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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).

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, July 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 800, Washington, DC, 20201.

FOR FURTHER 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 Mr. Donald L. Inniss, Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Program Support Center, on (301) 443-1144 no later than July 22, 2002.

Agenda, roster, and minutes are available from Ms. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2101 E. Jefferson Street, Suite 400, Rockville, Maryland, 20852. Her phone number is (301) 594-1846. Minutes will be available after August 30, 2002.

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 to enhance the quality, improve outcomes, reduce costs of health care services, improve access to such services through scientific research, 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, July 26, 2002, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chairwoman. The Acting Director, AHRQ, will present the status of the Agency's current research, programs, and initiatives. Tentative agenda items include discussions on research efforts with respect to health care costs, health information technology, and quality of care, and prevention. The official agenda will be available on AHRQ's website at www.ahrq.gov no later than July 8, 2002. The meeting will adjourn at 4 p.m.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 02124]

Collaborative Efforts to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds for a cooperative agreement program for the project, "Collaborative Efforts to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)". This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus area of Injury and Violence Prevention.

Background

Approximately one million children in the United States annually are identified by child protective services as victims of maltreatment. Additionally, in 1999, over 88,000 substantiated or indicated cases of child sexual abuse were identified by the Administration on Children, Youth and Families. Child sexual abuse is associated with negative

outcomes both in childhood (e.g., anxiety, depression, self-harming behavior, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), verbal and physical aggression, poor academic achievement, and low self-esteem) as well as in adulthood (e.g., anxiety, depression, self-harming behavior, substance abuse, PTSD, and high risk sexual behavior).

The goal of preventing child maltreatment requires a comprehensive approach that focuses on all forms of maltreatment including child sexual abuse. Whereas programs to prevent child physical abuse, emotional abuse, and neglect have focused their efforts on preventing perpetration, nearly all child sexual abuse prevention programs have focused on preventing victimization by teaching children personal safety skills. Some have argued that these children-focused programs are predicated on the belief that children can prevent their own sexual abuse. No matter what the basis, the victimization prevention programs are deeply entrenched (i.e. many schools, churches, and social organizations that deal with young children have them) and perpetration/offender based prevention programs are practically nonexistent.

A more comprehensive approach to the issue of child sexual abuse is the introduction of more perpetrator/offender based prevention programs to complement the victimization prevention programs already in place. This announcement intends to support projects that utilize already existing infrastructures in order to broaden the prevention efforts. In every state, there are existing organizations whose mission is the prevention of child maltreatment or the prevention of sexual violence among adult women. In addition, there are organizations in the country that focus on the prevention of child sexual abuse perpetration. In the proposed project, the expertise of these agencies will be brought to bear on the issue of moving the field toward preventing perpetration.

The purpose of this program is to create statewide prevention collaboratives to promote the development and implementation of child sexual abuse prevention programs that focus on adult or community responsibility and response in the prevention of perpetration, rather than focusing solely on the prevention of victimization.

For the purposes of this announcement, a "prevention collaborative" includes efforts that are broadly defined and involves a partnership that combines the expertise of child abuse prevention, sexual abuse prevention and public health agencies/