DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Meeting of the Council on Graduate Medical Education

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces that the Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME or Council) will hold public meetings for the 2021 calendar year (CY). Information about COGME, agendas, and materials for these meetings can be found on the COGME website at https://www.hrsa.gov/advisory-committees/graduate-medical-edu/index.html.

DATES: COGME meetings will be held on

- April 14, 2021, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET) and April 15, 2021, 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET;
- August 19, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: Meetings may be held in-person, by teleconference, and/or Adobe Connect webinar. For updates on how the meeting will be held, visit the COGME website 30 business days before the date of the meeting where instructions for joining meetings either in-person or remotely will also be posted. In-person meetings will be held at 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. For meeting information updates, go to the COGME website meeting page at https://www.hrsa.gov/advisory-committees/graduate-medical-edu/meetings/index.html.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shane Rogers, Designated Federal Official, Division of Medicine and Dentistry, Bureau of Health Workforce, HRSA, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15N142, Rockville, Maryland 20857; 301-443-5260; or SRogers@hrsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: COGME makes recommendations to the Secretary of
HHS (Secretary) and Congress on policy, program development, and other matters of significance as specified by section 762 of Title VII of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act. Issues addressed by COGME include the supply and distribution of the physician workforce in the United States, including any projected shortages or excesses; foreign medical school graduates; the nature and financing of undergraduate and graduate medical education; appropriation levels for certain programs under Title VII of the PHS Act; and deficiencies in databases of the supply and distribution of the physician workforce and postgraduate programs for training physicians. COGME submits reports to the Secretary of HHS; the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; and the House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce. Additionally, COGME encourages entities providing graduate medical education to conduct activities to voluntarily achieve the recommendations of the Council.

Since priorities dictate meeting times, be advised that start times, end times, and agenda items are subject to change. For CY 2021 meetings, agenda items may include, but are not limited to, discussion on topics surrounding rural health workforce and training. Refer to the COGME website listed above for all current and updated information concerning the CY 2021 COGME meetings, including draft agendas and meeting materials that will be posted 30 calendar days before the meeting.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments. Public participants may submit written statements in advance of the scheduled meeting(s). Oral comments will be honored in the order they are requested and may be limited as time allows. Requests to submit a written statement or make oral comments to COGME should be sent to Shane Rogers using the contact information above at least 5 business days before the meeting date(s).

Individuals who need special assistance or another reasonable accommodation should notify Shane Rogers using the contact information listed above at least 10 business days before the meeting(s) they wish to attend.

If a meeting is held in-person, it will occur in a federal government building and attendees must
go through a security check to enter. Non-U.S. citizen attendees must notify HRSA of their planned attendance at an in-person meeting at least 20 business days prior to the meeting in order to facilitate their entry into the building. All attendees are required to present government-issued identification prior to entry.

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