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Jeffrey Shuren,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Periodically, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes abstracts of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of the clearance requests submitted to OMB for review, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Office on (301)–443–1129.

The following request has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

Proposed Project: Maternal and Child Health Services Title V Block Grant Program—Guidance and Forms for the Title V Application/Annual Report, OMB No. 0915–0172: Revision

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) proposes to revise the *Maternal and Child Health Services Title V Block Grant Program—Guidance and Forms for the Application/Annual Report*. The guidance is used annually by the 50 States and 9 jurisdictions in making application for Block Grants under Title V of the Social Security Act, and in preparing the required annual report. The proposed revisions follow and build on extensive consultation received from a workgroup convened to provide suggestions to improve the guidance and forms. In addition, the proposed revisions are editorial and ttechnical revisions based on the experience of the States and jurisdictions in using the guidance and forms since 2003.

Two new performance measures were developed (obesity in children aged 2 to 5 years; and smoking in the last trimester of pregnancy) and two existing performance measures were either removed entirely (low birth weight) or incorporated into an existing health status capacity indicator (eligible children receiving services under Medicaid). This will result in no net increase in the number of performance measures. In addition, the directions in the guidance for the Health Systems Capacity Indicators (HSCI) were expanded to enhance clarification. This proposed change will make it easier for the States to report on these indicators.

The existing electronic system used by the States to submit their Block Grant Application and Annual Report has also been enhanced. First, using the electronic system, the narrative from the prior year's submission is available online in the system so that the applicant need only edit those sections that have changed. This feature reduces burden by avoiding duplicating material. For national performance measures 2–6, the data obtained from the National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs are pre-populated which eliminates the need to retrieve and enter data from this survey, unless the States choose to use another data source. Also, notes from the prior year's submission are available to the States allowing for more efficient updating through edits rather then recreating them. Data are entered once (in a data entry field on a given form), and where those data are referenced elsewhere, the value is copied and displayed. The electronic system includes an automatic character counter that tells the user how many characters the States have left. This eliminates the need to independently track entries against the Maternal and Child Health Bureau's limits for each section to ensure compliance. The electronic system includes forms status checker and data alerts, which conduct automated checks on data validity, data consistency, and application completeness, as well as value tolerance checks. This feature facilitates application review and eliminates much of the previously required data cleaning activity. Also, this allows the user to obtain an immediate update at any point in time on the completeness and compliance of the application, reducing the need to conduct a review of the application. Data are saved directly to the HRSA server so that no manual transmission is required. Finally, the automatic commitment of data to the HRSA server eliminates the need for version control or data migration.

The estimated average annual burden per year is as follows for the Annual Report and Application without the Needs Assessment:

Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Burden hours per response	Total burden hours
States	50	1	297	14,868
Jurisdictions	9	1	120	1,077
Total	59			15,945

Burden in the 3 Year Reporting Cycle for the Annual Report and Application with Needs Assessment is:

Needs assessment	Number of respondents	Burden hours per response	Responses per respondent	Total burden hours
States/Jurisdictions	59	378.5	1	22,303
Total Average Burden for 3 year cycle				18,064

Written comments and recommendations concerning the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of this notice to: John Kraemer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Management

and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

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Tina M. Cheatham,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Healthy Start Program

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: General notice.

BACKGROUND: This notice supplements the 2005 HRSA announcement of the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2006 funding for new and competing continuation applications for Healthy Start. Healthy Start, authorized under section 330H of the Public Health Service Act, strengthens communities to effectively address the causes of infant mortality, low birth weight and other poor perinatal outcomes for women and infants. Recently, new guidance became available with regards to funding FY 2006 Healthy Start programs.

SUMMARY: The Conference Report (H.R. Rep. No. 109–337) accompanying the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006, indicates concurrence with the Senate report language regarding the recompetition of Healthy Start programs. Following the Senate Committee's recommendation in Senate Report 109–103, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will give preference during the FY 2006 competition ''to current and former grantees with expiring or recently expired project periods. This should include grantees whose grant applications were approved but not funded during fiscal year 2005.''

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maribeth Badura, Director, Division of Healthy Start and Perinatal Services, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, HRSA, Room 18–20, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857; telephone (301) 443–0543; e-mail *MBadura@hrsa.gov.*

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Elizabeth M. Duke,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center for Complementary & Alternative Medicine; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and 552(b)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal property.

Name of Committee: National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Special Emphasis Panel; Clinical Science II.

Date: March 21, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Martina Schmidt, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Scientific Review, Nat'l Center for Complementary and Alt Medicine, 6707 Democracy Blvd, Suite 401, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301–594–3456. *schmidma@mail.nih.gov.*

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Anna Snouffer,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Center for Complementary & Alternative Medicine; Notice of Closed Meeting

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Name of Committee: National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Special Emphasis Panel; Basic Science.

Date: March 9–10, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Marriott Suites, 6711 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Contact Person: Dale L. Birkle, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, NIH/NCCAM, 6707 Democracy Blvd, Democracy Two Building, Suite 401, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 451–6570, *birkled@mail.nih.gov.*

Name of Committee: National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine Special Emphasis Panel, Loan Repayment Program.

Date: April 24, 2006.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Bethesda Marriott Suites, 6711 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Contact Person: Laurie Friedman Donze, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Scientific Review, NCCAM, National Institutes of Health, Suite 401, MSC 5475, 6707 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–402–1030, *donzel@mail.nih.gov.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meetings

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