

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 “LIMITED COMPETITION: ENHANCING INVESTMENTS COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS RESEARCH RESOURCES GRANTS (R01)”.

DATES: July 23, 2013 (Open on July 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 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 the “LIMITED COMPETITION: ENHANCING INVESTMENTS COMPARATIVE EFFECTIVENESS RESEARCH RESOURCES GRANTS (R01)” 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: June 13, 2013.

Carolyn M. Clancy,

Director.

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Statement of Organization Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part E, Chapter E (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality), of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (61 FR 15955-58, April 10, 1996, most recently amended at 73 FR 12737, March 10, 2008) is amended to reflect recent organizational changes, including renaming of the Office of Performance, Accountability, Resources, and Technology to the Office of Management Services to better reflect its functions and the creation of divisions within the office. The specific amendment is as follows:

Under Section E-10, Organization, delete I. Office of Performance, Accountability, Resources, and Technology (EQ) and replace with the following:

I. Office of Management Services (EQ)

Under Section E-20. Functions. Delete Office of Performance, Accountability, Resources, and Technology (EQ) and replace with Office of Management Services (EQ). Directs and coordinates the Agency's administrative services and operational activities. Specifically, the Office provides leadership, oversight, and executive support for human capital management; contracts, grants, and financial management; and administrative services including safety, security, property, space, and facilities management, as well as non-information technology acquisitions. (1) Office of the Director: Leads the design, implementation, and evaluation of management and operational programs that respond to the Agency's needs. Devises strategies to address

Departmental, Office of Personnel Management, and Office of Management and Budget initiatives, including sustainability and the Agency's conference-approval process, and oversees implementation of Agency-wide efforts to address these initiatives. Conducts complex organizational and management analyses and develops major proposals and plans. (2) Division of Administrative Services: Provides oversight and implementation of major administrative programs including the Agency's ethics program, Continuity of Operations Plans, the Employee Transit Benefit Program, quality of worklife programs, and physical safety and security programs. Manages the Agency's real property and building relocation and renovation programs, as well as Federal Occupational Health activities. Oversees Public Health Service Commissioned Corps personnel activities and manages Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 compliance. Provides administrative services including timekeeping, travel, conference and copy center management, mail, and supplies. (3) Division of Contracts Management: Manages all aspects of the Agency's acquisition program in accordance with Federal acquisition regulations policies, and initiatives. Oversees and implements the Agency's contract planning, solicitation, review, negotiation, award, post-award administration, payment, and contract closeout activities. Develops, implements, and maintains policies and procedures for the Agency's acquisition program. Provides guidance to the contracting officer representative community. Manages inter-agency agreements, the purchase card program, and acquisition workforce training and certification programs. (4) Division of Financial Management, Performance, and Evaluation: Provides guidance in all aspects of financial management, including Agency budget formulation and execution, and ensures integration of the budget and planning processes. Manages evaluation and measurement activities for the Agency including development and implementation of the Agency's annual evaluation plan. Establishes and maintains financial accounting and reporting systems and coordinates responses on budget and accounting matters with all levels of Agency management, Departmental staff, Congressional committees, and the private sector. Serves as the Agency's focal point for Government Performance and Results Act activities and Program Integrity activities and coordinates the Agency's efforts for Office of