DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Council on Graduate Medical Education; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name: Council on Graduate Medical Education.

Dates and Times: November 8, 2011, 8:30 a.m.–5:15 p.m.; November 10, 2011, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Place: Georgetown University Hotel & Conference Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW., Washington, DC 20057.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public.

Purpose: The Council on Graduate Medical Education (“The Council”) was authorized by Congress in 1986 to provide an ongoing assessment of the nation’s physician workforce, training issues, and financing policies, and to recommend appropriate Federal and private sector efforts to address identified needs. The Council provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce.

At this meeting there will be a number of speakers who will address issues relating to the Council’s 21st report on ensuring that the supply of physicians meets the needs of the Nation. Some meeting time will be devoted to developing recommendations and an outline for the report. There will also be a discussion of the Council’s new legislative authorities relating to performance measures and longitudinal evaluation. Reports are submitted to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services; the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

Agenda

The meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, will begin with welcoming remarks from Division of Medicine and Dentistry within the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Bureau of Health Professions (BHP). Speakers during the morning session will address critical issues relating to the projected physician shortages, indirect medical education funding, and provider training at critical access hospitals. Speakers in the afternoon will address implications of reduced funding for graduate medical education (GME), the reconfiguring of health professions training programs at the Veteran’s Administration, and the Macy Foundation’s recommendations for GME reform. There will also be a panel discussion on whether the current number of physicians being trained will meet future demands.

The meeting on November 10, 2011 will begin with a presentation on teaching health centers. This will be followed by a session on new authorities, added by the Affordable Care Act, requiring the Committee to develop performance measures and methods of longitudinal evaluation of relevant training programs. There will also be time allotted for members to begin drafting recommendations and an outline for the 21st report on ensuring physician supply for the future. Opportunity for public comment will be provided at the end of each day.

For Further Information Contact: Anyone interested in obtaining a roster of members or other relevant information should write or contact Jerilyn K. Glass, M.D., PhD, Division of Medicine and Dentistry, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 9A–27, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857; telephone (301) 443–7271. The web address for information on the Advisory Committee is http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/bhpadvisory/cogme/index.html.

The Council will join the three other advisory committees in the Bureau of Health Professions for the fourth BHPr All-Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. Please refer to the Federal Register notice for the BHPr All-Advisory Committee Meeting for additional details.

Dated: October 13, 2011.

Reva Harris,

Acting Director, Division of Policy and Information Coordination.

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Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry.

Dates and Times: November 7, 2011, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; November 8, 2011, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Place: Georgetown University Hotel & Conference Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW., Washington, DC 20057.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public.

Purpose: The Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry (“Advisory Committee”) provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, on policy and program development concerning certain medicine, general pediatrics, general dentistry, pediatric dentistry, and physician assistant programs. The Advisory Committee is authorized by section 749 of the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act), as amended by the Affordable Care Act.

At this meeting there will be a number of speakers who will address issues relating to the topic of the Advisory Committee’s tenth report: inter-professional education of primary care providers. Some meeting time will be devoted to developing recommendations and an outline for the report. There will also be a discussion of the Committee’s new legislative authorities on performance measures and longitudinal evaluation, added by the Affordable Care Act. Reports are submitted to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services; the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives.

Agenda: The meeting on Monday, November 7, will begin with opening comments from the Division of Medicine and Dentistry within the Health Resources and Services Administration’s Bureau of Health Professions (BHP). Speakers from the disciplines of medicine, dentistry, nursing, and physician assistants will address critical features of the inter-professional education of primary care providers. At the end of the morning session, they will form a panel and respond to questions from the membership. The Affordable Care Act added authorization for the Committee to develop performance measures and methods of longitudinal evaluation for certain Title VII programs; the afternoon session will be devoted to this topic.

The meeting on November 8, 2011, will provide time for members to work on the Advisory Committee’s tenth report on inter-professional education. In both plenary session and in small groups, the Advisory Committee will begin drafting report recommendations and establish an outline for the report. It will determine next steps in the report preparation plan for the next Advisory Committee meeting. An opportunity will be provided for public comment at the end of each day.

For Further Information Contact: Anyone interested in obtaining a roster of members or other relevant information should write or contact Jerilyn K. Glass, M.D., PhD, Division of Medicine and Dentistry, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 9A–27, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857; telephone (301) 443–7271. The web address for information on the Advisory Committee is http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/bhpadvisory/acpmd/index.html.

The Advisory Committee will join the three other advisory committees in the Bureau of Health Professions for the fourth BHPr All-Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. Please refer to the Federal Register notice for the BHPr All-Advisory Committee Meeting for additional details.
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National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

Name: National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice (NACNEP).

Dates and Times: November 7, 2011, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.; November 8, 2011, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

Place: Georgetown University Hotel & Conference Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW., Washington, DC 20057.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to delineate the contribution of nursing workforce development to meeting the health and health care challenges facing the nation, and to articulate a strategic vision and agenda for NACNEP in meeting those challenges. The objectives of the meeting are: (1) To identify the key issues challenging nursing workforce development in meeting the health care needs of the nation; (2) to develop goals and a blueprint for Council action to address these challenges; and (3) to articulate the activities, initiatives, and stakeholder partnerships that are critical to advancing 21st century interprofessional education and practice models needed to promote the health of the public. This meeting will form the basis for NACNEP’s mandated Twelfth Annual Report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Congress.

Agenda: The meeting will include a panel presentation and discussion focused around the purpose and objectives of this meeting. The agenda will be available on the NACNEP website http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/bhpradvisory/nacnep/index.html one day prior to the meeting. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate. Those requesting to participate in the meeting can do so by contacting the Designated Federal Officer by email. Interested parties will participate by invitation.

For Further Information Contact: For further information regarding NACNEP, to obtain a roster of members, minutes of the meeting, or other relevant information, contact Commander Serina Hunter-Thomas, Designated Federal Officer, National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice, Parklawn Building, Room 9-61, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857; e-mail SHunter-Thomas@Hrsa.gov; telephone (301) 443–5688.

The Council will join the three other advisory committees in the Bureau of Health Professions (BHPr) for the fourth BHPr All-Advisory Committee Meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. Please refer to the Federal Register notice for the BHPr All-Advisory Committee Meeting for additional details.

Dated: October 12, 2011.

Reva Harris,
Acting Director, Division of Policy and Information Coordination.

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Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This notice amends Part R of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) (60 FR 56605, as amended November 6, 1995; as last amended at 76 FR 62420–62421 dated October 7, 2011). This notice reflects organizational changes in the Health Resources and Services Administration. Specifically, this notice reassigns the Office of Women’s Health (RAW) to the Immediate Office of the Administrator (RA), in accordance with Section 3509(f) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), Public Law 111–148, which requires the Secretary to establish an Office of Women’s Health within the Office of the Administrator of HRSA.

Chapter RA—Office of the Administrator

Section RA–10, Organization

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

The Office of the Administrator (RA) is headed by the Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, who reports directly to the Secretary. The OA includes the following components:

(1) Immediate Office of the Administrator (RA);
(2) Office of Equal Opportunity, Civil Rights, and Diversity Management (RA2);
(3) Office of Planning, Analysis, and Evaluation (RA5);
(4) Office of Communications (RA6);
(5) Office of Special Health Affairs (RA3);
(6) Office of Legislation (RAE);
(7) Office of Women’s Health (RAW).

Section RA–20, Functions

Update the functional statement for the Immediate Office of the Administrator (RA); and move the Office of Women’s Health (RAW) from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (RM) to the Immediate Office of the Administrator (RA).

Immediate Office of the Administrator (RA)

(1) Leads and directs programs and activities of the Agency and advises the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services on policy matters concerning them; (2) provides consultation and assistance to senior Agency officials and others on clinical and health professional issues; (3) serves as the Agency’s focal point on efforts to strengthen the practice of public health as it pertains to the HRSA mission; (4) establishes and maintains verbal and written communications with health organizations in the public and private sectors to support the mission of HRSA; (5) coordinates the Agency’s strategic, evaluation and research planning processes; (6) manages the legislative and communications programs for the Agency; (7) administers HRSA’s equal opportunity and civil rights activities; (8) provides overall leadership, direction, coordination, and planning in the support of the Agency’s special health programs; and (9) manages the health, wellness, and safety of women and girls with the support of the Office of Women’s Health, through policy, programming and outreach education.

Office of Women’s Health (RAW)

(1) Serves in a leadership capacity on women’s health and sex/gender-specific issues and policy for HRSA senior managers and with other agencies in HHS; (2) coordinates and supports sex/gender-specific disease prevention and health promotion activities within HRSA and HHS; (3) serves as the HRSA liaison with other Federal and non-Federal individuals and organizations working on women’s health and sex/gender-specific health related issues; (4) provides mentorship experiences for scholars and interns and encourages staff development opportunities; and (5) supports educational and information dissemination efforts on topics related to sex/gender-specific health issues.

Section RA–30, Delegations of Authority

All delegations and re-delegations of authority made to HRSA officials and employees of affected organizational components will continue in them or