

MEMORANDUM

To: Social Security Advisory Board
Subject: Patricia W. Potrzebowski, Ph.D., Executive Director of the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems
Date: May 20, 2015

Patricia W. Potrzebowski, Ph.D. will be meeting with the board to discuss the death master file and whether SSA should be responsible for maintaining the information. Ms. Potrzebowski has been the Executive Director of the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems since January, 2011. Previously, Trish served as the Director, Bureau of Health Statistics and Research at the Pennsylvania Department of Health, where she worked for more than 35 years.

While there, Trish established the first designated State Center for Health Statistics in the nation, implemented an award winning statewide cancer incidence registry and immunization registry, and directed the state's vital statistics system. In 2001 she launched the Commonwealth Universal Research Enhancement (CURE) program with funds from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement to provide clinical, biomedical, and health services research grants each year to universities, hospitals, and other research organizations located in Pennsylvania.

Trish earned her Ph.D. in human genetics from the Department of Biostatistics of the Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh. She is a former President of NAPHSIS and received the Halbert L. Dunn Award in 1991 for her contributions to national and state health statistics systems. Trish chaired the Panel to Evaluate the U.S. Standard Certificates that created the 2003 revised certificates, and was also a member of the 2011 Model Law Revision Work Group.