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Dear NPRCR Coordinating Committee Members:

On behalf of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), thank you for joining us on October 17, 2011 for the inaugural meeting of the National Program to Reduce Cardiovascular Risk (NPRCR) Coordinating Committee (CC). We hope you found the meeting informative and of interest. We appreciated your input at the meeting. It was exciting to hear about the various organizations' current relevant activities and preliminary thoughts about how your organizations could work with this Program.

Meeting highlights are enclosed; please share them with others in your organization. The full meeting summary, including a copy of the slide presentations, is forthcoming. The meeting summary will serve as a reference for discussions about ways the Program can function and for development of a Strategic Plan for the NPRCR. We will be proposing initial NPRCR work groups based on themes that emerged from the meeting and would welcome the involvement of you or others from your organization in the work groups when they are established.

If you have any additional feedback at this time on the proposed NPRCR mission, infrastructure, and scope that were presented, we would appreciate hearing from you. Perhaps your organization has relevant implementation activities, such as demonstration projects, evaluation results, or utilization statistics that would be useful to share with us or with the other CC organizations. Please contact Mary Hand, NPRCR Coordinator, at handmm@nhlbi.nih.gov or by phone, 301-496-1051 as you have new thoughts about how your organization could work with this Program or if you have any questions as we go forward.

Please note that I will be formally announcing the start of the NPRCR at a plenary session this Monday, November 14 in conjunction with the American Heart Association Scientific Sessions.

Finally, you will be hearing from us about the following:

- A date for a late spring 2012 CC meeting
- A date for an NPRCR Federal Subcommittee meeting
- The timeline for the release of the adult guideline reports
- Communication avenues, including additional ways to provide feedback and input.

Thank you again for your time, dedication, and contributions to the NPRCR CC. We are looking forward to working with you to develop and execute strategies to implement the upcoming clinical practice guidelines, as well as common messages, to reduce cardiovascular risk.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure