



DATE: February 15, 2023

TO: Secretary Xavier Becerra

THROUGH: Sean McCluskie, Chief of Staff
Kacey Wulff, Counselor to the Secretary

FROM: Melanie Fontes Rainer, Director, Office of Civil Rights

SUBJECT: HIPAA Briefing

Details

What: HIPAA Briefing
Date: March 02, 2023
Time: 12:30-1:00pm EST
Location: Zoom (Link to join in your calendar)
Internal Event: Yes

Topic:

HIPAA NPRM

Objective:

Review upcoming proposed changes to the HIPAA rule

Secretary's Role:

Receive briefing and ask questions

List of Participants:

IOS:

- Sean McCluskie, Chief of Staff
- Angela Ramirez, Deputy Chief of Staff
- Kacey Wulff, Counselor to the Secretary
- Sam Satchell, Policy Advisor

Other HHS Divisions:

- Melanie Fontes Rainer, Director of the Office of Civil Rights
- Tim Noonan, OCR Deputy Director for Health Information Privacy
- Lisa Goldstein, Health Information Privacy Specialist

Agenda/Run of Show:

10:00 Introduction and Concerns about the Current HIPAA Privacy Rule.

- Melanie Fontes Rainer, OCR Director

10:05 Proposed Modifications.

- Timothy Noonan, OCR Deputy Director for Health Information Privacy, Data, and Cybersecurity

10:20 Questions and Discussion

Background:

This briefing will review proposed changes to the HIPAA rule.

Attachments:

1. Slide Deck



DATE: March 9, 2023

TO: Secretary Xavier Becerra

THROUGH: Sean McCluskie, Chief of Staff

FROM: Melanie Fontes Rainer, Director of the Office for Civil Rights

SUBJECT: Office for Civil Rights Division Check In

Details

What: Office for Civil Rights Division Check In

Date: March 14, 2023

Time: 3:00pm – 3:30pm ET

Location: Zoom (Link to join in your calendar)

Internal Event: Yes

Topic:

The Office for Civil Rights 2023 priorities and DEIA efforts.

Objective:

The Office for Civil Rights will share the progress of the division's 2023 priorities and DEIA efforts.

Secretary's Role:

This meeting is an opportunity for the Secretary to learn and ask questions of the division's priorities and ongoing DEIA efforts.

List of Participants:

IOS:

- Deputy Secretary Palm
- Sean McCluskie, Chief of Staff
- Angela Ramirez, Deputy Chief of Staff
- Rachel Pryor, Counselor to the Secretary

Other HHS Divisions:

- Melanie Fontes Rainer, Director of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR)
- Lauren Jee, Chief of Staff, OCR

Agenda/Run of Show:

3:00pm – 3:15pm ET – Introduction & Presentation, Melanie Fontes Rainer

3:15pm – 3:30pm ET – Discussion, All participants

Background:

The Office of the Secretary requested to meet with the Office for Civil Rights to discuss the division's priorities and goals for 2023 and the work on DEIA efforts.

Attachments:

1. Slide Deck



DATE: March 22, 2023

TO: Secretary Xavier Becerra

THROUGH: Arsenio Mataka, Counselor to the Secretary

FROM: Melanie Fontes Rainer, Director, Office for Civil Rights

SUBJECT: LGBTQI+ Coordinating Committee Meeting

Details

What: LGBTQI+ Coordinating Committee Meeting

Date: March 27, 2023

Time: 2:00pm – 2:15pm (The meeting will run from 2:00pm – 3:00pm)

Location: Hybrid – Secretary's Conference Room / Zoom

External Event: Internal

Primary HHS POC(s): Melanie Fontes Rainer, Director, Office for Civil Rights

Press: No

Topic:

YOU will provide opening remarks for the HHS LGBTQI+ Coordinating Committee monthly meeting, which is being held during Transgender Visibility Week.

Secretary's Role:

Opening remarks

Acknowledgements:

- Admiral Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Co-Chair
- Melanie Fontes Rainer, Director, Office for Civil Rights, Co-Chair

List of Participants:

Other HHS Divisions:

- Admiral Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Co-Chair
- Melanie Fontes Rainer, Director, Office for Civil Rights, Co-Chair
- Dr. Karen Parker and Christina Dragon, National Institutes of Health
- Kathleen Ethier, Director, Division of Adolescent and School Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Robbie Goldstein, Senior Advisor, CDC
- Edwin Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging, Administration for Assisted Living
- Fernando Castro Perez, General Engineer, Assistant Secretary for Administration
- Miranda Lynch-Smith, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Human Services Policy, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

Agenda/Run of Show:

Secretary Xavier Becerra

- Opening remarks

Admiral Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Co-Chair

- FDA Blood Donation Guidance
- Executive Order Implementation

Melanie Fontes Rainer, Director, Office for Civil Rights, Co-Chair

- Grants Rule

Dr. Karen Parker and Christina Dragon, National Institutes of Health

- Federal Evidence Agenda and SOGI Data Action Plans

Kathleen Ethier and Robbie Goldstein, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Highlights of LGBTQI+ Findings from 2020 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Edwin Walker, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging, Administration for Assisted Living

- DEIA Committee

Fernando Castro Perez, General Engineer, Assistant Secretary for Administration

- Restroom Guidance

Miranda Lynch-Smith, Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Human Services Policy, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation

- Family Eligibility Report

Background:

The LGBTQI+ Coordinating Committee's two Co-Chairs, Assistant Secretary for Health Admiral Rachel Levine and Office for Civil Rights Director Melanie Fontes Rainer, conduct a monthly meeting to drive LGBTQI+ policy and share updates across the department. This meeting includes LGBTQI+ policy leads from each HHS staff and operating division. The March meeting will focus on and celebrate Transgender Visibility Week. International Transgender Day of Visibility is celebrated on March 31st.

Attachments:

1. Talking Points