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, 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 October 2011: October 5 and 6, Meaningful Use Workgroup’s hearing and public meeting, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m./ET; October 7th, Privacy & Security Tiger Team, 2 to 4 p.m./ET; October 15th Meaningful Use Workgroup, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m./ET; October 20th, Privacy & Security Tiger Team, 2 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 Web site 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: 202–609–6079, 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.

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AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues.

ACTION: Notice.


DATES: To assure consideration, comments must be received by October 11, 2011.

ADDRESS: Individuals, groups, and organizations interested in commenting on this study may submit comments by e-mail to info@bioethics.gov or by mail to the following address: Public


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 24, 2009, the President established the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues (Commission) to advise him on bioethical issues generated by novel and emerging research in biomedicine and related areas of science and technology. The Commission is charged to identify and promote policies and practices that assure ethically responsible conduct of scientific research, healthcare delivery, and technological innovation. In undertaking these duties, the Commission seeks to identify and examine specific bioethical, legal, and social issues related to potential scientific and technological advances; examine diverse perspectives and possibilities for international collaboration on these issues; and recommend legal, regulatory, or policy actions as appropriate.

On October 1, 2010, the U.S. Government disclosed that it had supported research on sexually transmitted diseases in Guatemala from 1946 to 1948 involving the intentional infection of vulnerable human populations. In response, President Barack Obama directed the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues (the Commission) to “oversee a thorough fact-finding investigation into the specifics” of the U.S. Public Health Service supported research, and to conduct a review of current human subjects protection “to determine if Federal regulations and international standards adequately guard the health and well-being of participants in scientific studies supported by the Federal Government.” The President asked specifically for assurance “that current rules for research participants protect people from harm or unethical treatment, domestically as well as internationally.” President Obama directed the Commission to consult with its counterparts in the global community and to seek the insight of international experts as part of its work on contemporary protections for human subjects of research. The Commission...
assembled a subcommittee called the International Research Panel, which met three times in 2011. The proceedings of the International Research Panel are now available for public review and comment at the Commission’s Web site, www.bioethics.gov.

Please address comments by e-mail to info@bioethics.gov, or by mail to the following address: Public Commentary, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, 1425 New York Ave., NW., Suite C–100, Washington, DC 20005. Comments will be publicly available, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that they contain. Trade secrets should not be submitted.

Dated: August 30, 2011.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of estimated annualized burden hours for the study of bioethical issues.

DPRP Application Form ........................ 120 1 1
DPRP Evaluation Data .......................... 240 2 1

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