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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2017-N-6607]

Oncology Center of Excellence Listening Session; Public Meeting; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, the Agency, or we) is announcing the following public meeting entitled "Oncology Center of Excellence (OCE): Listening Session."

The purpose of the public meeting and the docket for comments is for stakeholders to provide recommendations to the Agency regarding FDA's OCE. Specifically, the Agency solicits comments regarding what stakeholders desire of the OCE in terms of structure, function, regulatory purview, and activity.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Submit either electronic or written comments on this public meeting by April 16, 2018. See the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for registration date and information.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the FDA White Oak Campus, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 31 Conference Center, the Great Room (Rm. 1503), Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002. Entrance for the public meeting participants (non-FDA employees) is through Building 1 where routine security check procedures will be performed. For parking and security information, please refer to

<https://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/WorkingatFDA/BuildingsandFacilities/WhiteOakCampusInformation/ucm241740.htm>.

You may submit comments as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered. Electronic comments must be submitted on or before April 16, 2018. The <https://www.regulations.gov> electronic filing system will accept comments until midnight Eastern Time at the end of April 16, 2018. Comments received by mail/hand delivery/courier (for written/paper submissions) will be considered timely if they are postmarked or the delivery service acceptance receipt is on or before that date.

Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to <https://www.regulations.gov> will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>.
- If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see "Written/Paper Submissions" and "Instructions").

Written/Paper Submissions

Submit written/paper submissions as follows:

- Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions): Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
- For written/paper comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in "Instructions."

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2017-N-6607 for "Oncology Center of Excellence (OCE): Listening Session." Received comments, those filed in a timely manner (see ADDRESSES), will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as "Confidential Submissions," publicly viewable at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- Confidential Submissions--To submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made publicly available, submit your comments only as a written/paper submission. You should submit two copies total. One copy will include the information you claim to be confidential with a heading or cover note that states "THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION." The Agency will review this copy, including the claimed confidential information, in its consideration of comments. The second copy, which will have the claimed confidential information redacted/blacked out, will be available for public viewing and posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit both copies to the Dockets Management Staff. If you do not wish your name and contact information to be made publicly available, you can provide this information on the cover sheet and not in the body of your comments and you must identify this information as "confidential."

Any information marked as "confidential" will not be disclosed except in accordance with 21 CFR 10.20 and other applicable disclosure law. For more information about FDA's posting of comments to public docket, see 80 FR 56469, September 18, 2015, or access the information at: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-09-18/pdf/2015-23389.pdf>.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or the electronic and written/paper comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and insert the docket number, found in brackets in the heading of this document, into the "Search" box and follow the prompts and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tamy Kim, Oncology Center of Excellence, Office of the Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, 10903 New Hampshire Ave., Bldg. 22, Rm. 2206, Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002, 301-796-1125, email: Tamy.Kim@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

FDA announces the establishment of a public docket and a public listening session for the OCE. As a part of 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act), section 3073, the "Secretary shall establish one or more Intercenter Institutes within the Agency for a major disease area or areas" and "shall provide a period for public comment during the time that each Institute is being implemented" (section 1014 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) (21 U.S.C. 399g)). The OCE is the Agency's first Intercenter Institute.

Under the Cures Act, the purpose of an Intercenter Institute is to coordinate activities among FDA Centers, applicable to the major disease area, including coordination of staff,

streamlining of review activities, promotion of scientific programs, staff recruitment and development, enhancement of interactions, and facilitation of collaborative relationships within the Department of Health and Human Services.

FDA is establishing a docket for public comment for written comments and will hold a listening session for parties who are interested in commenting verbally. This will serve as the public comment period identified under the Cures Act (section 1014(b) of the FD&C Act).

II. Topics for Discussion at the Public Meeting

The docket for public comments and public listening session will discuss the structure, function, regulatory purview, and activities of the OCE and solicit comments regarding how the public would like the OCE to be structured and what function the OCE should serve as an Intercenter Institute.

The public docket and listening session are intended to be a part of the period of public comment during the implementation of the Oncology Center of Excellence, the first Intercenter Institute at FDA. FDA intends to make background material available to the public no later than 2 business days before the meeting. If FDA is unable to post the background material on its Web site prior to the meeting, the background material will be made publicly available at the location of the meeting, and the background material will be posted on FDA's website after the meeting. A notice in the Federal Register about last minute modifications that impact a previously announced meeting detail cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice. Therefore, you should always check the FDA's Oncology Center of Excellence Web site at <https://www.fda.gov/aboutfda/centersoffices/officeofmedicalproductsandtobacco/oce/ucm544496.htm> and scroll down to the appropriate meeting link.

III. Participating in the Public Meeting

Registration: To register for the public meeting, persons interested in attending this public meeting must register online by February 15, 2018. Please visit the following website to register: <https://fdaoce.formstack.com/forms/ocelisteningsession>. Please provide complete contact information for each attendee, including name, title, affiliation, address, email, and telephone.

Registration is free and based on space availability, with priority given to early registrants. Persons interested in attending this public meeting must register by February 15, 2018, midnight Eastern Time. Early registration is recommended because seating is limited; therefore, FDA may limit the number of participants from each organization. Registrants will receive confirmation when they have been accepted.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Tamy Kim (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) no later than March 1, 2018.

Requests for Oral Presentations: During online registration you may indicate if you wish to present during a public comment session, and which topic(s) you wish to address. We will do our best to accommodate requests. Individuals and organizations with common interests are urged to consolidate or coordinate their presentations, and request time for a joint presentation. Following the close of registration, we will determine the amount of time allotted to each presenter and the approximate time each oral presentation is to begin, and will select and notify participants by March 1, 2018. All requests to make oral presentations must be received by the close of registration on February 15, 2018. If selected for presentation, any presentation materials must be emailed to Tamy Kim (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) no later than March 12, 2018. No commercial or promotional material will be permitted to be presented or distributed at the public meeting.

Dated: December 4, 2017.

Leslie Kux,

Associate Commissioner for Policy.

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