Request for Formation of Opioid Workgroup

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• Primary purpose: To provide expert input and observations on a possible update or expansion of the *CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain — United States, 2016*

• Possible secondary purpose (on request): To provide expert input and observations on other matters related to the opioid crisis
BSC OWG Tasks

• Review the quality and implications of clinical and contextual evidence reviews
• Review each guideline recommendation statement and accompanying rationale
• Consider specific aspects of each recommendation
• Develop a summary, including points of agreement and disagreement, regarding the OWG’s observations
BSC OWG Tasks (Cont’d)

• Consider specific aspects of each recommendation, including:
  – Quality of the evidence supporting the recommendation
  – Balance of benefits and risks
  – Values and preferences of clinicians and patients
  – Cost feasibility
  – Category designation (i.e., Category A or B)
BSC OWG and BSC Engagement Overview: Opioid Prescribing Guideline

• BSC OWG will provide a report detailing its findings and observations about the draft guideline to the BSC/NCIPC

• BSC/NCIPC will subsequently review the workgroup’s product, discuss, deliberate, and provide advice and recommendations
Opioid Workgroup Request: Membership

- Comprised of 12–20 persons
  - Chair must be an appointed BSC member
  - At least one other appointed BSC member
  - External experts
- Supported by the OWG Designated Federal Officer (DFO)
- Possible limited number of *ad hoc* members and federal representatives
Opioid Workgroup Request: Membership

- Perspectives*‡¶ that would support the OWG’s capacity to complete tasks include:
  - Clinicians (details on next slides)
  - Ethicists
  - Patients and Families
  - Pharmacists/ Pharmacologists
  - Public health practitioners
  - Research scientists

* Order is alphabetical and not intended to signify importance or prioritization
‡ Prospective members who offer two or more perspectives are desired
¶ Federal advisory committee management requirements will guide final selections
Objective is to represent a wide range of clinical specialists who may engage in treating acute and chronic pain:

- Dentists
- Primary care clinicians
- Surgeons
- Other specialists (detailed next slide)
Other specialties include:

- Addiction Medicine/Addiction Psychiatry
- Anesthesiology
- Behavioral Health Specialties
- Emergency Medicine (also, “urgent care”)
- Hematology/Oncology
- Hospital Medicine
- Medical Toxicology
- Neonatology / Perinatology / Prenatal and Peripartum care
- Neurology
- Occupational Medicine
- Pain Medicine
- Palliative Medicine
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Opioid Workgroup: More on Process (1 of 3)

• Develop a list of prospective workgroup members (informed by the BSC and public comment)
• Request and review disclosures of competing conflicts of interest, if any
• Develop a slate of prospective workgroup members, ensuring maximal breadth of expertise and diversity in perspectives
• Provide an update to the BSC on the formation of the Opioid Workgroup in Spring, 2020
Opioid Workgroup: More on *Process* (2 of 3)

• Convene workgroup members via a series of webinars/online forums to gather clinical and methodologic feedback on evidence reviews and draft guideline
  – Timing and topics for meetings will be planned by OWG Chair and OWG DFO
  – Follow-up conference calls will be scheduled as needed for draft report development
Opioid Workgroup: More on *Process (3 of 3)*

- Final Opioid Workgroup report summarizing the expert input obtained via the webinars/online forums
- Report to be presented at NCIPC BSC meeting (TBD: approx. 1 year) for BSC approval or modification
- NCIPC BSC provides recommendations regarding draft updated or expanded opioid prescribing guideline
Summary of CDC’s Request

• CDC requests of the BSC:
  – Establishment of the NCIPC BSC Opioid Workgroup
  – Recommendations for balanced perspectives and expert representation (within the restrictions of conflicts of interest and federal regulations)
Public Comment

Persons who wish to be considered for nomination to the Opioid Workgroup should email a current curriculum vitae and contact information to NCIPCBSC@cdc.gov by or before 2/04/2020
Thank you!

For more information, contact CDC
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)

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