

Request for Comments

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, comments on AHRQ's information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AHRQ healthcare research and healthcare information dissemination functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of AHRQ's estimate of burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection(s) 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 upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the Agency's subsequent request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 6, 2012.

Carolyn M. Clancy,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality****Notice of Meeting**

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), announcement is made of an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting on "AHRQ Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) Pathway to Independence Award (K99/ROC)"

DATES: November 1, 2012 (Open on November 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting).

ADDRESSES: Hyatt Regency Hotel Bethesda, One Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, agenda or minutes of the non-confidential portions of this meeting

should contact: Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Extramural Research, Education and Priority Populations, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Room 2038, Rockville, Maryland 20850, Telephone (301) 427-1554.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Special Emphasis Panel is a group of experts in fields related to health care research who are invited by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and agree to be available, to conduct on an as needed basis, scientific reviews of applications for AHRQ support. Individual members of the Panel do not attend regularly-scheduled meetings and do not serve for fixed terms or a long period of time. Rather, they are asked to participate in particular review meetings which require their type of expertise.

Substantial segments of the SEP meeting referenced above will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). Grant applications for "AHRQ Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR) Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00)" are to be reviewed and discussed at this meeting. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: September 13, 2012.

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Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality****Notice of Meetings**

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of five AHRQ subcommittee meetings.

SUMMARY: The subcommittees listed below are part of AHRQ's Health Services Research Initial Review Group Committee. Grant applications are to be reviewed and discussed at these meetings. These meetings will be closed

to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. App. 2 section 10(d), 5 U.S.C. section 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. section 552b(c)(6).

DATES: See below for dates of meetings:

1. Health Care Research Training
Date: October 11-12, 2012 (Open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on October 11 and closed for remainder of the meeting)
2. Healthcare Effectiveness and Outcomes Research
Date: October 16-17, 2012 (Open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on October 16 and closed for remainder of the meeting)
3. Health Systems and Value Research
Date: October 24, 2012 (Open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on October 24 and closed for remainder of the meeting)
4. Healthcare Information Technology Research
Date: October 25, 2012 (Open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on October 25 and closed for remainder of the meeting)
5. Healthcare Safety and Quality Improvement Research
Date: October 31, 2012 (Open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. on October 31 and closed for remainder of the meeting)

ADDRESSES: The five meetings will take place in the same location:

Hyatt Regency Hotel Bethesda,
One Metro Center,
Bethesda, MD 20814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: (To obtain a roster of members, agenda or minutes of the non-confidential portions of the meetings.)

Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Extramural Research Education and Priority Populations, AHRQ 540, Gaither Road, Suite 2000, Rockville, Maryland 20850, Telephone (301) 427-1554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), AHRQ announces meetings of the scientific peer review groups listed above, which are subcommittees of AHRQ's Health Services Research Initial Review Group Committee. The subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in 5 U.S.C. App. 2 section 10(d), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning

individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Agenda items for these meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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 404-639-7570 and send comments to Kimberly S. Lane, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an email to omb@cdc.gov.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether 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

Anniston Community Health Survey: Follow-up and Dioxin Analyses (ACHS-II)—New—Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

In the past, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were used as coolants and lubricants in electrical equipment. They didn't burn easily and were good insulators. PCBs are no longer made in the U.S. They were banned in 1977 because they persist in the environment. Concerns grew about harm to health.

The City of Anniston, AL, was the site of the former Monsanto facility. PCBs were made there from 1929 to 1971. For decades, PCBs were released into the local air, soil, and surface water. In 1996, residents found out they were exposed. Concerns grew and led to litigation. In 2003, a settlement in favor of the residents was reached in state and federal courts.

The Anniston Environmental Health Research Consortium (AEHRC) was funded by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). The AEHRC conducted the Anniston Community Health Survey (ACHS) from 2005 to 2007. Serum PCB levels in 766 Anniston adults were

found to be three to seven times higher than in U.S. adults. Also, higher PCB levels were found in Anniston adults who had high blood pressure and diabetes.

The ATSDR and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) plan to continue the work of the first ACHS. These agencies will conduct a follow-up study called the ACHS-II. It will be a repeated cross-sectional study. Data collection will be managed by the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and the Calhoun County Health Department (CCHD).

A sample of 500 adults will be selected from the first ACHS cohort. After informed consent, clinical assessments will be done. These will be for blood pressure, height, weight, and body girth. A questionnaire will be answered by computer-assisted personal interviews (CAPIs). Questions will be asked for health, demographic, diet, and lifestyle factors. The self-reported responses will be compared to laboratory analytes. For these, blood samples will be drawn and analyzed.

The ACHS-II will measure the same serum PCBs as in the first Anniston survey. In this way, changes in PCB levels can be studied. The ACHS-II will also include serum analytes for dioxins, furans, dioxin-like PCBs, and other similar chemicals. Additional analytes include blood measures of heavy metals. Clinical biomarkers will include measures for thyroid, diabetes, lipids, and immune function. This will give a more complete profile of human exposures and health in Anniston, AL.

The ATSDR is requesting a two-year approval for this information collection.

There are no costs to respondents other than their time. In total, they will spend 2 hours in the study.

EXHIBIT 1—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hrs)	Total burden hours
Adults who took part in first Anniston Community Health Survey.	Telephone Recruitment Script.	333	1	2/60	11
	Survey for Refusals	165	1	1/60	3
	Informed Consent	250	1	1/60	4
	Update Contact Information Form.	250	1	1/60	4
	Medications Form	250	1	3/60	12
	Blood Draw Form	250	1	2/60	8
	Questionnaire	250	1	45/60	188
Total	230