

## 2007 Current Fiscal Year Report: Health Care That Works For All Americans: Citizens' Health Care Working Group

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| <b>1. Department or Agency</b>  |   |                                  |                              | <b>2. Fiscal Year</b>        |
| Department of Health and Human Services                                       |   |                                  |                              | 2007                         |
| <b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>   |   |                                  |                              | <b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b> |
| Health Care That Works For All Americans: Citizens' Health Care Working Group |   |                                  |                              | 24930                        |
| <b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>                                     | <b>5. Current Charter</b>                 | <b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>  | <b>7. Expected Term Date</b> |                              |
| No  | 03/25/2005                                |                                  | 03/25/2007                   |                              |
| <b>8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?</b>                                  | <b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b> | <b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>      |                              |                              |
| Yes   |   | 03/25/2007                       |                              |                              |
| <b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear</b>                           | <b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b> | <b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b> |                              |                              |
| Terminate   | Yes                                       | Enacted                          |                              |                              |
| <b>11. Establishment Authority</b>  | Statutory (Congress Created)              |                                  |                              |                              |
| <b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>                                   | <b>13. Effective Date</b>                 | <b>14. Committee Type</b>        | <b>14c. Presidential?</b>    |                              |
| Section 1014 of P.L. 108-173  | 12/08/2003                                | Continuing                       | No                           |                              |
| <b>15. Description of Committee</b>   | Other Committee                           |                                  |                              |                              |
| <b>16a. Total Number of Reports</b>   | No Reports for this FiscalYear            |                                  |                              |                              |
| <b>17a. Open Meetings and Dates</b>   | <b>17b. Closed</b>                        | <b>17c. Partially Closed</b>     | <b>Other Activities</b>      | <b>17d. Total</b>            |
| No Meetings   | 0   | 0                                | 0                            | 0                            |

|  | Current FY | Next FY |
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| <b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>         | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| <b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>             | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| <b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>               | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| <b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>      | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| <b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>    | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| <b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>        | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| <b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>          | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |
| <b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b> | \$0.00     | \$0.00  |

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| <b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b> | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>18d. Total</b>   | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>                          | 0.00   | 0.00   |

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The nonpartisan Citizen's Health Care Working Group was tasked with engaging the public in a nationwide discussion of options to address the current crisis in health care and improve the health care system in the United States. By listening to citizens from communities across the country, the Working Group developed recommendations to transform the nation's health care system while addressing runaway costs, unaffordable care, and unreliable quality.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

Per statute, members of the Citizens' Health Care Working Group were named by the Comptroller General of the United States. The Citizens' Health Care Working Group was comprised of 14 citizens from diverse backgrounds who were selected to represent an informed cross-section of the American people, in addition to the Secretary of Health and Human Services who was specifically named in the statute.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The workgroup did not hold any meetings in FY 2007.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Citizens' Health Care Working Group is fulfilled the requirements of section 1014 of the Medicare Modernization Act.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

No meetings were held in FY 2007.

**21. Remarks**

This committee was established to (1) identify options for changing our health care system so that every American has "the ability to obtain quality, affordable health care coverage," (2) provide for a nationwide public debate about improving the health care system; and (3) develop a final set of recommendations to the President and Congress that reflects the results from that debate. This report was provided to the President and Congress in Fiscal Year 2006. No meetings were held in FY 2007. This committee was terminated on March 25, 2007.

## Designated Federal Officer

### George Grob Executive Director, Citizens' Health Care Working Group

| Committee Members     | Start      | End        | Occupation  | Member Designation    |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|---|-----------------------|
| Baumeister, Jr, Frank | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | Clinical Professor, Oregon Health Sciences University   | Representative Member |
| Bazos, Dorothy        | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | Adjunct Professor, Dartmouth College  | Representative Member |
| Conlan, Montye        | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | Founder, Multiple Sclerosis Center, Ormond Beach YMCA   | Representative Member |
| Frank, Richard        | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | Professor, Harvard University Medical School  | Representative Member |
| Hansen, Joseph        | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | President, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union                             | Representative Member |
| Hughes, Therese       | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | Government Relations and Legislative Analyst, Venice Family Clinic                            | Representative Member |
| James, Brent          | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | Vice President, Intermountain Health Care   | Representative Member |
| Johnson, Randall      | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | Director of Human Resources, Motorola   | Representative Member |
| Leavitt, Michael      | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services                                 | Representative Member |
| Maryland, Patricia    | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | President, St. Vincent Hospitals and Health Services, Inc.                                    | Representative Member |
| McLaughlin, Catherine | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | Professor, University of Michigan   | Representative Member |
| Perez, Rosario        | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | Vice President, Mission Integration and Outreach Services for CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health Care | Representative Member |
| Shirley, Aaron        | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | Associate Professor, University of Mississippi  | Representative Member |
| Stehr, Deborah        | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | Appointed Member, Iowa's Health Consumer Advisory Council                                     | Representative Member |
| Wright, Christine     | 03/25/2005 | 03/25/2007 | Business Manager, North Central Hematology and Oncology                                       | Representative Member |

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

### Narrative Description

This committee was established to (1) identify options for changing our health care system so that every American has the ability to obtain quality, affordable health care coverage, (2) provide for a nationwide public debate about improving the health care system; and (3) develop a final set of recommendations to the President and Congress that reflects the results from that debate. This committee officially terminated on March 25, 2007, however, there were no meetings held or activities conducted in FY 2006. All goals of this committee were met in FY 2006.

### What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety



- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

The Working Group was established to develop recommendations directed for the Congress and the President for improving health care in the United States. This workgroup completed all activities and goals in FY 2006 and did not meet or conduct any activities in FY 2007.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

**Cost Savings Comments**

NA

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

0

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

N/A

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

N/A

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

N/A

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes  No  Not Applicable

**Agency Feedback Comments**

NA

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

|                                   | Checked if Applies       |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Action Comments**

NA

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO

Online Agency Web Site

Online Committee Web Site

Online GSA FACA Web Site

Publications

Other

**Access Comments**

N/A