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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Notice of Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board Membership

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) announces the appointment of members to the AHRQ Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB). This action is being taken in accordance with Title 5, U.S.C., Section 4314(c)(4) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, which requires members of the performance review boards to be published in the **Federal Register**.

The function of the PRB is to ensure consistency, stability and objectivity in the SES performance appraisals, and to make recommendations to the Director, AHRQ, relating to the performance of senior executives in the Agency.

The following persons will serve on the AHRQ SES Performance Review Board: Helen Burstin, Francis Chesley, Steven Cohen, J. Michael Fitzmaurice, Irene Fraser, George Grob, Kathleen Kendrick, Anna Marsh, Robert McSwain, William Munier, Jean Slutsky, Christine Williams, and Phyllis Zucker.

For further information about the AHRQ Performance Review Board, contact Mr. Jeffrey Toven, Office of Performance, Accountability, Resources, and Technology, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Suite 4329, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

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## 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, this notice announces a meeting of the National Council of Healthcare Research and Quality.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, November 4, 2005, from 8:30 to 4 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Conference Center, The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Queenan, Coordinator of the Advisory Council, at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850, (301) 427-1330. For press-related information, please contact Karen Migdail at (301) 427-1855.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Mr. Donald L. Inniss, Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Program Support Center, on (301) 443-1144 no later than October 28. Agenda, roster, and minutes are available from Ms. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Office, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Ms. Campbell's phone number is (301) 427-1554.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Purpose

Section 921 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 299c) established the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality. 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 actions of the Agency through scientific research and dissemination of evidence based findings to enhance the quality, improve the outcomes, reduce the costs of health care services, improve access to such

services, and to promote improvements in clinical practice and in the organization, financing, and delivery of health care services.

The Council is composed of members of the public appointed by the Secretary and Federal ex-officio members.

#### II Agenda

On Friday, November 4, 2005, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chair. The Director, AHRQ, will provide an update of the Agency's current research, programs, and initiatives. The Council will discuss the relationship between payment for and quality of healthcare services, and building a campaign to eliminate health care disparities. Time will be allotted for public comment. The meeting will adjourn at 4 p.m. The official agenda will be available on AHRQ's Web site at <http://www.ahrq.gov> no later than October 28, 2005.

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**Carolyn M. Clancy,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

The Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR): Meeting.

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and NCEH/ATSDR announce the following committee meeting:

**Name:** Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

**Times and Dates:** 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., November 17, 2005. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., November 18, 2005.

**Place:** CDC facility, 1825 Century Boulevard, Atlanta, Georgia 30345.

**Status:** Open to the public for observation, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

**Purpose:** The Secretary, and by delegation, the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the