

research; (8) and supports CDC's Health Economics Research Group (HERG).

Delete in their entirety the titles and functional statements for the *Community Preventive Services Guide Section (CB732)* and the *Evaluation and Behavioral Science Methods Section (CB733)*, within the *Statistics and Epidemiology Branch (CB73)*, *Division of Prevention Research and Analytic Methods (CB7)*.

After the *Statistics and Epidemiology Branch (CB73)*, insert the following:

Community Guide and Evidence Branch (CB74). (1) Convenes and supports the independent Task Force on Community Preventive Services which develops evidence-based recommendations for the use or non-use of population-based health interventions; (2) produces and promotes use of the Guide to Community Preventive Services (Community Guide), a compilation of the systematic reviews, evidence-based recommendations, and research needs; (3) performs evidence reviews of the efficacy and effectiveness of prevention activities not associated with the Community Guide; (4) assists CDC and other Federal and non-Federal partners to understand, use, refine, and communicate methods for conducting systematic reviews; (5) assists CDC and other federal and non-Federal partners to link reviews of evidence to guidelines development and/or program implementation; (6) coordinates and manages large and diverse teams of internal and external partners in the systematic review process; (7) coordinates and manages a working group of CDC, DHHS, and non-governmental partners to develop and/or refine methods for conducting systematic reviews; (8) provides consultations for implementing Community Guide recommended strategies; (9) coordinates and manages a working group of CDC, DHHS and non-governmental partners to diffuse Community Guide reviews, recommendations, and research needs to appropriate audiences throughout the U.S. health care and public health systems; (10) participates in the development of national and regional public/private partnerships to enhance prevention research and the translation of evidence into policy and action; (11) conducts scientific evaluation of the Division-related prevention activities; (12) identifies opportunities for and conducts passive and active dissemination of the Community Guide reviews and recommendations and integration of these products into decision-making process; (13) identifies and conducts passive and active

dissemination of research needs identified in the Community Guide to key partners who have the capacity to fund and/or conduct additional research that would close gaps identified in the systematic reviews process; (14) communicates the Community Guide's reviews, recommendations, and research needs beyond the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) and the American Journal of Preventive Medicine (AJPM) publications via other journals, books, the world wide web, and other media; (15) designs and conducts programmatic, process and outcome evaluation strategies for all stages of development and diffusion of the Guide to Community Preventive Services; (16) creates materials and manages dissemination of the Community Guide and other Division tools that promote effective decision making and use of effective prevention tools; (17) assists in making recommendations for prevention and policy decisions; (18) provides technical assistance; (19) provides coordination support for CDC's Behavioral and Social Sciences Work Group; and (20) develops within CDC outcome evaluation capacity and systematic methods for evaluating health outcomes.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegation of Authority

Part C (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 FR 67772-76, dated October 14, 1980, and corrected at 45 FR 69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 68 FR 65935-37, dated November 24, 2003) is amended to reflect the reorganization of the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH).

Section C-B, Organization and Functions, is hereby amended as follows:

Delete the functional statement for the *Office of the Director (CNI)* and insert the following:

(1) Manages, directs, coordinates, and evaluates all health-related programs of NCEH and ATSDR; (2) provides overall leadership in health-related activities for hazardous substances, hazardous waste sites and chemical releases; (3) provides overall coordination for the research programs and science policies of the agencies; (4) develops goals and objectives and provides leadership, policy formulation, scientific oversight, and guidance in program planning and development; (5) provides overall budgetary and human resource management and administrative support; (6) provides information, publication and distribution services to NCEH/ATSDR; (7) maintains liaison with other Federal, State, and local agencies, institutions, and organizations; (8) coordinates NCEH/ATSDR program activities with other CDC components, other Federal, State and local Government agencies, the private sector, and other nations; and (9) directs and coordinates activities in support of the Department's Equal Employment Opportunity program and employee development.

Delete in its entirety the title and function statement for the *Special Programs Group (CN11)*.

Following the functional statement for the Office of the Director (CN1), insert the following:

Office of Communications (CN12). (1) Provides technical assistance to Divisions on management issues, public affairs, and health communications strategies; (2) collaborates with external organizations and the news, public service, and entertainment and other media to ensure that effective findings and their implications for public health reach the public; (3) collaborates closely with Divisions to produce materials designed for use by the news media, including press releases, letters to the editor, public service announcements, television programming, video news releases, and other electronic and printed materials; (4) secures appropriate clearance of these materials within NCEH/ATSDR and CDC; (5) coordinates the development and maintenance of Center/Agency-wide information systems through an Internet Home Page; (6) develops strategies and operational systems for the proactive dissemination of effective findings and their implications for prevention partners and the public; (7) apart from the clearinghouses, hotlines, or other contractual mechanisms, responds to public inquiries and distributes information materials; (8) provides editorial, graphics, and publishing services for NCEH/ATSDR staff; (9) operates a NCEH/ATSDR Information