DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the National Biodefense Science Board

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hereby giving notice that the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB) will be holding a public meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The NBSB will hold a public meeting on April 28–29, 2011. Tentatively the meeting will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET on April 28 and 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. ET on April 29. The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

ADDRESSES: Washington, DC Metro Area. The venue and call-in details will be posted as they become available on the NBSB’s April meeting Web page at http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/boards/nbsb/meetings/Pages/110428meeting.aspx.

For Further Information Contact: E-mail: NBSB@HHS.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 319M of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d–7f) and section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 217a), the Department of Health and Human Services established the National Biodefense Science Board. The Board shall provide expert advice and guidance to the Secretary on scientific, technical, and other matters of special interest to the Department of Health and Human Services regarding current and future chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological agents, whether naturally occurring, accidental, or deliberate. The Board may also provide advice and guidance to the Secretary and/or the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response on other matters related to public health emergency preparedness and response.

Background: The majority of this public meeting will be dedicated to a discussion of the findings of the NBSB’s All Hazard Science Response Working Group and of their recommendations for consideration and vote by the members of the Board. Subsequent agenda topics will be added as priorities dictate. Any additional agenda topics will be available on the Board’s April meeting Web page no later than April 15, 2011.

Availability of Materials: The meeting agenda and materials will be posted prior to the meeting on the NBSB’s April meeting Web page at http://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/boards/nbsb/meetings/Pages/110428meeting.aspx.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Any member of the public providing oral comments at the meeting must sign-in at the registration desk and provide his/her name, address, and affiliation. All written comments must be received by April 25, 2011 and should be sent by e-mail to NBSB@HHS.GOV with “NBSB Public Comment” as the subject line. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should e-mail NBSB@HHS.GOV.

Dated: March 10, 2011.

Nicole Lurie,
Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response.

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HIT Policy Committee’s Workgroup Meetings; Notice of Meetings

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.

Name of Committees: HIT Policy Committee’s Workgroups: Meaningful Use, Privacy & Security Tiger Team, Enrollment, Governance, Adoption/Certification, PCAST Report, and Information Exchange workgroups.

General Function of the Committee: To provide recommendations to the National Coordinator on a policy framework for the development and adoption of a nationwide health information technology infrastructure that permits the electronic exchange and use of health information as is consistent with the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan and that includes recommendations on the areas in which standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria are needed.

Date and Time: The HIT Policy Committee Workgroups will hold the following public meetings during April 2011: April 5th Meaningful Use Workgroup, hearing—Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel, Washington, DC, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m./ET; April 6th Privacy & Security Tiger Team Workgroup, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m./ET; April 8th Information Exchange Workgroup, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m./ET; April 18th Privacy & Security Tiger Team, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m./ET; April 21st Certification/Adoption Workgroup, hearing—location TBD, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m./ET.

Location: All workgroup meetings will be available via webcast; for instructions on how to listen via telephone or Web visit http://healthit.hhs.gov. Please check the ONC Web site for additional information or revised schedules 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 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., meaningful use, information exchange, privacy and security, enrollment, governance, or adoption/certification. 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’s 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