Dated: October 20, 2011.

James Scanlon,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Meeting of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues will conduct its seventh meeting in November. At this meeting, the Commission will continue discussing the current Federal standards regarding human subjects protection in scientific studies supported by the Federal government. The Commission will also develop and finalize recommendations regarding actions the Federal government should take to ensure that the health and well-being of participants in scientific studies supported by the Federal government are protected.

DATES: The meeting will take place Wednesday and Thursday, November 16–17, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The Joseph B. Martin Conference Center at Harvard Medical School, 77 Avenue Louis Pasteur, Boston, MA 02115. Phone (617) 432–8990.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hillary Wicai Viers, Communications Director, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, 1425 New York Avenue, NW., Suite C–100, Washington, DC 20005. *Telephone:* (202) 233–3960. *Email: Hillary.Viers@bioethics.gov.* Additional information may be obtained at *http://www.bioethics.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, Public Law 92–463, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given of the seventh meeting of the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues (the Commission). The meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to approximately 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, and from 9 a.m. to approximately 12 noon on Thursday, November 17, 2011, in Boston, Massachusetts. The meeting will be open to the public with attendance limited to space available. The meeting will also be webcast at *http://www.bioethics.gov.*

Under authority of Executive Order 13521, dated November 24, 2009, the President established the Commission. The Commission is an advisory panel of the nation's leaders in medicine, science, ethics, religion, law, and engineering. The Commission advises the President on bioethical issues arising from advances in biomedicine and related areas of science and technology. The Commission seeks to identify and promote policies and practices that ensure scientific research, health care delivery, and technological innovation are conducted in a socially and ethically responsible manner.

The main agenda item for the Commission's seventh meeting is to continue discussing the current Federal standards regarding human subjects protection in scientific studies supported by the Federal government. The Commission will also develop and finalize recommendations regarding actions the Federal government should take to ensure that the health and well-being of participants in scientific studies supported by the Federal government are protected.

The draft meeting agenda and other information about PCSBI, including information about access to the webcast, will be available at *http://www.bioethics.gov.*

The Commission welcomes input from anyone wishing to provide public comment on any issue before it. Respectful debate of opposing views and active participation by citizens in public exchange of ideas can enhance decisions that are reached and the overall public understanding of them. The Commission is particularly interested in receiving oral comments during the meeting that are responsive to specific sessions. Written comments will be accepted at the registration desk and comment forms will be provided for members of the public to write down questions for the Commission as they arise. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for each individual to speak may be limited. If the number of individuals wishing to speak is greater than can reasonably be accommodated during the scheduled meeting, the Commission may randomly select comments.

Anyone planning to attend the meeting who needs special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify Esther Yoo by telephone at (202) 233–3960, or email at *Esther.Yoo@bioethics.gov* in advance of the meeting. The Commission will make every effort to accommodate persons who need special assistance.

Written comments will also be accepted and are especially welcome. Please address written comments by email to *info@bioethics.gov,* or by mail to the following address: Public Commentary, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, 1425 New York Ave. NW., Suite C–100, Washington, DC 20005. Comments will be publicly available, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that they contain. Trade secrets should not be submitted.

Dated: October 19, 2011.

Valerie H. Bonham,

Executive Director, Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues.

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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), Full Committee Meeting.

Time and Date:
November 16, 2011 9 a.m.–2:45 p.m.
November 17, 2011 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Place: Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge Hotel, 1900 N Fort Meyer Drive, Arlington, VA 22209, (703) 522–8864.

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, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the Office of the National Coordinator. There will also be discussion on items for approval: (1) Population/Privacy Community Health Data Report which includes a plan for an informational Primer; (2) recommendation letter on Electronic Fund Transfer and Remittance Advice; and after lunch (3) the NCVHS Tenth Report to Congress on the Implementation of the Administrative Simplification Provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. Additionally, a briefing will be given on the meaningful use of Electronic Health Records for Population Health.

On the morning of the second day there will be a review of the final action items discussed on the first day the Committee will discuss next steps.

The times shown above are for the full Committee meeting. Subcommittee breakout sessions are scheduled for late in the afternoon on 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.

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.

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James Scanlon,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science Planning and Evaluation, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention and Treatment

In accordance with section l0(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announce the following committee meeting.

Times and Dates: 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m., November 15, 2011. 8 a.m.–3 p.m., November 16, 2011.

Place: The Legacy Hotel and Meeting Centre, 1775 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone: (301) 881–2300.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room will accommodate approximately 100 people.

Purpose: This Committee is charged with advising the Director, CDC and the Administrator, HRSA, regarding activities related to prevention and control of HIV/AIDS and other STDs, the support of health care services to persons living with HIV/AIDS, and education of health professionals and the public about HIV/AIDS and other STDs.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include: (1) National HIV/AIDS Strategy Implementation Update; (2) CHAC Workgroups Update; (3) Review and Response to the Urgent Threat of Gonorrhea Antimicrobial Resistance; (4) CDC Division of Adolescent School Health Overview; and (5) Recent HIV Prevention Trials Network Studies.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information: Margie Scott-Cseh, CDC, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E–07, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone: (404) 639–8317.

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.

Dated: October 20, 2011.

Elaine L. Baker,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

New Policies and Procedural Requirements for the Electronic Submission of Discretionary Grant Applications

AGENCY: Division of Grants Policy, Office of Administration, ACF, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of new policies and procedural requirements for the electronic submission of discretionary grant applications.

Overview Information: The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces new policies and procedural requirements for the electronic submission of discretionary grant applications through the government-wide grants application site, *http://www.Grants.gov* and through *http://www.GrantSolutions.gov;* effective January 1, 2012.

DATES: Submit written or electronic comments on or before December 27, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit written or electronic comments concerning this notice to Karen Shields, Grants Policy Specialist, Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Division of Grants Policy, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Aerospace Building, 6th Floor East, Washington, DC 20447. *E-mail address:* karen.shields@acf.hhs.gov. Delays may occur in mail delivery to Federal offices; therefore, a copy of comments should be faxed to (202) 205–6400. Comments will be available for inspection by members of the public at the Office of Administration, Division of Grants Policy, 901 D Street, SW., Washington, DC 20447.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), an Operating Division of HHS, announces the opportunity for public comment on its initial transition plan to implement required electronic submission of Federal discretionary grant applications and official grant file documents. In accordance with e-Government initiatives mandated by the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999, Public Law 106–107, ACF officially acknowledges that electronically generated and/or stored documents are recognized equivalents of an official paper grant file. Recognizing the equivalency of such documents eliminates duplicative effort and administrative burden for Federal grant applicants, recipients, and the awarding agency, by facilitating the submission and storage of official grant files. The ACF transition plan will begin with the required electronic submission of discretionary grant applications.

ACF has previously afforded applicants and recipients the option of submitting Federal discretionary grant applications in both electronic and paper formats. This notice announces that during the initial transition phase and thereafter, discretionary grant applicants and recipients are now required to submit competing, and non-competing continuation, grant applications electronically. The electronic portals used to support this effort are *http://www.Grants.gov* and *http://www.GrantSolutions.gov.*

Electronic Submission of Discretionary Grant Applications

- Competing Grant Applications—ACF will continue to post synopses of planned discretionary Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) at the HHS Grants Forecast Web site *http://www.hhs.gov/grantsforecast/and* synopses of published FOAs on *http://www.Grants.gov.* Applicants will continue to use *http://www.Grants.gov* for their application submissions for discretionary awards. Full ACF FOAs are published at *http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/index.html.*
- Non-Competing Continuation Grant Applications—Guidance will be provided by ACF directly to existing