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: This notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held virtually.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jaime Zimmerman, Designated Management Official, at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 5600 Fishers Lane, Mail Stop 06E37A, Rockville, Maryland 20857, (301) 427–1456. For press-related information, please contact Bruce Seeman at (301) 427–1998 or Bruce.Seeman@AHRQ.hhs.gov.

Closed captioning will be provided during the meeting. If another 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 Monday, October 26, 2020. The agenda, roster, and minutes will be available from Ms. Heather Phelps, Committee Management Officer, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland, 20857. Ms. Phelps’ phone number is (301) 427–1128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Purpose

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality (the Council). The Council 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 of 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 Tuesday, November 10, 2020, the Council meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chair and approval of previous Council summary notes. The meeting will begin with an update on AHRQ’s recent accomplishments in Research, Practice Improvements and Data and Analytics. The agenda will also include an AHRQ COVID–19 Update, a discussion on Quality Measurement Enterprise and feedback on the Strategic Plan for the PCOR Trust Fund. The meeting will adjourn at 2:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. For information regarding how to access the meeting as well as other meeting details, including information on how to make a public comment, please go to https://www.ahrq.gov/news/events/nac/. The final agenda will be available on the AHRQ website no later than Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
I. Background

Ensuring the safety of food for human and animal use is a shared responsibility between the public and private sectors. FDA has established regulatory standards, inspects facilities, and may take action if there are violations. But it is primarily the responsibility of industry to ensure that food products intended for human and animal consumption in the United States are safe and meet applicable food safety requirements. The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) (Pub. L. 111–353) modified the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 301, et seq.) to establish a framework that focuses on prevention and recognizes the important part we all play in protecting consumers from unsafe food.

FSMA and the implementing regulations place new obligations on certain entities in the food industry to verify that their suppliers are meeting FDA safety standards. More specifically, three regulations that FDA issued under FSMA have supplier verification requirements. Those regulations are the Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food (PCHF) regulation (part 117 (21 CFR part 117)); the Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis, and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Food for Animals (PCAF) regulation (part 507 (21 CFR part 507)); and Foreign Supplier Verification Programs for Food Importers (FSVP) regulation (21 CFR part 1, subpart L).

Subparts A, C, D, E, F, and G of part 117 in the PCHF regulation include requirements for domestic and foreign facilities that are required to register under section 415 of the FD&C Act (21 U.S.C. 350d) to conduct a hazard analysis and implement risk-based preventive controls for human food (the human food preventive controls requirements). Subpart G of part 117 requires the receiving facility to establish and implement a written supply-chain program (21 CFR 117.405(a) and (b)) and conduct appropriate supplier verification activities for those raw materials and other ingredients for which the receiving facility has identified a hazard requiring a supply-chain-applied control (21 CFR 117.425 and 117.415(a)(3)(i)). Generally, when a hazard in a raw material or other ingredient will be controlled by the supplier and is one for which there is a reasonable probability that exposure to the hazard will result in serious adverse health consequences or death, the

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552(b)(c)(4) and 552(b)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended, and the Determination of the Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92–463. 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.

Name of Committee: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP)—PAR 15–312, State Occupational Safety and Health Surveillance Program (U60).

Date: January 25–27, 2021.
Time: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., EST.
Place: Virtual Meeting.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

For Further Information Contact: Michael Goldcamp, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Extramural Programs, CDC, 1095 Willowdale Road, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505, Telephone: (304) 285–5951, MGoldcamp@cdc.gov.

The Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [FR Doc. 2020–23585 Filed 10–23–20; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4163–18–P