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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:

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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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.