

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) Executive Subcommittee.

Time and Date:

October 14, 2008, 1 p.m.–5 p.m.

October 15, 2008, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Place: Radisson Hotel Reagan National Airport, 2020 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The NCVHS Executive Subcommittee will hold a day and a half meeting to review the past year's accomplishments and conduct strategic planning for the coming year. On the afternoon of the first day, the Executive Subcommittee will review their 2008 activities, update operational work plans, and review Committee objectives and strategic plan for future NCVHS directions. On the second day the Subcommittee will continue strategic planning for future NCVHS directions, discuss collaborative activities with the Board of Scientific Counselors at the National Center for Health Statistics, the plans for updating the 21st Century Health Statistics, and the upcoming NCVHS 60th anniversary.

Contact Person for More Information:

Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 2402, 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 further information including an agenda 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: September 29, 2008.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 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) Standards Subcommittee.

Time and Date: October 14, 2008 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Place: Radisson Hotel Reagan National Airport, 2020 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The NCVHS Standards Subcommittee will hold a half day meeting to plan and discuss upcoming topics for hearings and recommendations.

Contact Person for More Information:

Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Denise Buenning, lead staff for Standards Subcommittee, NCVHS, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Office of E-Health Standards and Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Room S2–26–17, Baltimore, Maryland 21244, telephone (410) 786–6711; or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 2402, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458–4245. Further information also is available on the NCVHS home page: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>, where an agenda will be posted when available.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Secretary's Advisory Committee on Re-Designation of Head Start Grantees

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice; Federal Advisory Committee Act Meetings Announcement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92–463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the third meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Re-designation of Head Start Grantees, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hotel Palomar Arlington, 1121 North 19th Street, in Arlington, Virginia. The meeting will be open to the public; however, seating is limited and preregistration is encouraged (see below).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colleen Rathgeb, Office of Head Start, e-mail colleen.rathgeb@acf.hhs.gov or (202) 205–7378.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110–134, Section 641(c)(2) [42 U.S.C. 9836]) requires the Secretary to develop a system for designation renewal to determine if Head Start agencies are delivering high-quality and comprehensive Head Start programs that meet the educational, health, nutritional, and social needs of the children and families they serve, and meet program and financial management requirements and the program performance standards. The Advisory Committee on Re-Designation of Head Start Grantees will provide advice and recommendations on the development of a transparent, reliable and valid system for designation renewal as required under the statute.

The third meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on October 21–22, 2008, at the Hotel Palomar Arlington, which is located at 1121 North 19th Street, in Arlington, Virginia, one block from the Rosslyn Metro station. The Advisory Committee will review the results of the data analyses it requested from the Office of Head Start at its June meeting, discuss recommendations, and review a draft report. The meeting will be open to the public; however, seating is limited and preregistration is encouraged. To preregister, please e-mail AdvisoryCommittee@pal-tech.com with "Meeting Registration" in the subject line, or call Tara Nordlander at 703–243–0495 by 5 p.m. EST, October 17, 2008. Registration must include your name, affiliation, phone number, and days attending. If you require a sign language interpreter or other special assistance, please call Tara Nordlander at 703–243–0495 as soon as possible and no later than October 10, 2008.

Written comments may be submitted electronically to AdvisoryCommittee@pal-tech.com with "Public Comment" in the subject line. HHS recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment, and it allows HHS to contact you if further information on the substance of the comment is needed or if your comment cannot be read because of technical difficulties. HHS's policy is that HHS will not edit your comment, and any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment placed in the official public record. If HHS cannot read your comment because of technical difficulties and cannot