provisions of Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO), a program office within the Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is soliciting nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as members to the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC). The activities of this Committee are governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

Consistent with the National Vaccine Plan, the Committee advises and makes recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Health in his/her capacity as the Director of the National Vaccine Program, on matters related to the Program’s responsibilities.

Specifically, the Committee studies and recommends ways to encourage the availability of an adequate supply of safe and effective vaccination products in the United States; recommends research priorities and other measures to enhance the safety and efficacy of vaccines. The Committee also advises the Assistant Secretary for Health in the implementation of Sections 2102, 2103, and 2104 of the PHS Act; and identifies annually the most important areas of government and non-government cooperation that should be considered in implementing Sections 2102, 2103, and 2104 of the PHS Act.

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5 pm EST on March 25, 2005, at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Bruce G. Gellin, M.D., M.P.H., Executive Secretary, National Vaccine Advisory Committee, Office of Public Health and Science, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 725–Hubert H. Humphrey Building; Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Emma English, Program Analyst, National Vaccine Program Office, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 729–H Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201; (202) 690–5566; nvac@osphas.dhhs.gov.

A copy of the Committee charter and list of the current membership can be obtained by contacting Ms. English or by accessing the NVAC Web site at: www.nhs.gov/nvpo/nvac.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Committee Function: Qualifications and Information Required: As part of an ongoing effort to enhance deliberations and discussions with the public on vaccine and immunization policy, nominations are being sought for interested individuals to serve on the Committee. Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee will serve as voting members. Individuals selected for appointment to the Committee can be invited to serve terms with periods of up to four years.

Nominations should be typewritten. The following information should be included in the package of material submitted for each individual being nominated for consideration: (1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination (i.e., specific attributes which qualify the nominee for service in this capacity), and a statement that the nominee is willing to serve as a member of the Committee; (2) the nominator’s name, address and daytime telephone number, and the home and/or work address, telephone number, and email address of the individual being nominated; and (3) a current copy of the nominee’s curriculum vitae.

Applications cannot be submitted by facsimile. The names of Federal employees should not be nominated for consideration of appointment to this Committee.

The Department makes every effort to ensure that the membership of DHHS Federal advisory committees is fairly balanced in terms of points of view represented and the committee’s function. Every effort is made that a broad representation of geographic areas, gender, ethnic and minority groups, and the disabled are given consideration for membership on DHHS Federal advisory committees.

Appointment to this Committee shall be made without discrimination on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability, and cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status.


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Office of the Secretary

Opportunity for Cosponsorship of the HealthierUS Fitness Festival

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (PCPFS) announces the opportunity for both Federal and non-Federal public and private sector entities to cosponsor a fitness festival depicting activities to help all Americans get moving for health and fitness in celebration of May, National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Potential cosponsors must have a demonstrated interest in physical activity/fitness and/or sports and be willing to participate substantively in the cosponsored activity.

DATES: To receive consideration, a request to participate as a cosponsor must be received by the close of business on March 30, 2005 at the address listed. Requests will meet the deadline if they are either (1) received on or before the deadline date; or (2) postmarked on or before the deadline date. Private metered postmarks will not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing. Hand-delivered requests must be received by 5 p.m. Requests that are received after the deadline date will be returned to the sender.

ADDRESSES: Notifications of interest in a cosponsorship should be sent to Christine Spain, Director of Research, Planning and Special Projects, Office of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 738–H, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201; Ph: (202) 690–5148, Fax: (202) 690–5211. Notifications may also be submitted by electronic mail to cspan@osphas.dhhs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Spain, Director of Research, Planning and Special Projects, Office of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 738–H, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201; Ph: (202) 690–5148, Fax: (202) 690–5211, E-mail: cspan@osphas.dhhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The PCPFS was established by the President of the United States and operates under Executive Order No. 13265, continued by Executive Order 13316, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Its purpose is to provide advice and recommendations to the President through the Secretary of HHS regarding actions to develop and coordinate a national program for physical activity/fitness and sports and, in part, inform the general public of the importance of exercise and the link to health.
between regular physical activity and good health.

The Office of the PCPFS serves as a catalyst to promote the development and implementation of physical activity/fitness and sports programs for all Americans. The Office of the PCPFS has a long and productive history of working with public and private sponsors to bring opportunities to participate in activities at the grassroots level. Cosponsorship of this activity will help to further the promotion of physical activity/fitness and sports by the Office of the PCPFS.

The purpose of the HealthierUS Fitness Festival is to motivate individuals to begin and continue an active lifestyle leading to enhanced physical fitness by providing access to actual demonstrations and sound information on diverse organizations and activities. Over one thousand individuals participated in this event on June 16, 2004. The program will take place in Washington, DC on Monday, May 2, 2005 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include ongoing interactive sports and fitness demonstrations. Health and fitness experts from a myriad of organizations will be on hand to share tips as well as health and fitness information. No registration fees will be charged for any participants. All cosponsors agree not to sell any educational materials/equipment pertaining to the event. There are no federal funds available for this event. Participation may be limited depending on the number of proposals received and the space available.

Requirements of Cosponsorship

The Office of the PCPFS is seeking a cosponsor(s) to partner in ways that accord with its particular circumstances. For example, an entity might offer to cosponsor the following proposed program activities with the Office of PCPFS:

1. Participate in the development of the concept, planning of physical activity/fitness/sports demonstrations, and designation of professional organizations and experts in those specific activities;
2. Participate in the review and approval of all materials produced to educate the public and promote the event;
3. Participate in the review, development, and approval of all materials, signage, press releases, etc. that mention the cosponsorship;
4. Participate in the coordination of logistical concerns; e.g., U.S. Park Police, bonds, insurance, etc.

Availability of Funds

There are no Federal funds available for this cosponsorship. All cosponsors agree to not use the event as a vehicle to sell or promote products or services. Any incidental promotional materials cannot imply that the PCPFS, Office of the PCPFS, or HHS endorses any products or services.

Eligibility for Cosponsorship

To be eligible, a requester must:

1. Have a demonstrated interest and understanding of physical fitness and/or sports;
2. Participate substantively in the cosponsored activity (not just provide funding or logistical support);
3. Have an organizational or corporate mission that is not inconsistent with the public health and safety mission of the Department; and
4. Agree to sign a cosponsorship agreement with the Office of the PCPFS which will set forth the details of the cosponsored activity.

Content of Request for Cosponsorship

Each request for cosponsorship should contain a description of:

1. The entity or organization;
2. Its background in promoting physical activity/fitness or sports;
3. Its proposed involvement in the cosponsored activity; and
4. Plan for implementation with timeline.

Evaluation Criteria

The cosponsor(s) will be selected by the Office of the PCPFS using the following evaluation criteria:

1. Requester’s qualifications and capability to fulfill cosponsorship responsibilities;
2. Requester’s creativity for enhancing the medium for program messages; and
3. Requester’s potential for reaching underserved/special populations.


Melissa Johnson,
Executive Director, President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, Department of Health and Human Services.

DEPARTMENT OF HEATH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Subcommittee on Standards and Security (SSS).
Time and Date: February 18, 2005, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Place: Conference Call, Leader: Ms. Maria Friedman, USA Toll Free Number: 1–877–601–3547, Pass Code: NCVHS.

For security reasons, the pass code and the leader’s name will be required to join your call.

Status: Open.
Purpose: The Subcommittee will review and finalize two separate letters. The first will cover recommendations to the HHS Secretary on e-signature requirements and other topics related to electronic prescribing for use in the Medicare drug benefit. The second letter will provide comments on HHS’ notice of proposed rule making (NPRM) on e-prescribing foundation standards to be used by plans participating in the Medicare drug benefit.

Contact Person For More Information:
Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of Committee members may be obtained from Maria Friedman, Health Insurance Specialist, Security and Standards Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, MS: C5–24–04, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850, telephone: 410–786–6335 or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone: (301) 458–4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS Web site: http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/ where an agenda for the meeting will be posted when available. Should you require reasonable accommodation, please contact the CDC Office of Equal Employment Opportunity on (301) 458–4EEO (4336) as soon as possible.

Dated: February 8, 2005.

James Scanlon,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Data Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60 Day–05BI] Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic