

would be beneficial in four broad areas: health care delivery, health systems operations, biomedical and health research, and the development of pharmaceuticals and other products. The Committee will review and advise on changes identified through regional public hearings, written comments from the public, and consultation with HHS staff.

All meetings and hearings of the Committee are open to the general public. The teleconference agenda will allow some time for public comment. Additional information on the agenda and meeting materials will be posted on the Committee's Web site prior to the telemeeting (<http://www.regreform.hhs.gov>).

DATES: The teleconference will be held on Monday, September 9, 2002, from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time.

Telephone Number: Members of the public who wish to attend via telephone should dial (877) 381-6315 and provide conference ID 5382888. TTY for the hearing impaired can be accessed by dialing 711. Attendance on the call may be limited by the number of telephone lines available. To ensure that we can accommodate members of the public, individuals are encouraged, but not required, to notify HHS staff in advance of the meeting if they are planning to attend via telephone by sending an e-mail to vineeta.jain@hhs.gov or fax to (202) 401-5159 with the following information: Name, organization, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. Individuals who wish to provide public comment during the teleconference will be provided instructions when they call.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public are also invited to the following location to attend the teleconference: Room 800, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201. To comply with security requirements, individuals who do not possess a valid Federal identification must present a picture identification, e.g., driver's license or passport upon entry to the Humphrey Building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret P. Sparr, Executive Coordinator, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 344G, Washington, DC 20201, (202) 401-5182.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Anyone planning to attend the teleconference by coming to the Hubert H. Humphrey

Building and who requires special disability-related arrangements such as sign-language interpretation should provide notice of their need by Tuesday, September 3, 2002. Please make any request to Ms. Vineeta Jain—phone: (202) 401-5182; fax: (202) 401-5159; e-mail: vineeta.jain@hhs.gov.

On June 8, 2001, HHS Secretary Thompson announced a Department-wide initiative to reduce regulatory burdens in health care, to improve patient care, and to respond to the concerns of health care providers and industry, State and local Governments, and individual Americans who are affected by HHS rules. Common sense approaches and careful balancing of needs can help improve patient care. As part of this initiative, the Department established the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform to provide findings and recommendations regarding potential regulatory changes. These changes would enable HHS programs to reduce burdens and costs associated with departmental regulations and paperwork, while at the same time maintaining or enhancing the effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and access of HHS programs.

Dated: August 21, 2002.

Margaret P. Sparr,

Executive Coordinator, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Contract Review Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act as amended (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Technical Review Committee (TRC) meeting. This TRC's charge is to review contract proposals and provide recommendations to the Acting Director, AHRQ, with respect to the technical merit of proposals submitted in response to a Request for Proposals (RFP) regarding "Developing Tools to Enhance Quality and Patient Safety Through Medical Informatics", issued on June 27, 2002. The contract will constitute AHRQ's participation in the Small Business Innovation Research program.

The upcoming TRC meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act

(FACA), section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and procurement regulations, 41 CFR 101-6.1023 and 48 CFR 315.604(d). The discussions at this meeting of contract proposals submitted in response to the above-referenced RFP are likely to reveal proprietary information and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. Such information is exempt from disclosure under the above-cited FACA provision that protects the free exchange of candid views, and under the procurement rules that prevent undue interference with Committee and Department operations.

Name of TRC: The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality—"Developing Tools to Enhance Quality and Patient Safety Through Medical Informatics".

Date: August 30, 2002.

Place: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 6010 Executive Blvd, 4th Floor Conference Center, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Contract Person: Anyone wishing to obtain information regarding this meeting should contact Eduardo Ortiz, Center for Primary Care Research, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 6010 Executive Blvd, Suite 201, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, 301-594-6236. This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Dated: August 16, 2002.

Carolyn M. Clancy,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 02032]

Cooperative Agreement to the Medical Research Council of South Africa (MRC) for Tuberculosis Control Activities; Notice of Award of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the award of fiscal year (FY) 2002 funds for a sole source cooperative agreement for the Medical Research Council of South Africa (MRC).

The purpose of this program is to help support and ensure implementation of tuberculosis (TB) control activities that are designed to develop, establish, and coordinate systems and procedures to address the obstacles to achieving control of TB and multi-drug tuberculosis (MDR-TB) in South Africa.