

Exhibits X and Y to Complainants' Memorandum of Fact and Arguments.<sup>2</sup> Respondents shall file their response to the Complainants' Motion for Protective Order no later than November 13, 2006 (See 46 CFR 502.74). Respondents shall also advise whether they consent to this Complaint being processed under the shortened procedures of Subpart K (See 46 CFR 502.181–187). Should Respondents consent to the shortened procedure, Respondents' Answering Memorandum shall be served no later than twenty-five (25) days after the Administrative Law Judge issues his ruling on Complainants' Motion for Protective Order (See 46 CFR 502.183). Should Respondents not consent to the shortened procedure, Respondent shall file an answer to the Complaint pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, within twenty (20) days of the Administrative Law Judge's ruling on the Complainants' Motion for Protective Order (See 46 CFR 502.64).

This proceeding has been assigned to the Office of the Administrative Law Judges. Complainants have requested that their complaint be handled Pursuant to Subpart K—Shortened Procedure of the Commission's Rules (46 CFR 502.181–187). With the consent of the parties and with the approval of the presiding officer, this proceeding may be conducted under the shortened procedure without oral hearing, except that a hearing may be ordered by the presiding officer at the request of either party to the proceeding or at the presiding officer's discretion. If Respondents do not consent to this shortened procedure, the matter will be governed by Subpart E of the Commission's Rules. Pursuant to the further terms of 46 CFR 502.61, the initial decision of the presiding officer in this proceeding shall be issued by March 27, 2007, and the final decision of the Commission shall be issued by June 22, 2007.<sup>3</sup>

**Bryant L. VanBrakle,**  
Secretary.

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<sup>2</sup> As required by the Commission's Rules, Complainants also filed a "Public" redacted version of the Memorandum of Facts and Arguments which is being provided to the Respondents. The Confidential version may be made available pursuant to the Administrative Law Judges ruling on the Motion for Protective Order.

<sup>3</sup> Should this proceeding not be conducted pursuant to Subpart K, these dates will be adjusted.

## 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).

**Time and Date:** November 28, 2006, 9 a.m.–3:15 p.m. November 29, 2006, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Place:** Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 505A, Washington, DC 20201.

**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 and status reports from the Department on various topics including activities of the HHS Data Council, and updates on HIPAA implementation, clinical data standards, the E-Prescribing Final Rule, and Privacy Rule compliance. They will also work on letters to the HHS Secretary on the National Provider Identifier (NPI), and applications of the Consolidated Health Informatics Initiative (CHI) for disability information. In the afternoon the Committee will discuss the 8th report to Congress on HIPAA implementation and hear updates from Subcommittees. A briefing on secondary uses of health data by an industry group has also been scheduled.

On the morning of the second day the Committee will continue working on the NPI and CHI letters. They will also be briefed on the status of the Health Information Security Privacy Collaboration, a project designed to assess how organizational business policies, practices, and State laws regarding privacy and security affect health information exchanging on a national level. There will be an update from the National Center for Health Statistics's Board of Scientific Counselors and a discussion on International Classifications and related activities. Subcommittees will then have the opportunity to provide additional updates on their work and a short discussion of future agendas and the meeting will adjourn.

The times shown above are for the full Committee meeting. Subcommittee breakout sessions are scheduled for late in the afternoon of 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) 458–4EE0 (4336) as soon as possible.

Dated: October 25, 2006.

**James Scanlon,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (OSDP), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.*

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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, this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday November 2, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and from Friday, November 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and is open to the public. The Notice will not be published 15 days prior to the meeting because it was regrettably delayed due to administrative difficulties.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, Gaithersburg Washingtonian Center, 204 Boardwalk Place, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Queenan, Coordinator of the Advisory Council, at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland, 20850, (301) 427–1330. For press-related