

Plans, directs and evaluates activities authorized under Title IV of the OAA. Conducts activities for the development of adequate knowledge for improving the circumstances of older people. Develops a knowledge base for policy decisions and program development and coordination through support of a wide range of research, demonstration, and training activities.

Prepares the planning documents for, and coordinates the development of, the annual discretionary funds program announcement. Provides technical input for Congressional and budget presentations related to the research and demonstration program. Evaluates research, demonstration and training grant and contract proposals; and recommends approval/disapproval, monitors progress, gives technical guidance to and evaluates the performance of grantees and contractors. Analyzes and interprets project results and recommends technical applications. Promotes coordination of research and demonstrations with other national, field and local programs related to aging.

Within overall AoA strategy and long range plans, conducts continuing studies and periodic reviews of personnel needs and resources in the field of aging. Plans and assesses AoA's activities to ensure trained staff for programs serving older Americans. Develops and monitors a national plan for increasing these resources, and prepares reports thereon for AoA, the Federal Council on the Aging, the Secretary, the President and Congress.

Administers a program through grants and contracts for developing curricula and providing training related to preparation for professional, teaching, research, and paraprofessional careers in the field of aging. Makes grants for planning, developing, and operating multi-disciplinary centers of gerontology designed to serve the purposes set forth under Title IV of the OAA, including the monitoring of such grants on a continuing basis.

Develops standards, optional models, and "best practice" suggestions on services to the elderly for use by the Regional Offices, and State and Area Agencies on Aging. Develops technical assistance material and in-service training curricula concerning these standards, models, and best practice suggestions.

Provides technical input on research, demonstration and training programs to the AoA planning and policy development activities, legislative activities and the annual budget development cycle. Participates in Departmental and inter-departmental

activities which concern health and social services; reviews and comments on Departmental regulations and policies regarding health programs and institutional and non-institutional long term care services.

Manages a program for the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information related to the needs and problems of older persons. Develops and coordinates initiatives with other Federal agencies, national aging organizations and universities to fill gaps in information in the field of aging.

Reviews all products from AoA, the OAA network, and other sources of information on aging to identify new findings which will be useful to older people and professionals operating in the field of aging. Determines the relative utility of each product, its potential users, and the most effective way to disseminate information to users.

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## **Agency for Health Care Policy and Research**

### **Meeting of the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation**

**AGENCY:** Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation.

**DATES:** The meeting will be open to the public on Friday, January 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Madison Hotel, 1177 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah L. Queenan, Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 603, Rockville, Maryland 20852, (301) 594-1459.

In addition, if sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact Linda Reeves, the Assistant Administrator for Equal Opportunity, AHCP, or (301) 594-6665 no later than January 19, 1996.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Purpose**

Section 921 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 299c) establishes the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation. The Council provides advice to the Secretary and the Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCP), on matters related to AHCP activities to enhance the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of health care services and access to such services through scientific research and the promotion of improvements in clinical practice and in the organization, financing, and delivery of health care services.

The Council is composed of public members appointed by the Secretary. These members are: Robert A. Berenson, M.D.; F. Marian Bishop, Ph.D.; Linda Burnes Bolton, Dr. P.H.; John W. Danaher, M.D.; Helen Darling, M.A.; Nancy J. Kaufman, M.S.; William S. Kiser, M.D.; Robert M. Krughoff; Risa J. Lavizzo-Mourey, M.D.; W. David Leak, M.D.; Harold S. Luft, Ph.D.; Barbara J. McNeil, M.D.; Walter J. McNeerney, M.H.A.; Edward B. Perrin, Ph.D.; Louis F. Rossiter, Ph.D.; Albert L. Sui, M.D.; and Ellen B. White. M.B.A.

There also are Federal ex-officio members. These members are: Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; Director, National Institutes of Health; Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration; Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration; Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs); and Chief Medical Director, Department of Veterans Affairs.

### **II. Agenda**

On Friday, January 26, 1996, the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the call to order by the Council Chairman. The Administrator, AHCP, will update the status of current Agency issues and program initiatives. Council will then discuss the issues of health services research work force and education, public/private sector collaboration, and the large grant review process. The meeting will adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Dated: December 7, 1995.

Clifton R. Gaus,

*Administrator.*

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