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Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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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).

Time and Date: September 8, 2005, 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m.; September 9, 2005, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 705A, 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, the adoption of Clinical Data Standards, and HIPAA Privacy Rule compliance. They will also hear a presentation on personal health records systems and discuss a letter to the HHS Secretary from the Workgroup on the National Health Information Infrastructure. In the afternoon the Committee will discuss its annual report along with its 7th report to Congress on implementation of HIPAA and hear an update from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

On the morning of the second day the Committee will review and identify preliminary issues for action at its November meeting and hear a report from the Executive Subcommittee's retreat. There will also be briefing on the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research's reports on health disparities and quality. In the afternoon, there will be reports from the Subcommittees and a discussion of agendas for future Committee meetings.

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.

For Further Information Contact: 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 at (301) 458-4EEO (4336) as soon as possible.

Dated: August 12, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement AA095]

Pilot Projects to Expand Existing Birth Defects Surveillance Systems To Include All Fetal Death Data; Notice of Intent To Fund Single Eligibility Award

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the intent to fund fiscal year (FY) 2005 funds for a cooperative agreement program to:

1. Evaluate the feasibility of expanding a population-based birth defects surveillance system to incorporate data from existing records on fetal deaths;
2. Monitor and report, as feasible, on the occurrence of fetal deaths in the study population;
3. Serve as a registry for etiologic studies of fetal deaths (note that no research studies are planned under this project); and
4. Serve as a resource for education and evaluation of prevention programs that aim to reduce the occurrence of fetal deaths (note that no education or prevention programs are planned under this study).

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.283.

B. Eligible Applicant

In 2004, the state of Iowa passed legislation to add stillbirths to the information that the state collects for its birth registries. The Iowa birth defects monitoring program is an active ascertainment system that was established in 1983. The monitoring program currently collects data on fetal deaths related to birth defects, and can be expanded to include all fetal death data. This model program is a center for excellence in birth defects surveillance, the largest case control study on birth defects in the United States.

H.R. Conf. Rep. No. 108-792, at 1162 (2004), references the Iowa Department of Health. Applications may be submitted only by the Iowa Department of Health. No other applications are solicited.

C. Funding

Approximately \$400,000 is available in FY 2005 to fund this award. It is expected that the award will begin on or before August 31, 2005, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to one year. Funding estimates may change.

D. Where To Obtain Additional Information

For general comments or questions about this announcement, contact: Technical Information Management, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: 770-488-2700.

For technical questions about this program, contact: Stephanie Henry, Project Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, Mailstop E-86, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone: (404) 498-3809, E-mail: SHenry@cdc.gov.

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