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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria

AGENCY: 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 (HHS) is hereby giving notice that a meeting is scheduled to be held for the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (Advisory Council). The meeting will be open to the public; a public comment session will be held during the meeting. Pre-registration is required for members of the public who wish to attend the meeting and who wish to participate in the public comment session. Individuals who wish to attend the meeting and/or send in their public comment via email should send an email to CARB@hhs.gov. Registration information is available on the website <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/carb/> and must be completed by July 2, 2019; all in-person attendees must pre-register by this date. Additional information about registering for the meeting and providing public comment can be obtained at <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/carb/> on the Meetings page.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled to be held on July 10, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm and July 11, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm ET (times are tentative and subject to change). The confirmed times and agenda items for the meeting will be posted on the website for the Advisory Council at <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/carb/> when this information becomes available. Pre-registration for attending

the meeting in person is required to be completed no later than July 2, 2019; public attendance at the meeting is limited to the available space.

ADDRESSES: Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, International Ballroom C, 7920 Jones Branch Dr, McLean, VA 22102.

The meeting can also be accessed through a live webcast and via teleconference on the day of the meeting. For more information, visit <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/carb/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jomana Musmar, Designated Federal Officer, Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Room L133, Switzer Building, 330 C. St., S.W., Washington, DC 20201. Phone Number: (202) 795-7678. E-mail: CARB@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Executive Order 13676, dated September 18, 2014, authority was given to the Secretary of HHS to establish the Advisory Council, in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense and Agriculture. Activities of the Advisory Council are governed by the provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of federal advisory committees.

The Advisory Council will provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of HHS regarding programs and policies intended to support and evaluate the implementation of Executive Order 13676, including the National Strategy for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria and the National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria. The Advisory Council shall function solely for advisory purposes.

In carrying out its mission, the Advisory Council will provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary regarding programs and policies intended to preserve the effectiveness of antibiotics by optimizing their use; advance research to develop improved methods for combating antibiotic resistance and conducting antibiotic stewardship; strengthen surveillance of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections; prevent the transmission of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections; advance the development of rapid point-of-care and agricultural diagnostics; further research on new treatments for bacterial infections; develop alternatives to antibiotics for agricultural purposes; maximize the dissemination of up-to-date information on the appropriate and proper use of antibiotics to the general public and human and animal healthcare providers; and improve international coordination of efforts to combat antibiotic resistance.

The public meeting will be dedicated to the council's deliberation and vote on the National Action Plan (NAP) on Combating Antibiotic Resistance Bacteria (CARB) 2019 Working Group's (WG) report out on their draft response to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on identifying priority areas for the next iteration of the NAP on CARB, 2020-2025. The remainder of the two-day public meeting will include panel presentations and council discussions surrounding emerging antifungals, and provider challenges and educational solutions to influence antibiotic stewardship and One Health. The meeting agenda will be posted on the Advisory Council website at <http://www.hhs.gov/ash/carb/> when it has been finalized. All agenda items are tentative and subject to change.

Public attendance at the meeting is limited to the available space. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Advisory Council at the address/telephone number 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/ash/carb/>.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments prior to the Advisory Council meeting by emailing CARB@hhs.gov. Public comments should be sent in by midnight July 2, 2019, and should be limited to no more than one page. All public comments received prior to July 2, 2019, will be provided to Advisory Council members; comments are limited to five minutes per speaker.

Dated: May 2, 2019.

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Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria,

Committee Manager.

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