DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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, Quality Measures, Governance, Adoption/Certification, 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 June 2011: June 1st Meaningful Workgroup, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m./ET; June 3rd Privacy & Security Tiger Team, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m./ET; June 16th Privacy & Security Tiger Team, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m./ET; and June 30th Enrollment Workgroup, 1 p.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 website 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, quality measures, 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 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).

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

Dated: May 9, 2011.

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HIT Standards Committee’s Workgroup Meetings; Notice of Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

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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 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., clinical operations vocabulary standards, clinical quality, 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 dates. Oral comments from the public will be scheduled at the conclusion of each
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Meeting of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors

AGENCY: National Toxicology Program (NTP), National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health.

ACTION: Meeting announcement and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC). The BSC is a federally chartered, external advisory group composed of scientists from the public and private sectors that provides primary scientific oversight to the NTP and evaluates the scientific merit of the NTP’s intramural and collaborative programs.

DATES: The BSC meeting will be held on July 21, 2011. The deadline for submission of written comments is July 7, 2011, and for pre-registration to attend the meeting, including registering to present oral comments, is July 14, 2011. Persons needing interpreting services in order to attend should contact 301–402–8180 (voice) or 301–435–1908 (TTY). For other accommodations while on the NIEHS campus, contact 919–541–2475 or e-mail niehssoeco@niehs.nih.gov. Requests should be made at least 7 business days in advance of the event.

ADDRESSES: The BSC meeting will be held in the Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building at the NIEHS, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. Public comments on all agenda topics and any other correspondence should be submitted to Dr. Lori White, Designated Federal Officer for the BSC, Office of Liaison, Policy and Review, Division of NTP, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, K2–03, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919–541–9834; fax: 919–541–0295; whiteld@niehs.nih.gov. Courier address: NIEHS, 530 Davis Drive, Room K2136, Morrisville, NC 27560.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Lori White (telephone: 919–541–9834 or whiteld@niehs.nih.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Preliminary Agenda Topics and Availability of Meeting Materials

• Report of the NIEHS/NTP Director
• Report of the NTP Associate Director
• Report on NTP Workshop: Role of Environmental Chemicals in the Development of Diabetes and Obesity
• Collaborative Transgenerational Studies
• Project Update: Characterization of Fungal Exposures
• Office of Report on Carcinogens Concept: Workshop on Permanent Hair Dyes
• Systematic Reviews in NTP Analysis Activities

The updated agenda, roster of BSC members, background materials, public comments, and any additional information, when available, will be posted on the BSC meeting Web site (http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165) or may be requested in hardcopy from the Designated Federal Officer for the BSC (see ADDRESSES above). Following the meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and made available on the BSC meeting Web site.

Attendance and Registration

The meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2011, beginning at 8 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time) and continuing to adjournment. This meeting is open to the public with attendance limited only by the space available. Individuals who plan to attend are encouraged to register online at the BSC meeting Web site (http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165) by July 14, 2011, to facilitate planning for the meeting. Registered attendees are encouraged to access this Web site to stay abreast of the most current information regarding the meeting. The NTP is making plans to videocast the meeting through the Internet at http://www.niehs.nih.gov/news/video/live.

Request for Comments

Written comments submitted in response to this notice should be received by July 7, 2011. Comments will be posted on the BSC meeting Web site and persons submitting them will be identified by their name and affiliation and/or sponsoring organization, if applicable. Persons submitting written comments should include their name, affiliation (if applicable), phone, e-mail, and sponsoring organization (if any) with the document.

Time will be allotted during the meeting for the public to present oral comments to the BSC on the agenda topics. In addition to in-person oral comments at the meeting at the NIEHS, public comments can be presented by teleconference line. There will be 50 lines for this call; availability will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The available lines will be open from 8 a.m. until adjournment, although public comments will be received only during the formal public comment periods, which are indicated on the preliminary agenda. Each organization is allowed one time slot per agenda topic. At least 7 minutes will be allotted to each speaker, and if time permits, may be extended to 10 minutes at the discretion of the BSC chair. Persons wishing to present oral comments are encouraged to pre-register on the NTP meeting Web site, indicate whether they will present comments in-person or via the teleconference line, and list the topic(s) on which they plan to comment. The access number for the teleconference line will be provided to registrants by email prior to the meeting. Registration for oral comments will also be available on both meeting days, although time allowed for presentation by these registrants may be less than that for pre-registered speakers and will be determined by the number of persons who register at the meeting.

Persons registering to make oral comments are asked to send a copy of their statement or PowerPoint slides to the Designated Federal Officer for the BSC (see ADDRESSES above) by July 14, 2011. Written statements can supplement and may expand the oral presentation. If registering on-site and reading from written text, please bring 40 copies of the statement for distribution to the BSC and NTP staff and to supplement the record.