

Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

*Name:* National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Executive Subcommittee.

*Time and Date:* February 6, 2008 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; February 7, 2008 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

*Place:* The L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20024.

*Status:* Open.

*Purpose:* The NCVHS Executive Subcommittee will hold a day and a half meeting to review the past year's accomplishments and conduct strategic planning for the coming year. On the first day, the Subcommittee will review their 2007 activities; discuss current and anticipated health data needs, as well as marketing and dissemination of the Committee's products. On the morning of the second day the Subcommittee will discuss collaborative activities with the Board of Scientific Counselors at the National Center for Health Statistics, the plans for updating the 21st Century Health Statistics, and the upcoming NCVHS 60th anniversary.

*Contact Person For More Information:* Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 2402, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS Web site: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>, where further information including an agenda will be posted when available.

Should you require reasonable accommodation, please contact the CDC Office of Equal Employment Opportunity on (301) 458-4EEO (4336) as soon as possible.

Dated: January 28, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

*Name:* National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS).

*Time and Date:* February 20, 2008, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.; February 21, 2008, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

*Place:* Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, 815 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, Tel: 202-783-7800.

*Status:* Open.

*Purpose:* At this meeting the Committee will hear presentations and hold discussions on several health data policy topics. On the morning of the first day the Committee will hear updates from the Department by the Data Council and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). They will also work on letters to the HHS Secretary on sensitive information in the electronic health record and surge capacity of hospitals. There will also be an update from the HHS Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information in Technology.

On the morning of the second day the Committee will continue the discussions on the letters on sensitive information in the electronic health record and surge capacity, and hear an update on the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10). There will also be a briefing from the American Health Information Management Associations (AHIMA) and the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA). In the afternoon updates from the subcommittees on current and planned activities are scheduled. The remainder of the time will be spent discussing future agenda items and Committee administrative operations.

The times shown above are for the full Committee meeting. Subcommittee breakout sessions can be scheduled for late in the afternoon of the first day and in the morning prior to the full Committee meeting on the second day. Agendas for these breakout sessions will be posted on the NCVHS Web site (URL below) when available.

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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 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 burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

### Proposed Project

The Natural History of Spina Bifida in Children Pilot Project—New—National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

Spina Bifida (SB) is one of the most common birth defects, affecting approximately 2 per 10,000 live births in the United States annually. To date, there are no U.S. population-based cohort studies or programs on the natural history of SB. This is of importance because persons with SB often experience condition-specific difficulties and secondary conditions that detrimentally affect several aspects of their lives. The long-term purpose of this project is to increase the knowledge about the natural history of Spina Bifida