○ 1 member shall be from a labor organization representing health care workers;

○ 1 member shall have expertise in health information privacy and security;

○ 1 member shall have expertise in improving the health of vulnerable populations;

○ 1 member shall be from the research community;

○ 1 member shall represent health plans or other third-party payers;

○ 1 member shall represent information technology vendors;

○ 1 member shall represent purchasers or employers; and

○ 1 member shall have expertise in health care quality measurement and reporting.

Non-federal members of the Committee shall be Special Government Employees, unless classified as representatives.

III. Copies of the Charter

To obtain a copy of the Committee's charter, submit a written request to the above contact.

Dated: April 23, 2009.

David Blumenthal,

National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology

ACTION: Notification of the Establishment of the HIT Standards Committee.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the establishment of the HIT Standards Committee. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) (Pub. L. 111–5), section 13101, directs the establishment of the HIT Standards Committee. The HIT Standards Committee (also referred to as the ''Committee'') is charged with making recommendations to the National Coordinator on standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for the electronic exchange and use of health information for purposes of adoption, consistent with the implementation of the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan, and in accordance with policies developed by the HIT Policy Committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judith Sparrow, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, e-mail *judy.sparrow@hhs.gov* or 202–205–4528.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Committee and its staff are governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 92–463), as amended, (5 U.S.C. App.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of federal advisory committees.

The Committee shall determine a schedule of meetings following an election of a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson from among its members. An initial meeting of the Committee shall take place not later than 90 days from passage of the ARRA.

II. Criteria for Members

The HIT Standards Committee shall not exceed thirty (30) voting members, including a Chair and Vice Chair, and members are appointed by the Secretary with input from the National Coordinator. Membership of the Committee shall at least reflect providers, ancillary healthcare workers, consumers, purchasers, health plans, technology vendors, researchers, relevant Federal agencies, and individuals with technical expertise on health care quality, privacy and security, and on the electronic exchange and use of health information and shall represent a balance among various sectors of the health care system so that no single sector unduly influences the recommendations of the Committee.

Non-Federal members of the Committee shall be Special Government Employees, unless classified as representatives.

III. Copies of the Charter

To obtain a copy of the Committee's charter, submit a written request to the above contact.

Dated: April 23, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Toxicology Program (NTP); Office of Liaison, Policy and Review; Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods (SACATM)

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

ACTION: Meeting announcement and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of SACATM on June 25–26, 2009, at the Hilton Arlington Hotel, 950 North Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22203. The meeting is open to the public with attendance limited only by the space available. SACATM advises the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM), the NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM), and the Director of the NIEHS and NTP regarding statutorily mandated duties of ICCVAM and activities of NICEATM.

DATES: The SACATM meeting will be held on June 25 and 26, 2009. The meeting is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 25 and 8:30 a.m. until adjournment on June 26, 2009. All individuals who plan to attend are encouraged to register online at the NTP Web site (*http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/7441*) by June 17, 2009. In order to facilitate planning, persons wishing to make an oral presentation are asked to notify Dr. Lori White, NTP Executive Secretary, via online registration, phone, or e-mail by June 17, 2009 (see **ADDRESSES** below). Written comments should also be received by June 17, 2009, to enable review by SACATM and NIEHS/NTP staff before the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The SACATM meeting will be held at the Hilton Arlington Hotel, 950 North Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22203 [hotel: (703) 528–6000)]. Public comments and other correspondence should be directed to Dr. Lori White (NTP Office of Liaison, Policy and Review, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD K2–03, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919–541–9834 or e-mail: *whiteld@niehs.nih.gov*). Courier address: NIEHS, 530 Davis Drive, Room 2136, Durham, NC 27713. Persons needing interpreting services in order to attend should contact 301–402–8180 (voice) or 301–435–1908 (TTY).

Requests should be made at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Preliminary Agenda Topics and Availability of Meeting Materials

Preliminary agenda topics include:

- NICEATM–ICCVAM Update.
- Regulatory Acceptance of ICCVAM–Recommended Alternative Test Methods.
- NRC Report *Recognition and Alleviation of Pain in Laboratory Animals.*
- Implementation of NICEATM–ICCVAM Five-Year Plan.
- Federal Agency Research, Development, Translation, and Validation Activities Relevant to the NICEATM–ICCVAM Five-Year Plan (EPA and USDA).
- Report on second meeting of Independent Peer Review Panel: Evaluation of the Updated Validation Status of New Versions and Applications of the Murine Local Lymph Node Assay: Assessing the Allergic Contact Dermatitis Potential of Chemicals and Products.
- Report on the Independent Scientific Peer Review Panel on Alternative Ocular Safety Testing Methods.
- Update from the Japanese Center for the Validation of Alternative Methods.
- Update from the European Centre for the Evaluation of Alternative Methods.
- Update from Health Canada.

A copy of the preliminary agenda, committee roster, and additional information, when available, will be posted on the NTP Web site (*http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/7441*) or available upon request (see **ADDRESSES** above). Following the SACATM meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and available on the NTP Web site or upon request.

Request for Comments

Both written and oral public input on the agenda topics is invited. Written comments received in response to this notice will be posted on the NTP Web site. Persons submitting written comments should include their name, affiliation (if applicable), and sponsoring organization (if any) with the document. Time is allotted during the meeting for presentation of oral comments and each organization is allowed one time slot per public comment period. At least 7 minutes will be allotted for each speaker, and if time permits, may be extended up to 10 minutes at the discretion of the chair. Registration for oral comments will also be available on-site, although time allowed for presentation by on-site registrants may be less than for pre-registered speakers and will be determined by the number of persons who register at the meeting.

Persons registering to make oral comments are asked to do so through the online registration form (*http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/7441*) and to send a copy of their statement to Dr. White (see **ADDRESSES** above) by June 17, 2009, to enable review by SACATM, NICEATM–ICCVAM, and NIEHS/NTP staff prior to the meeting. Written statements can supplement and may expand the oral presentation. If registering on-site and reading from written text, please bring 40 copies of the statement for distribution and to supplement the record.

Background Information on ICCVAM, NICEATM, and SACATM

ICCVAM is an interagency committee composed of representatives from 15 Federal regulatory and research agencies that use, generate, or disseminate toxicological information. ICCVAM conducts technical evaluations of new, revised, and alternative methods with regulatory applicability and promotes the development, scientific validation, regulatory acceptance, implementation, and national and international harmonization of new, revised, and alternative toxicological test methods that more accurately assess the safety and hazards of chemicals and products and that refine, reduce, and replace animal use. The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 [42 U.S.C. 285*l*–3] established ICCVAM as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS under NICEATM. NICEATM administers ICCVAM and provides scientific and operational support for ICCVAM-related activities. NICEATM and ICCVAM work collaboratively to evaluate new and improved test methods applicable to the needs of U.S. Federal agencies. Additional information about ICCVAM and NICEATM can be found on their Web site (*http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov*).

SACATM was established in response to the ICCVAM Authorization Act [Section 285*l*–3(d)] and is composed of scientists from the public and private sectors. SACATM advises ICCVAM, NICEATM, and the Director of the NIEHS and NTP regarding statutorily mandated duties of ICCVAM and activities of NICEATM. SACATM provides advice on priorities and activities related to the development, validation, scientific review, regulatory acceptance, implementation, and national and international harmonization of new, revised, and alternative toxicological test methods. Additional information about SACATM, including the charter, roster, and records of past meetings, can be found at *http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/167.*

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Associate Director, National Toxicology Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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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 404–639–5960 or send comments to Maryam Daneshvar, CDC Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS–D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an e-mail 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

Congenital Syphilis (CS) Case Investigation and Report Form (CDC73.126), OMB No. 0920–0128—revision—National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Tuberculosis Prevention, (NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).