



MEMORANDUM

TO: WSC Clients

FROM: Washington Strategic Consulting

DATE: September 1, 2017

RE: HHS Seeking Nominations for New Pain Management Task Force

Overview

HHS is [seeking nominations](#) for a new pain management task force to develop best practices for prescribing pain medication and managing chronic and acute pain.

Background

The Task Force will identify, review, and determine whether there are gaps or inconsistencies in best practices among federal agencies; propose updates to best practices and recommendations on addressing gaps or inconsistencies; provide the public with an opportunity to comment on any proposed updates and recommendations; and develop a strategy for disseminating information about best practices.

The Task Force will meet not less than two times a calendar year, depending upon the availability of funds. The meetings may be conducted by teleconference or videoconference at the discretion of the Designated Federal Officer.

Membership

The members of the Task Force will include currently licensed and practicing physicians, dentists, and non-physician prescribers; currently licensed and practicing pharmacists and pharmacies; experts in the fields of pain research and addiction research, including adolescent and young adult addiction; experts on the health of, and prescription opioid use disorders in, members of the Armed Forces and veterans; and experts in the field of minority health.

Members who are not officers or employees of the United States Government and who are not appointed as representative members under CARA subsection 101(c)(5) will be classified as special government employees (SGEs).

Nominations

Applications to sit on the task force are due Sept. 27. Nominations, including self-nominations, of individuals who have the specified expertise and knowledge will be considered for appointment as members of the Task Force. A nomination should include, at a minimum, the following for each nominee:

- (1) A letter of nomination that clearly states the name and affiliation of the nominee, the basis for the nomination, and a statement from the nominee that indicates that the individual is willing to serve as a member of the Task Force, if selected;
- (2) The nominator's name, address, and daytime telephone number, and the address, telephone number, and email address of the individual being nominated; and
- (3) A current copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae or resume, which should be limited to no more than 10 pages.

Compensation

Members of the Task Force who are not officers or employees of the United States Government will receive no stipend for the advisory service that they render as members of the Task Force. Members appointed as SGEs will receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in relation to performing duties for the Task Force, as authorized by law under 5 U.S.C. 5703 for persons who are employed intermittently to perform services for the federal government and in accordance with federal travel regulations.