

Dear Colleague:

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is seeking recommendations of qualified individuals for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry (ACTPCMD).

The ACTPCMD provides advice and recommendations to the Secretary, DHHS, concerning activities related to improving public health, eliminating health care disparities, serving vulnerable populations, and addressing health care competencies. Recommendations from this committee directly affect primary care physicians, physician assistants, dentists, and dental hygienists within the United States. The committee is also responsible for producing annual reports to the Secretary and to Congress. In addition, the ACTPCMD may recommend appropriation funding levels for primary care training programs covered under Title VII (Sections 747 and 748) of the Public Health Service Act. The goal of these programs is to increase the supply, diversity and distribution of a broadly competent, primary care workforce for the country.

The ACTPCMD is currently seeking to fill three seats specifically reserved for the primary care disciplines of Family Medicine and General Internal Medicine and two seats specifically reserved for students, residents or fellows that represent allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, physician assistants, or dentistry. It is a goal of the committee to have a balanced member representation that includes women and minorities and to have a broad geographic distribution among its membership, to include individuals from rural areas. We are hoping to fill these vacant seats with individuals that can fulfill these goals. Approved committee members are expected to serve for three-year terms and should anticipate meeting not less than two times per year, one of which is expected to be via webinar. At times, members may coordinate writing efforts outside of the formal meeting schedule.

Individuals interested in this opportunity should supply a current resume and complete the attached Advisory Committee Candidate Information Form. These materials should be sent to Ms. Iwona Grodecki at igrodecki@hrsa.gov prior to Friday, May 10, 2013. For physical address mailing, please contact Ms. Grodecki at 301-443-8379.

Thank you for giving this request your full consideration and please feel free to distribute to anyone you feel would be interested in this opportunity. If you have any questions, you may contact me directly at 301-443-5260 or srogers@hrsa.gov

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