

the Antidiscrimination Laws and Whistleblower Protection Laws or, if applicable, the administrative or negotiated grievance procedures in order to pursue any legal remedy.

#### Disciplinary Actions

Under the existing laws, each agency retains the right, where appropriate, to discipline a Federal employee for conduct that is inconsistent with Federal Antidiscrimination and Whistleblower Protection Laws, up to and including removal. If OSC has initiated an investigation under 5 U.S.C. 1214, however, according to 5 U.S.C. 1214(f), agencies must seek approval from the Special Counsel to discipline employees for, among other activities, engaging in prohibited retaliation. Nothing in the No FEAR Act alters existing laws or permits an agency to take unfounded disciplinary action against a Federal employee or to violate the procedural rights of a Federal employee who has been accused of discrimination.

#### Additional Information

For further information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 CFR part 724, as well as the appropriate offices within your agency (e.g., EEO/civil rights office, human resources office or legal office). At the Office of Government Ethics, the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer is Grace A. Clark and she may be contacted by telephone at 202-482-9225, TDD at 202-482-9293, E-mail at [gaclark@oge.gov](mailto:gaclark@oge.gov) or by FAX at 202-482-9238.

Additional information regarding Federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection and retaliation laws can be found at the EEOC Web site—<http://www.eeoc.gov> and the OSC Web site—<http://www.osc.gov>.

#### Existing Rights Unchanged

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the Act nor this notice creates, expands or reduces any rights otherwise available to any employee, former employee or applicant under the laws of the United States, including the provisions of law specified in 5 U.S.C. 2302(d).

Approved: October 17, 2006.

**Robert I. Cusick,**

*Director, Office of Government Ethics.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; American Health Information Community Biosurveillance Workgroup Meeting

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the eleventh meeting of the American Health Information Community Biosurveillance Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.)

**DATES:** November 9, 2006, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Mary C. Switzer Building (330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 4090 (please bring photo ID for entry to a Federal building).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** [http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/bio\\_main.html](http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/bio_main.html).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Workgroup will continue reviewing and discussing the "Biosurveillance Priority Area Matrix," and further review information on a Minimum Data Set from the Data Steering Group.

The meeting will be available via Web cast at [http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/bio\\_instruct.html](http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/bio_instruct.html).

Dated: October 12, 2006.

**Judith Sparrow,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology; American Health Information Community Confidentiality, Privacy and Security Workgroup Meeting

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the fifth meeting of the American Health Information Community Confidentiality, Privacy and Security Workgroup in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.)

**DATES:** November 13, 2006, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Mary C. Switzer Building (330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201), Conference Room 4090 (please bring photo ID for entry to a Federal building).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** [http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/cps\\_main.html](http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/cps_main.html).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Workgroup members will continue to discuss the issues surrounding identity proofing and user authentication in preparation for the December 12th American Health Information Community meeting.

The meeting will be available via Web cast at [http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/cps\\_instruct.html](http://www.hhs.gov/healthit/ahic/cps_instruct.html).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-5960 and send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the