussions and Recommendations

Other agenda items include announcements/introductions; follow-up on actions recommended by the Board May

2000; consideration of future directions, goals, and recommendations.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Written comments are welcome and should be received by the contact person listed below prior to the opening of the meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Diane S. Holley, Office of the Director, NCID, CDC, Mailstop C-20, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, email dasy1@cdc.gov; telephone 404/639-0078.

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.

Dated: November 6, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health: 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 (CDC) announces the following committee meeting:

Name: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BSC, NIOSH).

Time and Date: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., November 28, 2000.

Place: The Washington Court, 525 New Jersey Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20001-1527.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

Purpose: The BSC, NIOSH is charged with providing advice to the Director, NIOSH on NIOSH research programs. Specifically, the Board shall provide guidance on the Institute's research activities related to developing and evaluating hypotheses, systematically documenting findings, and disseminating results.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include a report from the Director of NIOSH;