DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, November 15, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Eisenberg Conference Center, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaithers Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jaime Zimmerman, Designated Management Official, at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaithers Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850, (301) 427–1244. For press-related information, please contact Alison Hunt at (301) 427–1244.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Management on (301) 827–4840, no later than Friday, November 1, 2013. The agenda, roster, and minutes are available from Ms. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaithers Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Ms. Campbell’s phone number is (301) 427–1554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Purpose

The National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality is authorized by Section 941 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 299c. In accordance with its statutory mandate, the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), on matters related to AHRQ’s conduct of its mission including providing guidance on (A) Priorities for health care research, (B) the field of health care research including training needs and information dissemination on health care quality and (C) the role of the Agency in light of private sector activity and opportunities for public private partnerships.

The Council is composed of members of the public, appointed by the Secretary, and Federal ex-officio members specified in the authorizing legislation.

II. Agenda

On Friday, November 15, 2013, there will be a subcommittee meeting for the National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. The subcommittee meeting is open to the public. The Council meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chair and approval of previous Council summary notes. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting will begin with the AHRQ Director presenting an update on current research, programs, and initiatives. Following the Director’s Update, the agenda includes updates on Affordable Care Act implementation, Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute and the subcommittee on Strategic Direction. The final agenda will be available on the AHRQ Web site a www.AHRQ.gov no later than Friday, November 8, 2013.

Richard Kronick, AHRQ Director.

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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. Each subcommittee meeting will commence in open session before closing to the public for the duration of the meeting. 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. 552b(c)(6).

Note: Due to the Federal government shutdown, AHRQ is republishing its Study Section meetings with new dates. Please see below.

DATES: See below for dates of meetings:

1. Healthcare Safety and Quality Improvement Research (HSQR)
   Date: October 23–24, 2013 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on October 23 and closed for remainder of the meeting)

2. Healthcare Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR)
   Date: October 28, 2013 (Open from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on October 28 and closed for remainder of the meeting)

3. Health Care Research and Training (HCRT) (Telephone Conference Call)
   Date: October 30, 2013 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on October 30 and closed for remainder of the meeting)

4. Health System and Value Research (HSVSR)
   Date: October 31, 2013 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on October 31 and closed for remainder of the meeting)

5. Healthcare Information Technology Research (HITR)
   Date: October 31–November 1, 2013 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on October 31 and closed for remainder of the meeting)

ADDRESSES: Meetings of Healthcare Safety and Quality Improvement Research (HSQR), Healthcare Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR), Health System and Value Research (HSVSR), and Health System

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