or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Darius Taylor,

Deputy, Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), announcement is made of an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting on *''AHRQ RFA–HS14–003, Disseminating Patient Centered Outcomes Research to Improve Healthcare Delivery Systems (R18)''.* Each SEP meeting will commence in open session before closing to the public for the duration of the meeting.

DATES: January 15–17, 2014 (Open on January 15 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting).

ADDRESSES: Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, agenda or minutes of the non-confidential portions of this meeting should contact: Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Extramural Research, Education and Priority Populations, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Room 2038, Rockville, Maryland 20850, Telephone: (301) 427–1554.

Agenda items for this meeting are subject to change as priorities dictate.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Special Emphasis Panel is a group of experts in fields related to health care research who are invited by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and agree to be available, to conduct on an as needed basis, scientific reviews of applications for AHRQ support. Individual members of the Panel do not attend regularly-scheduled meetings and do not serve for fixed terms or a long period of time. Rather, they are asked to participate in particular review meetings which require their type of expertise.

Each SEP meeting will commence in open session before closing to the public for the duration of the meeting. The SEP meeting referenced above will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). Grant applications for the ''AHRQ RFA–HS14–003, Disseminating Patient Centered Outcomes Research to Improve Healthcare Delivery Systems (R18)'' are to be reviewed and discussed at this meeting. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: December 17, 2013.

Richard Kronick,

AHRQ Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), announcement is made of an Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting on *''AHRQ RFA–HS14–004, PCOR AHRQ Training Program on Patient-Centered Outcomes Methods & Standard Research (R25)''.* Each SEP meeting will commence in open session before closing to the public for the duration of the meeting.

DATES: January 17, 2014 (*Open on January 17 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and closed for the remainder of the meeting*).

ADDRESSES: Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, agenda or minutes of the non-confidential portions of this meeting should contact: Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Extramural Research, Education and Priority Populations, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Room 2038, Rockville, Maryland 20850, Telephone: (301) 427–1554.

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Dated: December 17, 2013.

Richard Kronick,

AHRQ Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Notice of Meetings

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Five AHRQ Subcommittee Meetings.

SUMMARY: The subcommittees listed below are part of AHRQ's Health

Services Research Initial Review Group Committee. Grant applications are to be reviewed and discussed at these meetings. Each subcommittee meeting will commence in open session before closing to the public for the duration of the meeting. These meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. App. 2 section 10(d), 5 U.S.C. section 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. section 552b(c)(6).

DATES: See below for dates of meetings:

1. *Health System and Value Research (HSVR)*

Date: February 19, 2014 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on February 19 and closed for remainder of the meeting)

2. *Healthcare Safety and Quality Improvement Research (HSQR)*

Date: February 26–27, 2014 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on February 26 and closed for remainder of the meeting)

3. *Healthcare Effectiveness and Outcomes Research (HEOR)*

Date: February 26–27, 2014 (Open from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on February 26 and closed for remainder of the meeting)

4. *Health Care Research and Training (HCRT)*

Date: February 27–28, 2014 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on February 27 and closed for remainder of the meeting)

5. *Healthcare Information Technology Research (HITR)*

Date: February 27–28, 2014 (Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on February 27 and closed for remainder of the meeting)

ADDRESSES: Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: (To obtain a roster of members, agenda or minutes of the non-confidential portions of the meetings.) Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Extramural Research Education and Priority Populations, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Suite 2000, Rockville, Maryland 20850, Telephone (301) 427–1554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), AHRQ announces meetings of the scientific peer review groups listed above, which are subcommittees of AHRQ's Health Services Research Initial Review Group Committees. Each subcommittee meeting will commence in open session before closing to the public for the duration of the meeting. The subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in 5 U.S.C. App. 2 section 10(d), 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Agenda items for these meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: December 17, 2013.

Richard Kronick,

AHRQ Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[60-Day 14–14FA]

Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404–639–7570 or send comments to LeRoy Richardson, 1600 Clifton Road, MS–D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an email to *omb@cdc.gov*.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

State Surveillance under the National Toxic Substance Incidents Program (NTSIP)—NEW—Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

Background and Brief Description

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is sponsoring the National Toxic Substance Incidents Program (NTSIP) to gather information from many resources to protect people from harm caused by spills and leaks of toxic substances. The NTSIP information will be used to help prevent or reduce the harm caused by toxic substance incidents. The NTSIP is modeled partially after the Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance (HSEES) Program which ran from 1992 to 2012 [OMB number: 0923–0008; expiration date 01/31/2012], with additions suggested by stakeholders to have a more complete program. The NTSIP has three components: a national database, state surveillance, and the response team. This information collection request is focused on the state surveillance component.

The NTSIP is the only federal public health-based surveillance system to coordinate the collection, collation, analysis, and distribution of acute toxic substance incidents data to public health and safety practitioners. Because thousands of acute spills occur annually around the country, it is necessary to establish this surveillance system to describe the public health impacts on the population of the United States. The ATSDR is seeking a three-year approval for the ongoing collection of information for the state surveillance system.

The main objectives of this information collection are to:

1. describe toxic substance releases and the public health consequences associated with such releases within the participating states,

2. identify and prioritize vulnerabilities in industry, transportation, and communities as they relate to toxic substance releases, and

3. identify, develop, and promote strategies that could prevent ongoing and future exposures and resultant health effects from toxic substance releases.

The NTSIP surveillance system will be incident-driven and all acute toxic substance incidents occurring within the participating states will be included. Upon Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval, participating states will include Alaska, California, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, and Wisconsin.

A standardized set of data will be collected by the NTSIP coordinator for