DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health IT Policy Committee Advisory Meeting; Notice of Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

This notice announces updated dates for meetings of a public advisory committee of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). These meetings will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Health IT Policy Committee.

General Function of the Committee: 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.

2015 Meeting Dates and Times:
- October 6, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time
- November 10, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time
- December 8, 2015, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m./Eastern Time

For meeting locations, web conference information, and the most up-to-date information, please visit the calendar on the ONC Web site, http://www.healthit.gov/FACAS/calendar.

Contact Person: Michelle Consolazio, email: michelle.consolazio@hhs.gov.

Please email Michelle Consolazio for the most current information about meetings. A notice in the Federal Register about last minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice.

Agenda: The committee will hear reports from its workgroups/task forces and updates from ONC and other federal agencies. ONC intends to make background material available to the public no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting start time. If ONC is unable to post the background material on its Web site prior to the meeting, it will be made publicly available at the location of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on ONC’s Web site after the meeting, at http://www.healthit.gov/FACAS/health-it-policy-committee.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the Committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person prior to the meeting date. Oral comments from the public will be scheduled prior to the lunch break and at the conclusion of each meeting. Time allotted for each presentation will be limited to three minutes. If the number of speakers requesting to comment is greater than can reasonably be accommodated during the scheduled open public session, ONC will take written comments after the meeting.

Persons attending ONC’s advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing wireless access or access to electrical outlets.

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ONC is committed to the orderly conduct of its advisory committee meetings. Please visit our Web site at http://www.healthit.gov/facas/ for procedures on public conduct during advisory committee meetings.

Notice of this meeting is given under authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C., App. 2).

Dated: September 30, 2015.

Michelle Consolazio,
FACA lead, Office of Policy, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES


AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office for Human Research Protections.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), is announcing a public Town Hall Meeting to respond to questions related to the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that HHS and fifteen other federal departments and agencies published in the Federal Register on September 8, 2015, (80 FR No. 173, pp. 53933–54061). The goal of the NPRM is to modernize, strengthen, and make more effective the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects that was promulgated as a Common Rule in 1991. The NPRM seeks comments on proposals to better protect human subjects involved in research, while facilitating valuable research and reducing burden, delay, and ambiguity for investigators. To be assured consideration, comments on the NPRM must be received no later than December 7, 2015.

The purpose of the public Town Hall meeting is for OHRP, HHS agencies, and other Common Rule departments and agencies to provide responses to questions from the public about the NPRM during the open public comment period in order to clarify the NPRM proposals and better inform public comment on the NPRM. The public will be able to ask questions during the Town Hall Meeting, and to submit questions before the meeting. Details about how to submit questions before the Town Hall Meeting are provided below.

DATES: The public Town Hall Meeting will be held on October 20, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Deadline for Registration To Attend the Town Hall Meeting: The deadline to register to attend the town hall meeting and requests for special accommodations must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 13, 2015.

Deadline for Submission of Written Questions Prior to the Town Hall Meeting: Written questions on the NPRM must be received no later than 5 p.m. on October 13, 2015, in order to be responded to at the Town Hall Meeting.

ADDRESSES: Meeting Location: The Town Hall Meeting will be held at the Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Ave. SW., Great Hall, Washington, DC 20201; Metro: Federal Center SW station. In addition, we are providing an alternative to attending the meeting in person—the public may view the meeting via webcast. Information on that option is provided in section D of this notice. An archived version of the webcast will be posted on OHRP’s Web site after the meeting.

Registration and Special Accommodations: While there is no registration fee, individuals planning to attend the public Town Hall Meeting in person must register to attend. Registration may be completed by sending an email to OHRP@hhs.gov, with the subject line “Registration for OHRP Town Hall Meeting,” or a request to register may be sent to: Registration for OHRP Town Hall Meeting, Office for Human Research Protections, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200; Rockville, MD 20852. Please include your name, address, telephone number, email address, and fax number.

Registration to attend the Town Hall Meeting will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. If seating capacity has been reached, you will be notified that the meeting has reached capacity.

Individuals who need special accommodations should contact staff listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this notice.

Submission of Questions for the Public Town Hall Meeting


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Irene Stith-Coleman, Director, Division of Policy and Assurances, Office for Human Research Protections, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200; Rockville, MD 20852. phone 240–453–6900; email Irene.Stith-Coleman@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Town Hall Meeting

A. Purpose of the Meeting

The public Town Hall Meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for the public to obtain responses from federal government representatives on a range of questions related to the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects NPRM that HHS and fifteen other federal departments and agencies published in the Federal Register on September 8, 2015, (80 FR No. 173, pp. 53933–54061), in order to clarify the NPRM proposals and better inform public comment on the NPRM.

B. Format of the Town Hall Meeting

The meeting will be conducted by a panel of HHS officials. In addition, other federal government officials will be available to respond to relevant