GULF COAST ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION COUNCIL

[Docket No. 112032021–111–04]

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board Membership

AGENCY: Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council (GCERC).

ACTION: Notice of Performance Review Board (PRB) appointments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board. The PRB is comprised of a Chairperson and a mix of state representatives and career senior executives that meet annually to review and evaluate performance appraisal documents and provide a written recommendation to the Chairperson of the Council for final approval of each executive's performance rating, performance-based pay adjustment, and performance award.

DATES: The board membership is applicable beginning on 12/01/2020 and ending on 12/31/21.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary S. Walker, Executive Director, Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council by email *mary.walker@ restorethegulf.gov* or phone 504–210– 9982.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the persons named below have been selected to serve on the PRB:

Department of Interior: Blanchard, Mary Josie, Deputy Director, Environmental Protection Compliance, *MaryJosie_ Blanchard@ios.doi.gov,* 202–208– 3406

State of Florida: Ames, Leslie, Deputy Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, *Leslie.A.Reed@floridadep.gov,* 850– 545–1483

Environmental Protection Agency: Wyatt, Marc, Director, Gulf of Mexico Division, *Wyatt.marc@epa.gov,* 228– 679–5915

State of Texas: Baker, Toby, Texas Commission of Environmental Quality, *Toby.Baker@tceq.texas.gov,* 512–239–5515

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the proposed information collection project ''AHRQ's National Nursing Home COVID–19 Coordinating Center.''

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by February 7, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Doris Lefkowitz, Reports Clearance Officer, AHRQ, by email at *doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov.*

Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from the AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427–1477, or by email at *doris.lefkowitz@AHRQ.hhs.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

AHRQ's National Nursing Home COVID–19 Coordinating Center

As of June 13, 2021, nursing homes have reported 656,336 confirmed cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS–CoV–2) infection and coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID– 19), resulting in over 132,000 COVID– 19-related deaths. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has distributed funds to nursing homes and launched several initiatives to improve nursing home safety and infection control. AHRQ's National Nursing Home COVID–19 Action Network (*https://www.ahrq.gov/nursing-home/about/index.html*) (the Network) is a cornerstone of HHS's response, intended to provide training and assistance to nursing homes on best practices to minimize transmission of SARS–CoV–2. The Network expands AHRQ's programmatic efforts to address quality and safety in long-term care, and aligns with other agency efforts to provide COVID–19 guidance to nursing homes. As the pandemic continues, nursing homes require easy access and implementation support for up-to-date best practices on SARS–CoV–2 infection control, COVID–19 care and management, and safety measures to protect residents and staff.

AHRQ's National Nursing Home COVID–19 Coordinating Center plays a complementary role to the Network, serving as a bridge between AHRQ's Network initiatives and the nursing home quality improvement (QI) community. The Coordinating Center is tasked with (1) coordinating engagement with scientific and policy stakeholders to identify safety needs and best practices, (2) ensuring coordinated development and dissemination of QI tools and other resources, and (3) assessing the effectiveness of the Network in providing training and mentorship to support nursing homes in responding to the COVID–19 pandemic.

As part of the Coordinating Center activities, AHRQ seeks to conduct an assessment of whether and how the Network activities aided the nursing homes' efforts to mitigate the challenges posed by the COVID–19 pandemic. The goals of the performance assessment are to:

1. Assess the reach, retention, and engagement of the Network;

2. study the implementation approach, gaps and barriers;

3. study the long-term impact, sustainability, and replicability of the training program and Network activities.

This study is being conducted by AHRQ through its Coordinating Center contractor, NORC at the University of Chicago (NORC), pursuant to AHRQ's statutory authority to conduct and support training and technical assistance on health care and on systems for the delivery of such care. 42 U.S.C. 299a.

Method of Collection

To further achieve the goals of this performance assessment, AHRQ is requesting OMB approval for new data collection. More specifically, the new data collection activities intend to collect systematic information from nursing homes on the following:

• Motivations for participation and non-participation in the Network.

• Context of participation (including state and local context, and participation in other COVID–19 related-initiatives).

• Perceptions on recruitment, engagement, and retention, including facilitators and barriers of engagement and retention.

• Perceptions on the Network training and mentorship resources, including access to and utility of the Network training and resources.