DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panels (SEP): Initial Review

The meeting announced below concerns Monitoring Cause-Specific School Absenteeism for Estimating Community Wide Influenza Transmission, Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) CK13–003, initial review.

Correction

The notice was published in the Federal Register on February 28, 2013, Volume 78, Number 40, Page 13677. The meeting announced should read as follows:

Monitoring Cause-Specific School Absenteeism for Estimating Community Wide Influenza Transmission, FOA CK13–003, initial review.

Contact Person for More Information: Gregory Anderson, M.S., M.P.H., Scientific Review Officer, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road NE., Mailstop E60, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone: (404) 718–8833.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, 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.

Dana Redford,
Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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The meeting announced below concerns Attitudes Towards Cognitive Health, Cognitive Impairment, and Caregiving—Identifying Attitude Questions and Measures for Public Health Practice, Special Interest Project (SIP)13–071; and Expanding Information about Dementia and Co-occurring Chronic Conditions among Older Adults, SIP13–072, Panel E, initial review.

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Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Initial Review

The meeting announced below concerns Development of an Evidenced—Informed Mall Walking Program Resource Guide, Special Interest Project (SIP)13–070, Panel D, initial review.

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the aforementioned meeting:

Time and Date: 1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m., May 14, 2013 (Closed).
Place: Teleconference.
Status: The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c) (4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92–463.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED: The meeting will include the initial review, discussion, and evaluation of “Development of an Evidenced—Informed Mall Walking Program Resource Guide, SIP13–070, Panel D, initial review.”

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
M. Chris Langub, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway NE., Mailstop F–46, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, Telephone: (770) 488–3585, EEO6@cdc.gov.

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Walking as a Way for Americans To Get the Recommended Amount of Physical Activity for Health

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: To address the public health problem of physical inactivity, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the opening of a docket to obtain information from the public on walking as an effective way to be sufficiently active for health. The information obtained will be used to frame an anticipated Surgeon General’s call to action on this issue.

DATES: Individuals and organizations interested in providing information must submit their written comments on or before May 1, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

• Internet: Electronic comments may be sent via: http://www.regulations.gov, docket number CDC–2013–0003. Please follow the instructions on the site to submit comments; or

• Mail: Comments may also be sent by mail to the attention of Joan Dorn, Ph.D., Chief, Physical Activity and Health Branch, Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway NE., MS–K46, Atlanta, Georgia, 30341–3717.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scope of the problem: Less than half (48%) of all U.S. adults (1) meet the 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines, which will be included in the docket as a supporting document, and less than 3 in 10 high school students get at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day (2). Only 13 percent of children walk or bike to school, compared with 44 percent a generation ago (3). More than a quarter of trips made by car are within one mile of home (4). Observed differences in physical activity levels among some population groups include: physical activity levels decline with age (5); activity levels are lower in low-income communities and among racial/ethnic minorities (6); and, in general, persons with disabilities are less active than those without disabilities (7). Causes for lower physical activity levels vary but may in part be due to a lack of available and/or accessible places for safe and enjoyable physical activity. Walking can be an enjoyable recreational, occupational or purposeful (e.g., for transportation) physical activity in which many Americans can engage. It can enhance health and quality of life and can also serve as a gateway to other enjoyable types of physical activity.

Approach: HHS/CDC works to increase health-related physical activity through population-based approaches. The agency also conducts physical activity related surveillance, applied research and evaluation, and translates and disseminates associated best practices to inform efforts to improve opportunities and support for physical activity. Consistent with these activities, HHS/CDC is assisting the Office of the Surgeon General in the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a call to action to increase attention to the promotion of walking and walkability to help Americans become more physically active. The intent of the Surgeon General’s call to action is to identify opportunities and actions that can be taken by all levels of government, civic organizations, health care providers, educational institutions, worksites, industry, service providers, individuals and others to increase walking and walkability throughout the nation by providing access to safe, attractive and convenient places to walk (and wheelchair roll) and creating a culture that supports walking for Americans of all ages and abilities.

We invite comments and information on environmental or systems strategies; interventions that increase walkability of communities and walking for individuals; and national-, state-, tribal-, territorial-, community-, organizational-, and individual-level actions. We are particularly interested in strategies that consider individuals with developmental and chronic disease-related disabilities, and groups having health and physical activity disparities or lack resources and opportunities to be physically active.

Areas of Focus: Many factors can contribute to low levels of walking and physical inactivity, including lack of access to safe and convenient places to walk, lack of signage and directional information, long distances to destinations, lack of public transportation, and lack of the inclusion of persons with mobility limitations in walking campaigns and programs. HHS/CDC and the Office of the Surgeon General are interested in receiving information on the following topics:

1. Barriers to walking for youth; adults; seniors; persons with developmental, injury, and chronic disease-related disabilities; racial and ethnic minorities; and low-income individuals.

2. Evidence-based strategies for overcoming those barriers and their reach and impact to increase physical activity at the population level and among the above mentioned subpopulations.

References

