

Horizon Scanning System Protocol are working well and the reasons why they are working well; and (2) understand which elements of the AHRQ Healthcare Horizon Scanning System Protocol can be improved, how they might be improved, and the relative importance of suggested improvements.

All of these information collection activities will allow for an evaluation of the AHRQ Healthcare Horizon Scanning System, thereby creating the opportunity to both maintain and improve this important national

resource. The findings will be presented in a report to ECRI Institute and AHRQ.

**Estimated Annual Respondent Burden**

Mathematica expects a response rate of 80 percent from the sample of 67 experts for the Expert Survey—54 completed surveys. The Expert Survey is expected to require about 20 minutes, on average, to complete. Mathematica expects that Expert Consultation with 15 experts will be needed to confirm cases of inaccurate or missing information identified in the Expert Survey. The follow-ups should be about 10 minutes.

For the Stakeholder Survey, Mathematica expects that 30 percent of the sample of 700 stakeholders will be ineligible (i.e. will not find any of the presented reports relevant and therefore unable to rate a report) and that 65 percent of the eligible sample will complete, resulting in 319 completes. It should take about 30 minutes to complete the Stakeholder Survey. Mathematica will conduct semi-structured Key Informant Interviews, on average lasting 50 minutes, with 23 respondents.

**EXHIBIT 1—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Expert Survey .....	54	1	.33	18
Expert Consultation .....	15	1	.17	3
Stakeholder Survey .....	319	1	.50	160
Key Informant Interviews .....	23	1	.83	19
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>200</b>

**EXHIBIT 2—ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED COST BURDEN**

Form name	Number of respondents	Total burden hours	Average hourly wage rate *	Total cost burden
Expert Survey .....	54	17.8	**\$92.25	\$1,642
Expert Consultation .....	15	2.5	**\$92.25	231
Stakeholder Survey .....	319	159.5	***\$48.72	7,771
Key Informant Interviews .....	23	19.1	****\$38.68	739
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>\$10,383</b>

\* May 2013 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

\*\* Based on average wage for physicians and surgeons.

\*\*\* Based on average wage for medical and health services managers.

\*\*\*\* Based on average wage for social scientists and related workers.

**Request for Comments**

In accordance with the above-cited Paperwork Reduction Act legislation, comments on AHRQ's information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of AHRQ health care research and health care information dissemination functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of AHRQ's estimate of burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection(s) 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 upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the Agency's subsequent request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 22, 2014.

**Richard Kronick,**

*AHRQ Director.*

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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, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, November 7, 2014, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 800, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaime Zimmerman, Designated Management Official, at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland, 20850, (301) 427-1456. For press-related information, please contact Alison Hunt at (301) 427-1244.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Management on (301) 827-4840, no later than Friday, October 24, 2014. The agenda, roster, and minutes are available from Ms. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, 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**

The National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality is authorized by Section 941 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 299c. 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 AHRQ's conduct of its mission including providing guidance on (A) priorities for health care research, (B) the field of health care research including training needs and information dissemination on health care quality and (C) the role of the Agency in light of private sector activity and opportunities for public private partnerships.

The Council is composed of members of the public, appointed by the Secretary, and Federal ex-officio members specified in the authorizing legislation.

**II. Agenda**

On Friday, November 7, 2014, there will be a subcommittee meeting for the National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. in room 425A. The subcommittee meeting is open to the public. The Council meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chair and approval of previous Council summary notes. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting will begin with the AHRQ

Director presenting an update on current research, programs, and initiatives. Following the Director's Update, the agenda will include a presentation on AHRQ's work to make health care safer followed by a discussion on reducing healthcare disparities. The final agenda will be available on the AHRQ Web site at [www.AHRQ.gov](http://www.AHRQ.gov) no later than Friday, November 1, 2014.

Dated: October 22, 2014.

**Richard Kronick,**  
*Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (BSC, NCEH/ATSDR)**

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 following meeting of the aforementioned committee:

*Times and Dates:*

8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., November 18, 2014

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., November 19, 2014

*Place:* CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

The meeting room accommodates approximately 60 people.

*Purpose:* The Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and by delegation, the Director, CDC and Administrator, NCEH/ATSDR, are authorized under Section 301(42 U.S.C. 241) and Section 311(42 U.S.C. 243) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, to: (1) Conduct, encourage, cooperate with, and assist other appropriate public authorities, scientific institutions, and scientists in the conduct of research, investigations, experiments, demonstrations, and studies relating to the causes, diagnosis, treatment, control, and prevention of physical and mental diseases and other impairments; (2) assist states and their political subdivisions in the prevention of infectious diseases and other preventable conditions and in the promotion of health and well being; and (3) train state and local personnel in health work. The BSC, NCEH/ATSDR

provides advice and guidance to the Secretary, HHS; the Director, CDC and Administrator, ATSDR; and the Director, NCEH/ATSDR, regarding program goals, objectives, strategies, and priorities in fulfillment of the agency's mission to protect and promote people's health. The board provides advice and guidance that will assist NCEH/ATSDR in ensuring scientific quality, timeliness, utility, and dissemination of results. The board also provides guidance to help NCEH/ATSDR work more efficiently and effectively with its various constituents and to fulfill its mission in protecting America's health.

*Matters for Discussion:* The agenda items for the BSC Meeting will include NCEH/ATSDR Office of the Director updates; NCEH/ATSDR budget process; soil vapor intrusion; tobacco biomarkers/E-cigarettes; children's environmental health; West Virginia water contamination; NCEH/ATSDR program responses to BSC guidance and action items; updates from the National Institute for Environmental Health Services, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and discussion of future BSC agenda topics and action items.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

*Supplemental Information:* The public comment period is scheduled on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 3:15 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Sandra Malcom, Committee Management Specialist, NCEH/ATSDR, 4770 Buford Highway, Mail Stop F-61, Chamblee, Georgia 30345; Telephone 770/488-0575 or 770/488-0577, Fax: 770/488-3377; Email: [smalcom@cdc.gov](mailto:smalcom@cdc.gov). The deadline for notification of attendance is November 11, 2014.

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.

**Gary Johnson,**

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

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