Divisions (OpDivs); concurring in the delegation by an authorized HHS OpDiv FOIA Officer of the officer's authority to deny records or determine fees; serving as the review authority for appeals from a decision to deny a request for records or a refusal to waive fees made by the Director, FOIA/Privacy Act Division, ASPA, as well as ensuring consultation with OGC and providing review and concurrence on all departmental appeal decisions, including those on fees; general responsibility for Department-wide implementation and administration of the Privacy Act; authority to decide appeals of refusals to amend or correct records of the Office of the Secretary (OS); serving as ASPA's designated senior level official on the HHS Data Integrity Board; and acknowledging receipt of requests from OpDiv and OS Staff Division heads and Regional Directors for waivers to the minimum safeguarding standards established to secure records maintained in systems of records.

F1. Business Operations Division (APA1)—Directs ASPA budget formulation, execution and financial management; incorporating a results-oriented, program quality, and cost effectiveness focus into assessing and managing ASPA's resource requirements and developing and executing integrated performance-based budgets. Oversees and manages ASPA contracts and procurements, physical property, and information technology initiatives and requirements. Coordinates travel operations support, reporting, and auditing. Serves as ASPA's liaison to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Financial Resources (ASFR) for budget and finance matters and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration (ASA) for facilities, property accountability, and contract implementation and oversight matters. Additionally serves as the ASPA point of contact for departmental UFMS, PRISM, and acquisition management initiatives and for budget and performance integration inquiries from OMB and Congress.

F2. Administrative Operations Division (APA2)—Directs ASPA's human capital planning, human resources (HR) performance management, and other departmental HR policy and program requirements. Serves as ASPA's internal consultant and source of expert technical assistance on organizational development and human capital management (*e.g.,* staffing and workforce analysis, transition and succession planning, awards and special honors programs), and as liaison to the Office of the Secretary (OS) Office of Human Resources (OHR) on sensitive personnel issues (*e.g.,* EEO, labor and management relations, performance and conduct-based actions). Coordinates with OHR concerning all ASPA recruitment and personnel actions and manages professional staff development. Administers ASPA's Ethics Program and serves as liaison with OS' Office of Security and Strategic Information (OSSI) on behalf of ASPA staff regarding personnel security initiatives and requirements.

F3. FOI/Privacy Acts Division (APA3)—Administers Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and Privacy Act issues and requests, including appeals for the Office of the Secretary. Supports and assists the execution of the ACFO/DACFO responsibilities to monitor and facilitate departmental compliance with public disclosure requirements; establish departmental Freedom of Information Act policies; coordinate, monitor, and compile reports to Congress; and provide technical assistance to the HHS Operating Divisions. Maintains the Department's index of materials mandated for public release by FOIA. In concert with Office of General Counsel staff, assists in developing regulations, policy interpretations, guidelines and procedures, and training programs for all Department components, as necessary and appropriate to implement FOIA and related legislation, including the Privacy Act, Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Government in the Sunshine Act. Provides responses to requests made to components of the Office of the Secretary pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act and determines the availability of records and information under the law and HHS Regulations. Resolves questions regarding the release of records which overlap the FOIA and the Privacy Act. Analyzes and recommends action on FOIA and Privacy Act appeals for documents denied by officials in the Office of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health IT Standards Committee; Schedule for the Assessment of Health IT Policy Committee Recommendations

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 3003(b)(3) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 mandates that the Health IT Standards Committee develop a schedule for the assessment of policy recommendations developed by the Health IT Policy Committee and publish it in the **Federal Register**. This notice fulfills the requirements of Section 3003(b)(3) and updates the schedule posted in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 2014. In anticipation of receiving recommendations originally developed by the Health IT Policy Committee, the Health IT Standards Committee will form task forces that will be convened to address specific issues, as needed.

Health IT Standards Committee's Schedule for the Assessment of Health IT Policy Committee Recommendations is as follows:

The National Coordinator will establish priority areas based in part on recommendations received from the Health IT Policy Committee regarding health information technology standards, implementation specifications, and/or certification criteria. Once the Health IT Standards Committee is informed of those priority areas, it will:

(A) Identify the best mechanism by which to organize itself in order to respond to the National Coordinator within 90 days with, at a minimum, the following:

(1) An assessment of what standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria are currently available to meet the priority area;

(2) An assessment of where gaps exist (*i.e.,* no standard is available or harmonization is required because more than one standard exists) and identify potential organizations that have the capability to address those gaps; and

(3) a timeline, which may also account for NIST testing, where appropriate, and include dates when the Health IT Standards Committee is expected to issue recommendation(s) to the National Coordinator.

(B) Upon responding to the National Coordinator, the Health IT Standards Committee will:

(1) Approve a timeline by which it will deliver recommendations to the National Coordinator; and

(2) Determine whether to establish a task force to conduct research and solicit testimony, where appropriate, and issue recommendations to the full committee in a timely manner.

(C) Advise the National Coordinator, consistent with the accepted timeline in (B)(1) and after NIST testing, where appropriate, on standards, implementation specifications, and/or certification criteria, for the National Coordinator's review and determination whether or not to endorse the recommendations, and possible adoption of the proposed recommendations by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

The standards and related topics which the Health IT Standards Committee is expected to address over the coming year include, but may not be limited to: Quality measurement; the extended portfolio of standards for the nationwide health information network; distributed queries and results; radiology; consumer-mediated information exchange; public health; data portability; and a process for the maintenance of standards.

For a listing of upcoming Health IT Standards Committee meetings, please visit the ONC Web site at *http://www.healthit.gov/facas/calendar.*

Notice of this schedule is given under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–5), section 3003.

Dated: August 3, 2015.

Michelle Consolazio,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health IT Policy Committee and Health IT Standards Committee; Call for Applications

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, HHS.

ACTION: Call for applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) is seeking applications to the Health Information Technology Policy Committee (HITPC) and the Health Information Technology Standards Committee (HITSC).

Name of Committees: Health IT Standards Committee and Health IT Policy Committee.

General Function of the Committees: The HITPC is charged to provide recommendations to the National Coordinator on a policy framework for the development and adoption of a nationwide health information technology infrastructure that permits the electronic exchange and use of health information as is consistent with the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan and that includes recommendations on the areas in which standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria are needed.

The HITSC is charged to provide recommendations to the National Coordinator on standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for the electronic exchange and use of health information for purposes of adoption, consistent with the implementation of the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan, and in accordance with policies developed by the Health IT Policy Committee.

Date and Time: Applications must be received by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 11, 2015.

Contact Person: Michelle Consolazio, phone: (202) 341–6144, email: *michelle.consolazio@hhs.gov* .

Background: The Health IT Policy Committee was established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (ARRA)(P.L. 111–5), section 13101, new Section 3002. Members of the Health IT Policy Committee are appointed in the following manner: 3 members appointed by the Secretary, HHS; 4 members appointed by Congress; 13 members appointed by the Comptroller General of the United States; and other federal members appointed by the President. Applications are being accepted for one of the three members appointed by the Secretary of HHS. Nominees of the HITPC should have experience promoting the meaningful use of health information technology and be knowledgeable in privacy and security issues related to health information.

The Health IT Standards Committee was established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 (ARRA) (Pub. L. 111–5), section 13101, new Section 3003. Members of the Health IT Standards Committee are appointed by the Secretary, HHS and shall at least reflect providers, ancillary healthcare workers, consumers, purchasers, health plans, technology vendors, researchers, relevant Federal agencies, and individuals with technical expertise on health care quality, privacy and security, and on the electronic exchange and use of health information. Nominees of the HITSC should have experience promoting the meaningful use of health information technology and be knowledgeable in areas such as: small innovative health care providers, providers participating in payment reform initiatives, accountable care organizations, pharmacists, behavioral health professionals, home health care, purchaser or employer representatives, patient safety, health information technology security, big data, consumer e-health, personal health records, and mobile health applications.

Members will be selected in order to achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints, areas of experience, subject matter expertise, and representation of the health care system. Terms will be three (3) years from the appointment date to either the HITSC or HITPC. Members on both Committees serve without pay. However, members will be provided per diem and travel costs for Committee services.

The HITPC will be seeking applications for the following area of expertise:

• Consumer/Patient Representative

The HITSC will be seeking applications for the following areas of expertise:

• Technical Expertise, Small Innovative Provider

• Technical Expertise, CIO

• Health Plans Representative

• Technical Expertise, Health IT (2)

• Purchaser/Employer Representative

• Long-term Care Representative

• Ancillary Healthcare Worker Representative

For more information about the HITPC please visit: *http://www.healthit.gov/facas/health-it-policy-committee*

For more information about the HITSC please visit: *http://www.healthit.gov/facas/health-it-standards-committee.*

Submitting Applications: Applications should be submitted electronically through the application database FACA application page on the HealthIT.gov Web site at: *http://www.healthit.gov/facas/faca-workgroup-membership-application.* All applications must be compiled and submitted in one complete package. An application package must include: A short bio, a current CV including contact information and memberships with professional organizations/advisory committees, and two letters of support.