

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 800, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jaime Zimmerman, Designated Management Official, at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland, 20850, (301) 427-1456. For press-related information, please contact Alison Hunt at (301) 427-1244.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Management on (301) 827-4840, no later than Friday, October 24, 2014. The agenda, roster, and minutes are available from Ms. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland, 20850. Ms. Campbell's phone number is (301) 427-1554.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Purpose**

The National Advisory Council for Healthcare Research and Quality is authorized by Section 941 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 299c. In accordance with its statutory mandate, the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), on matters related to AHRQ's conduct of its mission including providing guidance on (A) priorities for health care research, (B) the field of health care research including training needs and information dissemination on health care quality and (C) the role of the Agency in light of private sector activity and opportunities for public private partnerships.

The Council is composed of members of the public, appointed by the Secretary, and Federal ex-officio members specified in the authorizing legislation.

##### **II. Agenda**

On Friday, November 7, 2014, there will be a subcommittee meeting for the National Healthcare Quality and Disparities Report scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. in room 425A. The subcommittee meeting is open to the public. The Council meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m., with the call to order by the Council Chair and approval of previous Council summary notes. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting will begin with the AHRQ

Director presenting an update on current research, programs, and initiatives. Following the Director's Update, the agenda will include a presentation on AHRQ's work to make health care safer followed by a discussion on reducing healthcare disparities. The final agenda will be available on the AHRQ Web site at [www.AHRQ.gov](http://www.AHRQ.gov) no later than Friday, November 1, 2014.

Dated: October 22, 2014.

**Richard Kronick,**  
*Director.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

##### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

##### **Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (BSC, NCEH/ATSDR)**

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the following meeting of the aforementioned committee:

##### *Times and Dates:*

8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., November 18, 2014

8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., November 19, 2014

*Place:* CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

The meeting room accommodates approximately 60 people.

*Purpose:* The Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and by delegation, the Director, CDC and Administrator, NCEH/ATSDR, are authorized under Section 301(42 U.S.C. 241) and Section 311(42 U.S.C. 243) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, to: (1) Conduct, encourage, cooperate with, and assist other appropriate public authorities, scientific institutions, and scientists in the conduct of research, investigations, experiments, demonstrations, and studies relating to the causes, diagnosis, treatment, control, and prevention of physical and mental diseases and other impairments; (2) assist states and their political subdivisions in the prevention of infectious diseases and other preventable conditions and in the promotion of health and well being; and (3) train state and local personnel in health work. The BSC, NCEH/ATSDR

provides advice and guidance to the Secretary, HHS; the Director, CDC and Administrator, ATSDR; and the Director, NCEH/ATSDR, regarding program goals, objectives, strategies, and priorities in fulfillment of the agency's mission to protect and promote people's health. The board provides advice and guidance that will assist NCEH/ATSDR in ensuring scientific quality, timeliness, utility, and dissemination of results. The board also provides guidance to help NCEH/ATSDR work more efficiently and effectively with its various constituents and to fulfill its mission in protecting America's health.

*Matters for Discussion:* The agenda items for the BSC Meeting will include NCEH/ATSDR Office of the Director updates; NCEH/ATSDR budget process; soil vapor intrusion; tobacco biomarkers/E-cigarettes; children's environmental health; West Virginia water contamination; NCEH/ATSDR program responses to BSC guidance and action items; updates from the National Institute for Environmental Health Services, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and discussion of future BSC agenda topics and action items.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

*Supplemental Information:* The public comment period is scheduled on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 from 3:15 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. until 11:15 a.m.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Sandra Malcom, Committee Management Specialist, NCEH/ATSDR, 4770 Buford Highway, Mail Stop F-61, Chamblee, Georgia 30345; Telephone 770/488-0575 or 770/488-0577, Fax: 770/488-3377; Email: [smalcom@cdc.gov](mailto:smalcom@cdc.gov). The deadline for notification of attendance is November 11, 2014.

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.

**Gary Johnson,**

*Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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