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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Vaccine Program Office, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services is hereby giving notice that the National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC) will hold a meeting June 7-8, 2016. The meeting is open to the public. However, pre-registration is required for both public attendance and public comment. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting and/or participate in the public comment session should register at <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac/meetings/upcomingmeetings>. Participants may also register by e-mailing nvpo@hhs.gov or by calling (202) 690-5566 and providing their name, organization, and e-mail address.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 7-8, 2016. The meeting times and agenda will be posted on the NVAC website at <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac/meetings/upcomingmeetings> as soon as they become available.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, the Great Hall, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20201.

The meeting can also be accessed through a live webcast the day of the meeting. For more information, visit <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac/meetings/upcomingmeetings>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: National Vaccine Program Office, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Room 715–H, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20201. Phone: (202) 690–5566; e-mail: nvpo@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Pursuant to Section 2101 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300aa–1), the Secretary of Health and Human Services was mandated to establish the National Vaccine Program to achieve optimal prevention of human infectious diseases through immunization and to achieve optimal prevention against adverse reactions to vaccines. The NVAC was established to provide advice and make recommendations to the Director of the National Vaccine Program on matters related to the Program’s responsibilities. The Assistant Secretary for Health serves as Director of the National Vaccine Program.

The June 2016 NVAC meeting will continue important discussions on addressing the barriers and scientific challenges to the development of new and improved vaccines, with a presentation from the NVAC Maternal Immunization Working Group of their draft recommendations for

overcoming barriers to research and development of vaccines for use in pregnant women. The NVAC will host a comprehensive discussion on the financial costs and perceived barriers to providing immunization services across the lifespan. Committee discussions will also include an update on immunization priorities at the local level, efforts to improve immunization coverage among adults and adolescents, and findings from a midcourse review of the 2010 National Vaccine Plan on the areas of greatest opportunity for strengthening the immunization system going forward. Please note that agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate. Information on the final meeting agenda will be posted prior to the meeting on the NVAC website: <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac>.

Public attendance at the meeting is limited to the available space. Individuals who plan to attend in person and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the National Vaccine Program Office at the address/phone listed above at least one week prior to the meeting. For those unable to attend in person, a live webcast will be available. More information on registration and accessing the webcast can be found at <http://www.hhs.gov/nvpo/nvac/meetings/upcomingmeetings>.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments at the NVAC meeting during the public comment periods designated on the agenda. Public comments made during the meeting will be limited to three minutes per person to ensure time is allotted for all those wishing to speak. Individuals are also welcome to submit their written comments. Written comments should not exceed three pages in length. Individuals submitting written comments should e-mail their comments to the National Vaccine Program Office (nvpo@hhs.gov) at least five business

days prior to the meeting.

Dated: May 3, 2016.

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