### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; HIT Standards Committee Schedule for the Assessment of HIT Policy Committee Recommendations**

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

#### ACTION:
Notice.

#### SUMMARY:
Section 3003(b)(3) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 mandates that the HIT Standards Committee develop a schedule for the assessment of policy recommendations developed by the HIT Policy Committee and publish it in the Federal Register. This notice fulfills the requirements of Section 3003(b)(3) and updates the schedule posted in the Federal Register on May 26, 2009. In anticipation of receiving recommendations originally developed by the HIT Policy Committee, the HIT Standards Committee has created four (4) workgroups or subcommittees to analyze the areas of clinical quality, clinical operations, implementation, and privacy and security.

#### HIT Standards Committee Schedule for the Assessment of HIT Policy Committee Recommendations

The National Coordinator will establish priority areas based in part on recommendations received from the HIT Policy Committee regarding health information technology standards, implementation specifications, and/or certification criteria. Once the HIT Standards Committee is informed of those priority areas, it will:

- (A) Direct the appropriate workgroup or subcommittee to develop a report for the HIT Standards Committee, to the extent possible, within 90 days, which will include among other items the following:
  - (1) An assessment of what standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria are currently available to meet the priority area;
  - (2) An assessment of where gaps exist (i.e., no standard is available or harmonization is required because more than one standard exists) and identify potential organizations that have the capability to address those gaps; and
  - (3) A timeline, which may also account for NIST testing where appropriate, and include dates when the HIT Standards Committee is expected to issue recommendation(s) to the National Coordinator.

- (B) Upon receipt of a subcommittee report, the HIT Standards Committee will:
  - (1) Accept the timeline provided by the subcommittee, and if necessary, revise it; and
  - (2) Assign subcommittee(s) to conduct research and solicit testimony, where appropriate, and issue recommendations to the full committee, in a timely manner.

- (C) Advise the National Coordinator, consistent with the accepted timeline in (B)(1) and after NIST testing, where appropriate, on standards, implementation specifications, and/or certification criteria, for the National Coordinator’s review and determination whether or not to endorse the recommendations, and possible adoption of the proposed recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

For a listing of upcoming HIT Standards Committee meetings, please visit the ONC Web site at [healthit.hhs.gov](http://healthit.hhs.gov). Notice of this schedule is given under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–5), section 3003.

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**Office of the Secretary**

**Public Meeting To Solicit Input for a Strategic Plan for Federal Youth Policy**

#### AGENCY:
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS.

#### ACTION:
Notice of meeting.

#### SUMMARY:
The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in its role as the Chair of the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs, is announcing a meeting to solicit input from the public that will inform the development of a strategic plan for federal youth policy.

#### DATES:
October 19, 2010, from 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

#### ADDRESSES:
The meeting will take place at the Colorado Plaza Towers at 633 17th Street, Denver, CO 80202.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Visit the Web site for the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs at [http://www.FindYouthInfo.gov](http://www.FindYouthInfo.gov) for information on how to register, or contact the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs help desk, by telephone at 1–877–231–7843 [Note: this is a toll-free telephone number], or by e-mail at FindYouthInfo@air.org.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**I. Background**

On March 11, 2009, the Congress passed the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009 (Pub. L. 111–8), The House Appropriations Committee Print,
Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations directed that the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs solicit input from young people, State children’s cabinet directors, and non-profit organizations on youth programs and policies; develop an overarching strategic plan for Federal youth policy; and prepare recommendations to improve the coordination, effectiveness, and efficiency of programs affecting youth. The Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs is comprised of staff from twelve Federal agencies that support programs and services that focus on youth: the U.S. Department of Agriculture; U.S. Department of Commerce; U.S. Department of Defense; U.S. Department of Education; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Chair); U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Department of Justice (Vice-Chair); U.S. Department of Labor; U.S. Department of the Interior; U.S. Department of Transportation; Corporation for National and Community Service; and Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The Working Group seeks to promote achievement of positive results for at-risk youth through the following activities:

- Promoting enhanced collaboration at the Federal, state, and local levels, including with faith-based and other community organizations, as well as among families, schools and communities, in order to leverage existing resources and improve outcomes;
- Disseminating information about critical resources, including evidence-based programs, to assist interested citizens and decisionmakers, particularly at the community level, to plan, implement, and participate in effective strategies for at-risk youth;
- Developing an overarching strategic plan for federal youth policy, as well as recommendations for improving the coordination, effectiveness and efficiency of youth programs, using input from community stakeholders, including youth; and
- Producing a Federal Web site, FindYouthInfo.gov, to promote effective community-based efforts to reduce the factors that put youth at risk and to provide high-quality services to at-risk youth.

II. Registration, Security, Building, and Parking Guidelines

For security purposes, members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must pre-register on-line at http://www.findyouthinfo.gov no later than October 12, 2010. Should problems arise with Web registration, call the help desk at 1–877–231–7843 or send a request to register for the meeting to FindYouthInfo@air.org. To register, complete the online registration form, which will ask for your name, title, organization or other affiliation, full address and phone, fax, and e-mail information or email this information to FindYouthInfo@air.org. Additional identification documents may be required. The meetings are held in a Federal government building; therefore, Federal security measures are applicable. In planning your arrival time, we recommend allowing additional time to clear security. Space is limited. In order to gain access to the building and grounds, participants must bring government-issued photo identification as well as their pre-registration confirmation.


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