DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology HIT Standards Committee’s Workgroup Meetings; Notice of Meetings

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

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.

Name of Committee(s): HIT Standards Committee’s Workgroups: Clinical Operations, Vocabulary Task Force, Implementation, and Privacy & Security workgroups.

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 January 2011: January 10 and 11 Implementation Workgroup hearing on adoption experience, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m./ET on Jan 11; January 13th Clinical Operations Workgroup, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m./ET; and January 25th Clinical Operations Workgroup, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m./ET.

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, HHIS, 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 affect 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, implementation opportunities and challenges, 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 workgroups’ 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.

If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Judy Sparrow at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.

ONC is committed to the orderly conduct of its advisory committee meetings. Please visit our Web site at http://healthit.hhs.gov for procedures on public conduct during advisory committee meetings.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App. 2).

Dated: January 3, 2011.

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

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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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 summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404–639–5960 and send comments to Carol E. Walker, CDC Acting Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS–D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail to omb@cdc.gov.

Comments are invited on: (a) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

Fetal-Infant Mortality Review—Human Immunodeficiency Virus Prevention Methodology (FHPM)—New—National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Tuberculosis Prevention (NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

NCHHSTP has the primary responsibility within the CDC and the U.S. Public Health Service for the prevention and control of HIV infection, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases, and tuberculosis, as well as for community-based HIV prevention activities, syphilis, and tuberculosis elimination programs. Remarkable progress has been made in preventing mother-to-child transmission of HIV in recent years, following the introduction of antiretroviral therapy for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission in 1994. The number of infants perinatally infected with HIV has decreased dramatically: from 1,650 cases in 1991 to approximately 240–247 cases in 2005.

Despite advances in interventions for the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of human immunodeficiency virus type 1, including antiretroviral drugs, elective cesarean delivery, and avoidance of breastfeeding, between 100 and 200 infants are perinatally infected with HIV in the United States each year. Many of these cases result from missed prevention opportunities, such as prenatal HIV testing, prenatal care, or antiretroviral prophylaxis.

The Fetal-Infant Mortality Review-HIV Prevention Methodology (FHPM) is designed to identify and address missed prevention opportunities at the community level. FHPM was first piloted at 3 sites, which developed the data collection instruments collaboratively with CityMatCH and CDC; CDC did not dictate the data collection method. FHPM is currently a CDC NCHHSTP funded extramural project at 10 sites conducted in partnership with the National Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Program.