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Judith Sparrow,
Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

This notice announces forthcoming subcommittee meetings of a Federal advisory committee of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). The meetings will be open to the public via dial-in access only.


General Function of the Committee: to provide recommendations to the National Coordinator on standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for the electronic exchange and use of health information for purposes of adoption, consistent with the implementation of the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan, and in accordance with policies developed by the HIT Policy Committee.

Date and Time: The HIT Standards Committee Workgroups will hold the following public meetings during March 2010: March 8th Implementation Workgroup, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m./Eastern Time; March 22nd Implementation Workgroup, 3 to 4 p.m./Eastern Time; March 25th Clinical Operations Vocabulary, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m./Eastern Time; March 26th Privacy & Security Workgroup, 2 to 4 p.m./Eastern Time; March 30th Implementation Workgroup, 9 to 11 a.m./Eastern Time; March 31st Clinical Quality Workgroup, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m./Eastern Time.

Location: All workgroup meetings will be available via webcast; visit http://healthit.hhs.gov for instructions on how to listen via telephone or Web. Please check the ONC Web site for additional information as it becomes available.

Contact Person: Judy Sparrow, Office of the National Coordinator, HHS, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201, 202–205–4528, Fax: 202–690–6079, e-mail: judy.sparrow@hhs.gov. Please call the contact person for up-to-date information on these meetings. A notice in the Federal Register about last minute modifications that effect a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice.

Agenda: The workgroups will be discussing issues related to their specific subject matter, e.g., clinical operations vocabulary standards, and privacy and security standards activities. If background materials are associated with the workgroup meetings, they will be posted on ONC’s Web site prior to the meeting at http://healthit.hhs.gov.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the workgroups. Written submissions may be made to the contact person on or before two days prior to the workgroup meeting date. Oral comments from the public will be scheduled at the conclusion of each workgroup meeting. Time allotted for each presentation will be limited to three minutes. If the number of speakers requesting to comment is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the scheduled open public session, ONC will take written comments after the meeting until close of business on that day.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

President’s Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the President’s Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships announces the following meetings:

Name: President’s Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships Council Meetings.

Time and Date: Tuesday, March 9th 9 a.m.–3 p.m. (EST).

Place: Meeting will be held at a location to be determined in the White House complex, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC. Space is extremely limited. Photo ID and RSVP are required to attend the event. Please RSVP to Mara Vanderslice to attend the meeting no later than March 3rd, 2010 at: mvanderslice@who.eop.gov.

There will also be a conference call line available for those who cannot attend the meeting in person. The call-in line is: 800–857–8628, Passcode: 5091968.

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

Purpose: The Council brings together leaders and experts in fields related to the work of faith-based and neighborhood organizations in order to: Identify best practices and successful modes of delivering social services; evaluate the need for improvements in the implementation and coordination of public policies relating to faith-based and other neighborhood organizations; and make recommendations for changes in policies, programs, and practices.

Contact Person for Additional Information: Please contact Mara Vanderslice for any additional information about the President’s Advisory Council meeting at mvanderslice@who.eop.gov.

Agenda: Presentation of the Council’s final report to government officials, including six areas of focus: Economic Recovery and Domestic Poverty, Reform of the Office, Environment and Climate Change, Inter-Religious Cooperation, Fatherhood and Healthy Families and Global Poverty and Development. For copies of these reports, please visit Mara Vanderslice at mvanderslice@who.eop.gov.

Please visit http://www.whitehouse.gov/partnerships for further updates on the Agenda for the meeting.

Public Comment: There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting.
Errors in the Donor Screening Process

SUMMARY: 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 National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Proposed Collection: Title:
Investigating the causes of post donation information (PDI): Errors in the donor screening process

Type of Information Collection Request: NEW. Need and Use of Information Collection: Blood centers are required to use a health history screening questionnaire to obtain eligibility information for the protection of the donor and recipient prior to blood donation. However, the health history process is known to be error-prone and the reasons for those errors are largely unknown and untested. Donors often fail to report a risk that would have resulted in deferral. This deferral risk may be disclosed at a subsequent donation and is classified as Post Donation Information (PDI). While this deferral risk may be at the next donation event, many examples of PDI are not disclosed nor discovered until several intervening donation events have occurred. The reasons why donors fail to disclose a deferrable history at the time of one donation but subsequently disclose this information at a later time are unidentified. This protocol is designed to ascertain why PDI error events occur. It will be the first study of any kind to address the issue of PDI errors in any systematic fashion. By conducting interviews with donors involved in PDI errors, we will gain important qualitative knowledge about this problem. Information gathered from these interviews will not only elucidate the issue of PDI but will provide insight into donor understanding of the screening process and their feelings about the process and blood donation in general.

The main objectives of the study are:
1. To explore reasons behind errors in the donor screening process when donors initially fail to disclose an accurate and complete health history.
2. To explore PDI donors’ knowledge, attitudes, behaviors and beliefs (KABB) about the health history questionnaire and their experience with the screening process and the center.
3. To compare KABB in PDI donors to deferred (but not PDI) donors and accepted donors.

The study sample will consist of three donor groups:
1. Donors with a PDI: all identified reportable donor suitability error classified as PDI at the REDS–II centers
2. Deferred donors: appropriately deferred (but not PDI deferred donors) at the REDS–II centers
3. Accepted Donors: appropriately accepted for donation at the REDS–II centers

Telephone interviews will be conducted with consented donors to collect information regarding their knowledge, attitudes, behaviors and beliefs about the donor health history process. Even though the interviews with the donors will be individual, we would like to form groups of similar PDI and deferred donors for analysis purposes.

The five groups of interest include PDI occurrences or deferrals that are due to:
• Travel (malaria, vCJD)
• Medical (history of diseases including jaundice/hepatitis, surgery and medications needed to treat disease including Tegison, Proscar and Accutane)
• Blood/Disease Exposure (tattoo, piercings, accidental needle stick)
• High Risk Behavior—Sexual (MSM, sex with IV drug-user or test-positive individual)
• High Risk Behavior—Non-Sexual (IV drug use, non-sexual exposure to Hepatitis C or Hepatitis B)

All interviews will be digitally-recorded and the recordings uploaded onto computers as dss files; these files will be transcribed and then coupled to the interviewer notes to form an analytic package for the data analysts. Once the interview is conducted successfully, each study donor will be mailed a check of $25 as an incentive for participating in the study.

The cognitive testing of the interview guide will be conducted at the Hoxworth Blood Center and at the Coordinating Center. For this purpose, the blood center staff will identify 2 PDI and 2 deferred donors from the five broad categories of interest. They will also contact 2 accepted donors for study consent and interview. These donors will be approached and consented by following the same procedures that will be used for the actual study.

The data from the semi-structured interviews will be analyzed in two ways. The close-ended responses will be analyzed quantitatively. This will likely take the form of 3-way cross-tabulations of frequency distributions in responses to key questions. The open-ended responses will be analyzed as qualitative data. All analytic steps and assumptions that led up to the conclusions, including competing interpretations of the data, will be fully discussed in the final report.

Frequency of Response: Once.
Affected Public: Individuals. Type of Respondents: Adult blood donors. The annual reporting burden is as follows:
Estimated Number of Respondents: 408;
Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1;
Average Burden of Hours per Response: 0.08 for the initial phone call and 0.5 for responding to the actual interview; and Estimatd Total Annual Burden Hours Requested: 83.64.

The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at: $1505.52 (based on $18 per hour). There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

Table 1: Estimate of Requested Burden Hours and Dollar Value of Burden Hours

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